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By The QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Saturday the Thirty-first day of October instant: 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 Thursday the Tenth day of December One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-six.

Given at Our Court at Balmoral, this Twenty-sixth day of October, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-six, and in the Sixtieth Year of Our Reign.

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Given at Our Court at Windsor, this Twenty-seventh day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-six, and in the Sixtieth Year of Our Reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.
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; and acquainted the House, That, 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 20th 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.

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 Borough of Salisbury, in the room of Edward Henry Hulse, Esquire, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Sir William Walrond.)

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 County of Forfar, in the room of James Martin White, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough, and Bonenham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr. Thomas E. Ellis.)

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 actually elected, and shall not have declined to serve, for any County, City, or Borough of Great Britain, hath any right to give his vote in the Election of any Member to serve in Parliament.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it is a high infringement of the liberties and privileges of the Commons of the United Kingdom for any Lord of Parliament, or other Peer or Prelate, not being a Peer of Ireland at the time elected, and not having declined to serve, for any County, City, or Borough of Great Britain, to concern himself in the Election of Members to serve for the Commons in Parliament, except only any Peer of Ireland, at such Elections in Great Britain respectively where such Peer shall appear as a Candidate, or by himself, or any others, be proposed to be elected; or for any Lord Lieutenant or Governor of any County to avail himself of any authority derived from his Commission, to influence the Election of any Member to serve for the Commons in Parliament.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)
19th January

The House divided.

Mr. Speaker: The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yes: Sir William Wellesley, M.P., Mr. Austen, Noes: Mr. James Lowther, Mr. Gisborne Bowles.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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.

Witnesses.

Ordered, That the Commissioners 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 Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioners aforesaid.

Votes and Proceedings.

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

Privileges.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

Outlawries.

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

Journal.

Ordered, That the Journal of this House, 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 Fraser, D.N.P., K.C.B., the Clerk of this House.

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

New Member.

Captain Ronald Henry Fulke Greville, commonly called the Honourable Ronald Henry Fulke Greville, for the Borough of Bradford (East Division), was sworn.

Parliamentary Papers.

The following Papers, presented by Command of Her Majesty during the Recess, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Recess, pursuant to the Standing Order of the 14th August 1896:

- Copy of Report by the Assistant Registrar of Land (Registrar of the Land for the System of Registration of Title to Land in Germany and Austria, Hungary).
- Copy of Reports by Chester Jones, Esquire, Explosives Commissioner for the Borough of Bradford; and Arthur H. Stokes, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines, on the Circumstances attending an Explosion which occurred on the 22nd August 1896.
- Copy of Report to Her Majesty's Commissioners of Prisons on the Operations of Discharged Prisoners' Aid Societies, by the Rev. G. P. Merrick, M.A., M.B.
- Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for India for the Home Department on Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Vol. II, Evidence and Index.
- Copy of Statements showing the Decrease or Increase in the Rateable Value of "Lands" in Scotland, 1894, as compared with 1870, in the Poor Law Unions of England and Wales; and the Decrease or Increase in the Gross Annual Value of "Lands" under Schedule A. in each County of England and Wales in 1894, as compared with 1879, with Diagram Maps.
- Copy of Report on a Visit to Germany, with a View of ascertaining the Recent Progress of Technical Education in that Country, being a Letter to his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., Lord President of the Committee on Education.
- Return of the Population and Valuation of Local Government Districts in Scotland, showing: 1. The Counties of Scotland, in Alphabetic Order, with their Areas, Population, and Valuation, including Burghs and Police Burghs: 2. The Burghs of Scotland, arranged according to the Counties and Districts of Counties in which they are situated, with their Population and Valuation, distinguishing between Royal, Parliamentary, and Police Burghs: 3. The Districts of Counties in Scotland, with their Areas including the Areas of Burghs read with those of Police Burghs, and their Population and Valuation, excluding Burghs and Police Burghs: 4. The Parishes for Poor Law Purposes in Scotland, with their Areas, Population, and Valuation, arranged according to the Districts of Counties in which they are situated, and showing the Burghs and Police Burghs contained in each Parish and District: 5. The Parishes situated in more than one County, with the Areas, Population, and Valuation of each Part: 6. The Parishes which contain Burghs or Parts of Burghs (or Police Burghs), with the Population and Valuation of the Landward and Burghal Portions.
- Copy of Second Annual Report to the Secretary of the National Society for Scotland by the Commissioners and Trustees of the Board of Manufacturers in Scotland, as to their proceedings in regard to the National Gallery, the National Museum of Antiquities, and other Buildings and Establishments under their charge, for the year ending 30th September 1896.
- Copy of Review of the Trade of India in East India 1893-94, prepared by Mr. O'Connor, C.B., O.M. (Registrar-General of Statistics to the Government of India.)

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Trade Reports (Annual Series.)
Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1782 to 1840.

Trade Reports (Miscellaneous Series.)
Copies of Reports on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, Nos. 401 to 414.

Treaty Series (No. 19, 1896.)
Copy of Parcel Post Convention between Great Britain and Italy. Signed at Rome, 11th July 1896.

Treaty Series (No. 13, 1896.)
Copy of Parcel Post Convention, with detailed Regulations between Great Britain and Chili. Signed at Santiago, 2nd June, 1896.

Treaty Series (No. 14, 1896.)
Copy of Agreement respecting the Commercial Relations between Russia and Zanzibar. Signed at London, 28th August 1896.

Treaty Series (No. 15, 1896.)

Treaty Series (No. 10, 1896.)

Trade Reports (Index, Commercial, No. 8, 1896.)
Copy of Index to Reports of Her Majesty's Diplomatic and Consular Representatives Abroad on Trade and Subjects of General Interest (with Appendix).

Colonial Reports (Annual.)
Copies of Reports, Nos. 176 (Saint Helena, Annual Report for 1895), 177 (Bahamas, Annual Report 1895), 178 (Hong Kong, Annual Report for 1895), 179 (Windward Islands, Annual Report for 1895), 180 (Labuan, Annual Report for 1895), 181 (Trinidad and Tobago, Annual Report for 1895), 182 (Seychelles, Annual Report for 1895, 183 (Mauritius, Annual Report for 1895, Rodrigues, Annual Reports for 1894 and 1895), 184 (British Honduras, Annual Report for 1895), 185 (Hog Island, Annual Report for 1895), 186 (Jamaica, Annual Reports for 1895-96), and 187 (Ceylon, Annual Report for 1890).

Copy of Report on the Locust Campaign of 1896.

Evictions (Ireland.)
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 the Tenancies determined in Ireland, in the Quarter ended 30th September 1896.

Agrarian Evictions (Ireland.)
Copy of Return of the Number of Agrarian Orders, which were reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary, during the Quarter ended 30th September 1896.

Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887 (Eviction Notices.)
Copy of Return, under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, of the Number of Eviction Notices filed in the High Court of Justice and County Courts in Ireland during the Quarter ended the 30th September 1896.

Lives of Life at Sea.
Copy of Return, showing the Lives lost by Wreck, Drowning, or other Accident in British Merchant Ships registered in the United Kingdom, during the year 1895 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 430, of Session 2, 1895).

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

Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen.
Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return according to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, of the Number of Wages and Maintenance of Lighthouses in British Possessions Abroad, during the year 1895-96.

Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Savings Banks of the United Kingdom under the authority of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, during the year 1896.

Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Savings Banks under the authority of the Money Orders and Transit Act, 1887.

Wages and Seamen.
Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of the Receipts and Payments made by the Board of Trade on account of Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen in the year ended 31st March 1896.

Ramsgate Harbour.
Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of the Receipts and Payments made by the Board of Trade on account of Ramsgate Harbour, for the year ended 31st March 1896, with an Account of the Receipt and Issue of Stores.

Lighthouses Abroad.
Account showing the Dues received, and Expenditure incurred, in the Construction, Repair, and Maintenance of Lighthouses in British Possessions Abroad, during the year 1895-96.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty, by W. E. Gladstone, Command.—Copy of Return according to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, of the Number of Wages and Maintenance of Lighthouses in British Possessions Abroad, during the year 1895-96.

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Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Inland Telegraph Regulations, 1896, dated 19th October 1896, made under the Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1892.

Copy of Return of the Amount of Notes issued more than Forty Years which have not 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 29th December 1896, declaring Mohammedrah to be an unhealthy place for the purposes of the Superannuation Acts, 1859 and 1876.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1897, dated 4th January 1897, granting a Retired Allowance to William Ormsby, late an Abstractor, Registry of Deeds, Ireland.

Copy 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.:—

Henry Smith, Labourer, Royal Carriage Department, War Office, dated 1st September 1896;

George Taylor, Postmaster, Inverurie, Post Office Department, dated 15th September 1896;

Mr. Walter Baines, Assistant Clerk, Colonial Office, dated 19th September 1896;

James Geddes, Postman, Belfast, Post Office Department, dated 1st October 1896;

Benjamin Palmer, Postmaster, Henley-on-Thames, Post Office Department, dated 28th October 1896;

Mrs. Anna Mary Walsh, Postmistress, Athenry, Post Office Department, dated 4th January 1897.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 18th December 1896, declaring that for the efficient discharge of the duties of the Office of the Principal Judge of the Law Courts Branch, Treasury Solicitor's Department, professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the Public Service are requisite.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 27th October 1896, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled The Ottoman Dominions (Supreme Court) Order in Council, 1896.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 26th October 1896, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, approving a Memorial of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty recommending a Revised Scale of Salaries for the Teaching Staff of the Royal Hospital School at Greenwich.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 26th October 1896, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, approving a Statement of proposals new and revised Appointments and Alterations of Salaries in the Establishment of the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Copy of Order in Council, dated the 14th Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, fixing the due levied in respect of the new Lighthouse and Farc Signal on the Island of Storme, off the North Coast of Scotland.

Copy of Order in Council, dated the 20th Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, approving Bye-laws made by the Cardiff Council of the County Borough of Cardiff, under Section 214 of the Act relating to Seamen's Lodging-houses.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the resolution of the House, dated 4th March 1879,—Copy of Correspondence between the Treasury and the Admiralty authorising under Section 4 of "The Appropriation Act, 1896," the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year 1896-97, to meet Excesses on certain other Navy Votes of the same year.

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

Copy of Order in Council, dated 27th November 1896, applying the Provisions of the Colonial Probates Act, 1892, to the Province of Manitoba, in the Dominion of Canada.


Copy of Order in Council, dated 27th November 1896, applying the Provisions of the Colonial Probates Act, 1892, to the Province of British Columbia, in the Dominion of Canada.
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District of Trowbridge, dated 16th November 1896;
County of Gloucester (5th Minute), dated 13th November 1896;
County Borough of Oldham (4th Minute), dated 13th November 1896;
County of Rutland (2nd Minute), dated 15th December 1896;
County of Durham (6th Minute), dated 18th December 1896;
County of Somerset (4th Minute), dated 7th January 1897;
Tuam Union (Ireland), dated 24th September 1896;
Towm of Killarney (Ireland) (2nd Minute), dated 17th November 1896;
City of Limerick (3rd Minute), dated 16th December 1896.

Copy of Statutes made by the University of Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on the 9th and 23rd June 1896, respectively (i) amending the Statute concerning the Delegacy for administering the Common University Fund; and (ii) amending that the Common University Fund shall be applicable to certain further purposes.

Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 16th May 1896, to alter the Statutes of the College by substituting in the Statute concerning the Administration of the College an amended Section in lieu of Section 48.

Copy of Statutes made by the Principal and Fellows of Hertford College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 21st March 1896, amending the Statutes of the College approved by Order in Council of 17th March 1875.

Copy of Statutes made by the Principal and Fellows of Jesus College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 22nd February 1896, amending Statute IV. Clause 35, and the Statute for Jesus College concerning the Mergioci Endowment, Clause 5, as amended by Order in Council of 23rd February 1891, and Clause 6.

Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Lincoln College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 12th June 1896, altering Chapter 6, Section 4, Chapter 7, Section 1, and Chapter 8, Section 2, of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 28th May 1896, altering Statute IV. of the Statutes of the College by the insertion after the 18th Clause of a new Clause numbered 18a.

Copy of Statutes made by the Master and Fellows of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 28th February 1896, altering and amending the Statutes of the College.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, 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 30th September 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.

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The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Annual Statistical Report by 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 1895 to 30th September 1896.

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 Acaideical Year from 1st October 1895 to 30th September 1896.

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Mr. Carson presented, by Her Majesty's Command, (No. 1, mand),—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Inner Turkish Disturbances at Constantinople in August 1896.

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Inner Turkey (No. 2, Suffolk) Disturbances in the Administration of the Ottoman Empire. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report No. 188, of the Indian Government, Annual Report for 1895-96 (British Guiana, Annual Report for 1895-96).
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Prisons (West Indies) (Gazette.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament — Copy of Order for the government of the Prison in St. Vincent.

Copy of Additional Rule for Greenlady Prison, Barbados, relating to the Release of Prisoners on Sundays.

Copy of the Constitution Act Amendment Act, 1896, of Western Australia.

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

Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament — Copy of an Order, under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, dated the 20th August 1896, relating to the Conveyance of Animals by the Steamship "Ethelinda."


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 Return to the Lord Chancellor, under the 53rd Vict. 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 30th June 1896.

(2.) Accounts of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the year ending 31st August 1896.

(3.) Copy of Rules of the Supreme Court under the Life Assurance Companies (Payment of Premiums) Act, 1896, dated 1st July 1896.

(4.) Copy of Rule 41A of Supreme Court Funds Rules, dated 26th October 1896.

(5.) Copy of Scheme under the Union of Benefices Act, 1896, for effecting an Union of the Benefices of Saint Lawrence, Jersey, and Saint Mary Magdalen, Mill Street, and Saint Michael, Bassishaw, in the City of London.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence between the Secretary of State for India and the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, regarding the Superannuation Allowance of Major-General Six Owen Tudor Burns, G.C.M.I., K.C.M.I. — (Secretary Lord George Hamilton.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Statement showing the Production, and Consumption of Coal, and the Number of Persons employed in Coal Production, in the several Counties of the World, in each year from 1885 to 1895, as far as the Particulars can be stated.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Civil Contingencies Fund, 1895-96.

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 1896;

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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Receipts and Payments of the Accountant General of the Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland, in respect of the Funds of Suitors in the said Court, in the year to the 30th day of September 1896; together with a Statement of Liabilities and Assets, and Particulars of Securities in Court on the 30th day of September 1896.

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,

My relations with all the other Powers continue to be of a friendly character.

The appalling massacres which have taken place in Constantinople and in other parts of the Ottoman Dominions have called for the special attention of the Powers who were Signatories to the Treaty of Paris. Papers will be laid before you showing the considerations which have induced the Powers to make the present condition of the Ottoman Empire the subject of special consultation by their Representatives at Constantinople. The conferences which the Six Ambassadors have been instructed to hold are still proceeding.

The action undertaken by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt against the Khaliifa, with My approval and assistance, has so far been entirely successful. His forces, supported by My officers and troops, have won back the fertile Province of Dongola to civilisation by operations conducted with remarkable skill, and the way has been opened for a further advance whenever such a step shall be judged to be desirable.

My Government have discussed with the United States, acting as the friend of Venezuela, the terms under which the pending questions of disputed frontier between that Republic and My Colony of British Guiana may be equitably submitted to arbitration. An arrangement has been arrived at with that Government which will, I trust, effect the adjustment of existing controversies without exposing to risk the interests of any colonists who have established rights in the disputed territory.

It is with much gratification that I have concluded a Treaty for General Arbitration with the President of the United States, by which I trust that all differences that may arise between us will be peacefully adjusted. I hope that this arrangement may have a further value in commending to other Powers the consideration of a principle by which the danger of war may be notably abated.

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The rebellion in Matabeleland and Mashonaland has been repressed by the steadfastness and courage of the settlers, reinforced by My troops and by the Republic of South Africa, race, from other parts of South Africa. I deplore the loss of valuable lives which these operations have entailed.

The depressed condition of the sugar industry in My West Indian Colonies has seriously affected their prosperity, and I have appointed a Commission to investigate its causes, and, if possible, to suggest means for its amelioration. It is with much regret and with feelings of the deepest sympathy that I have heard that, owing to the failure of the autumn rains, scarcity and famine affect a large portion of My Dominions in India. My Government in that country is making every effort to mitigate suffering and to lessen the calamity. The development of railways and irrigation works, and the forethought given through a long series of years to the preparation of the most effective arrangements for alleviating distress caused by famine, make their task more hopeful than in previous visitations. My people throughout My Dominions at home and in India have been rewarded with the liberality of My Government. Papers showing the extent of the famine, and the measures taken to relieve suffering, will be laid before you.

Plague has again appeared in the seaport towns of Bombay and Karachi, and, notwithstanding the precautions adopted by the local authorities, shows no signs of decrease. I have directed My Government to take the most stringent measures at their disposal for the eradication of the pestilence.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

The Estimates for the year will be laid before you. While desirous of guarding against undue expenditure, I have felt that the present condition of the world will not permit you to depart from the spirit of prudent foresight in which you have during recent years provided for the defence of My Empire.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

A measure for the promotion of Primary Education, by securing the maintenance of Voluntary Schools, will be laid before you. If time permits, you will be invited to consider further proposals for Educational Legislation. It is desirable to make better provision for the compensation of workpeople who suffer from accidents in the course of their employment, and a Bill, having that object in view, will be submitted to you.

Your consent will be asked to provisions which, in the judgment of the military authorities, are required for adding to the efficiency of the military defences of the Empire. A Bill will be submitted to you to improve the arrangements for water supply in this Metropolis.

In order to promote the interests of agriculture, which are of paramount importance in Ireland, you will be asked to consider a Bill for the establishment of a Board of Agriculture in that country.

Further legislative proposals will be brought before you, if the time at your disposal suffices for the purpose.

Bills for admitting the evidence of accused persons, for amending the Law with respect to bills of sale and the registration of land, for revising the Acts with respect to the formation and administration of Limited Companies, for the amendment of the Agricultural Holdings Act in Great Britain, for the exclusion of the goods manufactured in the prisons of other countries, for the establishment of Reformatories for Inhabitants, and for amending the existing procedure with respect to Private Bills coming from Scotland and Ireland, have been laid before you. If opportunity should be found, they will be laid before you.

I heartily commend your important deliberations to the guidance of Almighty God.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Queen's Speech proposed, 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. (Viscount Folkestone);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words, "And we humbly express our regret that, Zanzibar, having regard to the repeated and definite declarations made by Your Majesty's advisers "that the legal status of slavery within the "Zanzibar Protectorate should be terminated, no "statement appears in Your Majesty's gracious "Speech that slavery has ceased to exist in that "Protectorate."—(Mr. Joseph A. Pease).

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:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—East India Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of this instant January, for a Return (Superannuation Allowance) relative to East India (Superannuation Allowance).

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 20th January, 1897.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Prayers.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm Provisional Orders made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under "The Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878," relating to the Urban Sanitary District of Kilkenny and the Rural Sanitary District of Scariff: 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 London Bill, for the establishment of Reformatories for Inhabitants, and for amending the existing procedure with respect to Private Bills coming from Scotland and Ireland, and, if opportunity should be found, they will be laid before you.

I heartily commend your important deliberations to the guidance of Almighty God.
Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm Provisional Orders made by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, under the Urban Sanitary Districts Act, 1884, relating to the Urban Sanitary District of Kilkeary and the Rural Sanitary District of Scroff; 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. Jesse Collings presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for improving an Area situated in the Parish of Saint Pancras; 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, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, an Account of the Moneys paid out of the Consolidated Fund, under the Acts 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121, and 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the Greek Loan which is Fund, under the Acts 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121, and Account of the Total Sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund, for Interest and Sinking Fund thereof.

Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Paymaster General on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature in respect of the Funds of Suitors of the Court in the year ended 29th February 1896; also, Account of the National Debt Commissioners for the same period in respect of Funds held by them on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General 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 the present Parliament for the County of Essex (Southern or Romford Division), in the room of Alfred Money Wigram, Esquire, who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stakes, Desborough, and Bownham, in the County of Buckingham. — (Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Lord Penketh's a Copy of all Correspondence between the Board of Trade, Lord Penketh, and the Workmen employed at his Slate Quarries at Bethesda, near Bangor, relating to the Labour Dispute which has arisen at such Slate Quarries. — (Sir George Osborne Morgan.)

Ordered, That no Bills, other than Government Business of the Bills, be introduced in anticipation of the Ballot, House (Ballot for Bills and that all Members who desire to Ballot, notices of whether for Bills, or Motions for the first four Motions.) Tuesday 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 day 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 Main Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant January. 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 You Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament, (Motion for Address) And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by the end thereof the words:—And we humbly represent to Your Sovereign Felony "Majesty that the time has come when the cases of all prisoners convicted under the Felony Act who are, and have been for many years, undergoing punishment for offences arising out of insurrectionary movements connected with Ireland, may be advantageously reconsidered." — (Mr. Patrick O'Brien.) And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien,) Dr. Tanner: 132. Tellers for the Noses, Sir William Walrond, Mr. Astor: 204. So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:—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 Tomorrow.
Resolved, That 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 regard to each Parliamentary Constituency in the United Kingdom, the Total Number, and, as 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 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 76, of Session 1896).—(Sir Charles Dilke.) And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 21st January, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oxford), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant January, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Loans raised in India), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant January, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Paper relative to Western Australia, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant January, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Superannuation Allowance), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant January, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant January, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Hymegate Harbour, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant January, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Lighthouses Abroad, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant January, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to Seamen's Savings Banks (Money Orders and Transmission of Wages), which were presented upon the 19th day of this instant January, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the North American Mail Service, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant January, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Public Accounts (Navy Votes), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant January, be printed.

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Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Post Office Command,—Copy of Parcel Post Agreement (Parcel Post) with detailed Regulations, between Great Britain and Sweden.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Army Command,—Copy of Return showing the Establishment of each Regiment of Militia in the United Kingdom; and the Numbers Present, Absent, and Wanting to Complete; and the Number of Militia Reserve Men Enrolled and Effective at the Training of 1896. Copy of Training Return of the Yeomanry Cavalry for 1896.

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

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Greek Loan, which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant January, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Swedish Loan, which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant January, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Supreme Court of Judicature, which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant January, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Post Office Command,—Copy of Parcel Post Agreement (Parcel Post) with detailed Regulations, between Great Britain and Sweden.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oxford), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant January, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to University of the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report on the State of the Finances of the University of Edinburgh, made by the University Council 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 1896.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid England, upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—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 Sums have been lent and advanced for the
the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ending 5th January 1897, 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 1897 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 the 5th day of January 1897 aforesaid:—And, an Account of the Amounts 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 the 5th day of January 1897 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 the 5th day of January 1897 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 the 5th day of January 1897 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 the 5th day of January 1897 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 the 5th day of January 1897 aforesaid .

Agriculture

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Business of

Education

York, East

Endowed

Schools [Aid

Voluntary

Grant, &c.]

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorizing the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Grants in Aid of Voluntary Schools, and of repealing so much of Section Nineteen of the Elementary Education Act, 1876, as imposes a Limit on the Parliamentary Grant to Elementary Schools in England and Wales ; 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 there be laid before this House, a Copy of Digest of the Enrolled Charities in the County of York, East Riding, the particulars of which are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, but are not recorded in the General Digest of Enrolled Charities for that County, 1872-75 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 155 (1), of Session 1876).—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

Endowed Charity (York, East Riding.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Declaration of the Catholic Lacity of Ireland on the Subject of University Education on the Subject of University Education recently presented to the Lord Lieutenant and the Chief Secretary for Ireland.—(Mr. Dillon.)

University Education (Ireland.)

Ordered, That, To-morrow, the Introduction of Bills have precedence of the Orders of the Day.—(Mr. Balfour.)

Business of the House (Introduction of Bills.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 19th day of this instant January, 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.—(Viscount Falkhurst) ; And the Question being again proposed :—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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 by successive Governments ; and that it is the duty of the Government immediately to propose legislation with a view to placing Irish Catholics on a footing of equality with their fellow countrymen in all matters concerned with University Education."—(Mr. Engledow.)

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal Cases.—(Mr. Attorney General) ; And a Debate arising thereupon ;

And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Friday, 22nd January, 1897.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

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

Friday, 22nd January, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

S E V E R A L Public Petitions were presented, Public and read ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the University of Edinburgh, which was presented upon 21st day of this instant January, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Bank of England, which were presented upon 21st day of this instant January, be printed.

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Mr. Goschen presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return giving a List of those Buildings of Architectural and Historic Interest of which the Structure and Fabric are maintained by the Admiralty.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Cornwall in the year ended on the 31st December 1896.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, for a Return relative to Lord Penrhyn's Quarries (Correspondence).

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

Turkrey (No. 3, 1897.)

Mr. Carson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Asiatic Provinces of Turkey and Events in the Continuation of Turkey, No. 8, 1896, and Turkey, No. 1, 1897.

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

Egypt (No. 1, 1897.)

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Law Suit brought against the Egyptian Government in regard to the Appropriation of Money from the General Reserve Fund to the Expenses of the Dongola Expedition.

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

Ireland (No. 30, 1896.)

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 Report of the Commissioner and Auditor General upon the Account of the Irish Land Commission for the year ended 31st March 1896, together with the Account for the above period, and that from 22nd August 1881 to 31st March 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Military Works (Money.)

A Motion being Made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of making Provision for the execution of Military Works and for other Military purposes, and of authorising the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sums as may be necessary for those purposes;

Mr. Brodrick, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Servants reported to the Board of Trade by the following Railway Companies, having been Killed and Injured by Accidents in which the movements of Vehicles was concerned during the years 1893, 1894, and 1895; the computed Number of Ser-Vol. 152.
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Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Ireland on Sundays, and for other purposes connected therewith; And that Mr. Lowry, Mr. Justin McCarthry, Sir Thomas Len, Mr. Maurice Healy, Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Jordon, Colonel Sanderson, Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. Arnold-Foster, and Mr. Blake do prepare, and bring it in.

Land Tenure (Wales and Monmouthshire.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Tenure of Land in Wales and Monmouthshire; And that Mr. Vaughan-Davies, Mr. Brymner Jones, Mr. Herbert Roberts, Mr. Rees-Davies, Mr. Lloyd-George, and Mr. Lloyd Morgan do prepare, and bring it in.

Plumbers' Registration.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Inspection and Registration of Plumbers: And that Sir Edward Gwyer, Sir William Houldsworth, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Scott, Mr. Fenwick, Colonel Denay, and Mr. Claré do prepare, and bring it in.

Election Petitions.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Election Petitions: And that Mr. Watton Lawson, Sir Edward Stowe, Sir Edward Guerry, Admiral Field, Colonel Foster, Mr. Henry Morton Stanley, Dr. Robert Ambrose, Mr. Richards, Mr. Spencer, and Mr. Griffith-Boscawen do prepare, and bring it in.

Court of Criminal Appeal.

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

Benevolent.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Admission to and the Avoidance and Resignation of Benefices, and to amend the Pluralties Act, 1838, and the Pluralties Acts Amendment Act, 1885: And that Mr. Millar, Vcmtant Crandorn, Sir Edward Clarke, Sir John Kenrayway, Mr. Francis Sharpe Powell, Mr. Tolbot, Mr. Jell, Mr. Holloway, Mr. Sydney Gudge, Mr. Cripps, and Mr. Griffith-Boscawen do prepare, and bring it in.

Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the Endowment of the Archdeaconry of London: And that Mr. Allan Gibb, Sir Reginald House, Mr. Long, and Mr. Macdonald do prepare, and bring it in.

Coal Mines Regulation.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Acts: And that Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. William Abraham, Mr. William Allen, Mr. Thomas Hoare, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Pickard, Mr. Yeoell, Mr. M'Kenzie, and Mr. Rondell do prepare, and bring it in.

Rating of Machinery Suspensory.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Continuance for a Limited Time of existing methods of ascertaining the gross Annual Value of certain descriptions of Rateable Hereditaments: And that Mr. George Whiteley, Sir William Houldsworth, Sir Joseph Leese, Mr. Cowley, Colonel Mellor, Mr. Ascroft, and Mr. Tomlinson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Liquor Traffic Bill to enable Localities by a direct Vote to prevent the Issue of Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors: And that Mr. Wm. Allen, Mr. Jonathan Samuel, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Allison, Mr. Murt, Mr. Cameron, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), and Mr. Pickersgill do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sundays: And that Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. Arthur Pease, Mr. Peares, Mr. Cogan, Mr. Green, Mr. Pickard, Mr. Fenwick, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Cameron, Mr. Compton Rickitt, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Firbank, and Mr. Dougherty do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Cemeteries Bill to amend the Law with regard to the Rating of certain Cemeteries: And that Mr. Somers, Mr. Goodenough, Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Bigwood, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Howard, Captain Bowles, and Mr. Carroll Williams do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Vacation Parliament and other Street Noises: And that Mr. Roddiffe Cooke, Mr. Jacoby, General Goldsworth, Mr. Brown, Mr. Pierpoint, Mr. Dundas, Mr. Farquhar, Colonel Stodges, Mr. Arnold Foster, and Mr. Joseph Watson Stubsham do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Members of Bill to amend the Law relating to the Vacation of Seats by Members of Parliament accepting Offices Preston under the Crown: And that Mr. Joseph Lees, Mr. Littrell, Mr. Joseph Pease, Dr. Farquharmon, Mr. George Whiteley, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. Giles, and Captain Philipotts do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Registration of Voters for Parliamentary Elections: And that Mr. Strachey, Sir William Houldsworth, Mr. Tomlinson, Sir William Caddington, Mr. Batty Longley, Mr. Oldroyd, Colonel Mellor, and Mr. Cowley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Parliamentary Registration Bill to amend the Law with regard to the Registration of Voters for Parliamentary Elections: And that Mr. Briggs, Sir John Lees, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Albert Rolfit, Mr. George Whiteley, and Mr. Strachey do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the Divisions of London for the School Board for London Election of the School Board: And that Mr. John Blondell Mapple, Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Boulnois, Mr. William Frederick Smith, and Mr. Harry Samuel do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Pensions (Old Bill to provide Pensions for Poor Persons over 70.)
the Age of Sixty-five Years: And that Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Labouchere, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Alfred Thomas, Mr. Logan, and Mr. Lambert do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating, or giving Jurisdiction, thereto: And that Mr. Monk, Sir Stafford Northcote, Sir Alfred Hickman, and Mr. Jacoby do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize County Councils and Councils of County Boroughs to establish Labour Bureaux: And that Mr. Goulston, Mr. Beale, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Logan, Mr. Robson, and Mr. Schwan do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to secure to the Public the Right of Access to Mountains and Moorlands in Scotland: And that Mr. Bryer, Mr. John Blair Balfour, Dr. Farquharson, Mr. Haldane, Mr. Higginson, Sir John Leng, and Mr. Heideneck do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Libel: And that Mr. Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to permit School Boards to assist Education in Old Voluntary Schools out of Local Rates: And that Sir Arthur Forsyth, Sir James Ferguson, Mr. Warr, Lord Edwina Talbot, Mr. William Lawrence, and Sir Henry Hoare do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give Facilities to Leaseholders for the purchase of the Fee Simple of their Holdings: And that General Laurie and Mr. Cohen do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Land Law (Ireland) Acts and the Land Purchase (Ireland) Acts: And that Mr. O'Kelly, Mr. Clancy, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, and Mr. Hayden do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Women to vote at Municipal Elections and for Town Commissioners in Ireland: And that Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Justin M'Carthy, Sir Thomas Lea, Mr. Lechy, Mr. Field, and Mr. Henkett do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law regarding Workmen's Wages and other Debts: And that Mr. Acriff, Mr. Kemp, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Keegan, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Ernest Spencer, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Platt-Higgins, Mr. Atherley Jones, Colonel Mellor, Mr. Clare, and Sir Alfred Hickman 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 and 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 Sir Elliot Lees, Mr. Richardson, Sir John Colomb, Sir Cameron Goll, Captainophilpette, and Mr. Joseph Poole do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Militia, and with reference to the Law of Ballot for that Force: And that Major Bobbe, Mr. Brookfield, Captain Grieve-Hutchinson, and Colonel Sandys do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of County Courts, and to amend the Acts relating, or giving Jurisdiction, thereto: And that Mr. Monk, Sir Stafford Northcote, Sir Alfred Hickman, and Mr. Jacoby do prepare, and bring it in.

Borough Funds.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Borough Funds Act, 1872: And that Sir Albert Rolitt, Sir John Long, Mr. Bishop, and Mr. Whiteley do prepare, and bring it in.

Rating (Places of Worship and Schools.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Rating of Places of Worship and Schools: And that Mr. Walford-Davies Green, Mr. Clough, Mr. Owen, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Perkins do prepare, and bring it in.

Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in 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 that Mr. Mounphery, Sir Albert Rolitt, Captain Donelan, Dr. Tanner, Mr. Doogan, and Mr. Daly do prepare, and bring it in.

Vehicles (Lights.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require Vehicles on Highways to carry Lights after Dark: And that Mr. Thornton, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Fyn, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Abel Smith, Mr. Lucas-Staunton, and Mr. Ernest Gray do prepare, and bring it in.

Municipal Franchise (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Municipal Franchise in Ireland: And that Mr. Englestone, Captain Donelan, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Sir Thomas Esmonde, Mr. John Hammond, and Sir Albert Rolitt do prepare, and bring it in.

Land Values (Towns) Assessment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Assessment of Land Values in Towns: And that Mr. Harrison, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Haldane, Mr. Channing, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Kenrley, and Mr. Lough do prepare, and bring it in.

Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Electors to have effectual Control over the Liquor Traffic in their respective Areas: And that Mr. Hedderwick, Mr. John Wilson (Govan), Mr. Southall, Dr. Clark, Mr. Cameron Cockett, and Sir William Dunn do prepare, and bring it in.

County Government (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Government of Counties in Ireland: And that Mr. Doogan, Mr. Thomas Esmonde, Captain Donelan, Mr. Patrick Aloysius Cohen, Mr. Plunkett do prepare, and bring it in.

Tained Court (Scotland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer additional Powers on the Court of Tainse (Scotland) in reference to the Transporta- tion of Parish Churches and the Alteration of Boundaries of Parishes, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Mark Stewart, Mr. James Campbell, Mr. Thoburn, Mr. Baird, and Mr. Gordon do prepare, and bring it in.

Places of Worship (Leasehold) Enfranchisement.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Enfranchisement of the Sites of Leasehold Places of Worship: And that Mr. Rees-Davies, Mr. Samuel Evans, Mr. Vaughan-Davies, Mr. Lloyd Morgan, and Mr. Abel Thomas do prepare, and bring it in.

County Courts.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of County Courts, and to amend the Acts relating, or giving Jurisdiction, thereto: And that Mr. Monk, Sir Stafford Northcote, Sir Alfred Hickman, and Mr. Jacoby do prepare, and bring it in.
Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Assistant County Surveyors in Ireland: And that Sir Thomas (Ireland.) Lea, Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Wolf, and Mr. Rentoul do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for dealing with Persons suspected of having Stolen Property in their Possession: And that Sir Benjamin Stone, Mr. Verey Hill, Mr. Ernest Spencer, Sir Alfred Hickman, and Mr. Godson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for greater uniformity in the Weights and Measures used in the Sale of Corn: And that Mr. Rankin, Mr. Jasper More, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Heath, Colonel Williams, Sir Benjamin Stone, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Field, Mr. Bolitho, and Mr. Radclyffe Cooke do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Licensing (Ireland) Acts (1897 Amendment.) And that Mr. Grilly, Mr. James O'Connor, Mr. MacAleese, Sir James Howlett, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Morris, Mr. Dr. Farquharson, and Mr. M'Killop do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for Manhood Franchise at Parliamentary Elections in Ireland: And that Mr. Parnell, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. Harrington, and Mr. Patrick O'Brien do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for greater uniformity in the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Wales: And that Colonel Sandy, Mr. Harry Foster, Mr. Cruddas, and Mr. A. Kilby do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the earlier Closing of Shops: And that Sir John Lubbock, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Dr. Farquharson, Mr. Fenwick, Sir Francis Sharples, Mr. Field, Mr. Kerley, and Sir Francis Sharples Powell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act, 1881, and to make further Provision respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Wales: And that Sir Herbert Roberts, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Alfred Thomas, and Mr. Herbert Lewis 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. Galloway, Mr. Heath, and Mr. Faithfull Beg do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Immigration of Aliens: And that Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Duce, Mr. Richards, Sir John Blandell Maple, Mr. Field, and Mr. Macleod do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a single Franchise at all Elections, and thereby to abolish University Representation,
Coroners' Inquests (Railway Faculties.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Coroners' Inquests in the case of Fatal Accidents on Railways: And that Mr. Crossman, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Dovitt, and Sir Albert Rollit do prepare, and bring it in.

Factory Acts (Fishing Trade.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Factory Acts in relation to the Fishing Trade: And that Sir Albert Rollit, Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. Doughty, Commander Bethell, Mr. Price, Captain Perec, and Mr. Rickett do prepare, and bring it in.

Law (Ireland) Bill.

Mr. George Whiteley presented a Bill for the purpose of marking Articles imported into the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

Parliamentary Franchise (Women) Bill.

Mr. Faithfull Begg presented a Bill for extending the Parliamentary Franchise to Women; And the same was the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of February next; and to be printed.

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill.

Mr. Lecky presented 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 the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of May next; and to be printed.

Land Tenures (Wales and Monmouthshire) Bill.

Mr. Vaughan Davies presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Tenure of Land in Wales and Monmouthshire: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of May next; and to be printed.

Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Bill.

Sir Edward Courtaul 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 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Leo Knowles presented a Bill for the National Registration of Plumbers: And the same was the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wootton Lawrence presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Election Petitions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Arthur presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Tenure of Land in Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Justice Bens, and Dr. Clark, Sir Leonard Lyell, Mr. Leod, and Mr. Nicol do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. David Bradlaugh presented a Bill to extend the Electoral Franchise to Women: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. Charles Dilke presented a Bill to amend Steam Engines and Boilers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. George Whiteley presented a Bill to the House of Commons, forüpposing to the estimation of certain descriptions of Rateable Hereditaments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Whitter presented a Bill to enable Local Bodies to prevent the issue of Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wetherall presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Endowment of the Archdeaconry of London: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Pickersgill presented a Bill for the creation of a Court of Criminal Appeal: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Allen presented a Bill to extend the Law relating to the Tenure of Land in Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Allen presented a Bill to limit the Working Hours in Mines to Eight Hours per Day from Bank to Bank: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Allen 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 24th day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. Thomas Healy presented a Bill to amend the Law (Ireland) Acts, and to make better provision for the Restoration of Evicted Tenants in Ireland to their Holdings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Kemp presented a Bill to amend the Law regarding Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. Alban Gibbs presented a Bill to make further provision for the Restoration of Evicted Tenants in Ireland to their Holdings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of March next; and to be printed.

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Mr. Marnagh had a Bill to amend the Constitution of Boards of Guardians in Ireland, and to extend their Powers under the Labourers (Ireland) Act; and in other respects; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Thornton had a Bill to require Vehicles Vehicles on Highways to carry Lights after Lights Bill; And the same was the read first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. Engleau presented a Bill to amend the Municipal 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 28th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Harrow presented a Bill to provide for Land Values the Assessment of Land Values in Towns; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Hedderwick presented a Bill to enable Liquor Traffic Electors to have effectual Control over the Liquor Traffic in their respective Areas; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Doyle presented a Bill for the better County Government of Counties in Ireland; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Mark Stewart presented a Bill to confer Tithe Court additional Powers on the Court of Teinds (Scot.) in reference to the Transportation of Religion in the Parish Churches and the Alteration of Boundaries of Parishes, and for other purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Rea-Davies presented a Bill for the Enfranchisement of the Sites of Leasochd Places of Worship (Leasochd) in Scotland; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Monk presented a Bill to extend the Juris-County Courts diction of County Courts, and to amend the Acts relating, or giving Jurisdiction, thereto; And the same was the read first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Goddard presented a Bill to authorise Labour County Councils and Councils of County Boroughs to establish Labour Bureaux; And the same was the read first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bryer presented a Bill to secure the Public the right of Access to Mountains and Moorlands in Scotland; And the same was the read first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Griffiths-Bowen presented a Bill to amend the Law of Libel; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second
second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Arthur Forwood presented a Bill to permit School Boards to assist Education in Voluntary Schools out of Local Rates: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of February next; and to be printed.

General Lourie presented a Bill to give Facilities to Lesseesholders for the Purchase of Fee Simple of their Holdings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. O'Kelly presented a Bill to amend and extend the Land Law (Ireland) Acts and the Land Purchase (Ireland) Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Johnston presented a Bill to enable Women to vote at Municipal Elections and for Town Commissioners in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Acroft presented a Bill to amend the Law regarding Workmen's Wages and other Debts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of February next; and to be printed.

Sir Elliott Lee presented a Bill to enable Officers and Seamen of the Royal Navy and 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 the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of April next; and to be printed.

Major Ratcli presented a Bill to make better provision for the Militia, and with reference to the Law of Ballot for that Force: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Clancy presented a Bill to establish a Catholic University in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Harrington presented a Bill to make provision for Evicted Tenants in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Sydney Gedge presented a Bill to amend the Education Acts, 1870 to 1891: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Durn 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 12th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Carew presented a Bill to amend and extend the Law relating to the Municipal Franchise in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Patrick O'Brien presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Poor Law Franchise and the Constitution of Boards of Poor Law Guardians in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Parnell presented a Bill to provide for Manhood Franchise at Parliamentary Elections: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Channing presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Agricultural Holdings in England, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Richards presented a Bill to amend the Law with regard to the Licences for Retail Dealers in Gold and Silver Plate: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland presented a Bill to amalgamate the Water Companies in and around London: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Howard Vincent presented a Bill to amend the Merchandise Marks Act, 1857: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Sir Thomas Lee presented a Bill to amend the Assistant Law relating to Assistant County Surveyors in County Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of February next; and to be printed.

Sir Benjamin Stone presented a Bill to make Unlawful provision for dealing with Persons suspected of Possession having Stolen Property in their Possession: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Rankin presented a Bill to provide for Corn Sales greater Uniformity in the Weights and Measures used in the Sale of Corn: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Clery presented a Bill to amend the Licences Licensing (Ireland) Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of February next; and to be printed.

Sir Lewis McIvor presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Police (Scotland) Law Amendment Bill.
Colonel Sundeys presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Benefices of the Church of England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Roberts presented a Bill to amend the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act, 1881, and to make further provision respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Howard Vincent presented a Bill to give 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 3rd day of February next; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dicke 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 Wednesday the 10th day of February next; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dicke presented a Bill to establish a single Franchise at all Elections, and thereby to abolish University Representation, and to remove the Disabilities of Women: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. Channing presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Coroners' 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 next; and to be printed.

Mr. Weir presented 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 the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of February next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of this instant January, was proposed to be made to the Main Question proposed upon the 19th day of this instant January, 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—(Viscount Folkestone.)

And which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that the Catholics of Ireland have long suffered under an intolerable grievance in respect of University Education; that the existence of this grievance has been recognised by successive Governments; and that it is the duty of the Government immediately to propose legislation with a view to placing Irish Catholics on a footing of equality with their fellow countrymen in all matters concerned with University Education"—(Mr. Englefield);

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 express the regret of this House that, although the Commissioners appointed by Your Majesty in 1892 to inquire into the land question in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland have reported that nearly 2,000,000 acres of land now occupied as deer forests, grouse moors, &c., might be cultivated to profit or otherwise advantageously occupied by crofters or small tenants, there is no indication in Your Majesty's Speech that arrangements will be made for acquiring some portion of this land so that the crofters, cottars, and fishermen may be able to live under more favourable conditions than those under which many of them now exist."—(Mr. Weir.)

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 Yeas,

Sir William Walrond, 77.

Mr. Caldwell, 77.

Tellers for the Noes,

Mr. Austruther, 144.

So it passed in the Negative.

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, in our opinion, the explanation given by the Government to justify the release of the dynamitards is inadequate, and is calculated to encourage a recurrence of that form of crime."—(Sir Henry I1oworth.)

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.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant January, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal Cases—(Mr. Attorney General);

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till three hundred before Twelve o'clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 25th January, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

MONDAY.

PUBLIC PETITIONS.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Lord Penrhyn's Quarries (Correspondence), which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant January, be printed.


Copy of Return of the Number of Agrarian Outlaws committed in Ireland which were reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary during the Quarter ended 31st December 1896.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Prosentments made by Grand Juries in Ireland, and rated by the Court of Assize, during the year 1896.

Copies of Eleven General Orders issued by the Local Government Board for Ireland between the 22nd April 1896 and 6th January 1897.

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

Mr. Hanbury, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Estimates for Civil Services 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.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Money Order Regulations, 1896, made by the Postmaster General, and dated 5th January 1897.

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

Mr. Brodrick, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the Further Amount that will be required during the year ending 31st March 1897, to meet Expenditure not provided for in the original Army Estimates for the year for Capitation Grants to Volunteer Corps.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, No. 1841.

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,—Copy of all Applications made by the First Lord of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, for Advances to Government, authorised by Parliament, from the 5th January 1896 to the 5th January 1897, with a Copy of the Minutes of the Court of Directors thereon, and the Answers of the said Court thereto, pursuant to Act 59 Geo. 3, c. 76.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Elementary and Special Return of Number of School Boards and Education Officers (School Attendance Committees in which the Standards for Partial Exemption are Standards II., III., IV., V., and VI., in the following Form:—

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(in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 294, of Session 1891.)—(Mr. Channing.)

Ordered, That Mr. Stanley Leighton have leave of absence for a fortnight, on account of domestic affliction.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Mr. Pym presented a Bill to amend the Poor Law Officers Superannuation Act, 1896, as respects Female Nurses appointed since the commencement of the said Act: and the same (1860) Amendment was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of February next; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Lostholders' (Purach of Fee Simple) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 22nd day of this instant January, was proposed to be made to the Main Question proposed upon the 19th day of this instant January, 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.
Parliament—(Viscount Folkestone); and which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words, “And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that, in our opinion, the explanation given by the Government to justify the release of the dynamitards is inadequate, and is calculated to encourage a recrudescence of that form of crime”—(Sir Henry Howorth); and the Question being again proposed, That those words be there added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

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 our regret, that Your Majesty’s Advisers have expressed no intention of promoting legislation in furtherance of the Report of the Select Committee on Food Products, which disclosed the existence of unfair and nefarious competition with Native food producers by Foreigners and others, to the great detriment both of the commercial and agricultural interest of the people of the United Kingdom.”—(Mr. Havelock Wilson.)

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

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 the regret of this House that Your Majesty’s Gracious Speech contains no promise that any attempt shall be made this Session to pass into Law a Bill dealing with the question of manning of British merchant vessels, in accordance with the recommendations of a Departmental Committee appointed to inquire into the undermanning of British merchant vessels:—And this House further expresses its regret at the continued alarming loss of life at sea.”—(Mr. Hanhlock Wilson.)

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:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Voluntary Schools [Aid Grant, &c.]; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant January, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal Cases—(Mr. Attorney General); Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
Tuesday, 26th January, 1897.

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 and (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill. Ordered, That the 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 be referred to the Bank of England, which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant January, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Return from the City Marshal of Dublin, Registrar of Pawnbrokers in Ireland, for the year ending the 30th June 1896. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1859, dated the 13th January 1897, granting a Special Pension to Sir Gerald Fitzgerald, K.C.M.G., late Accountant General of the Navy.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated the 29th December 1896, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Robert Mullen, Officer of Ryde, Station, Cardif Collection, Inland Revenue Department. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 13th January 1897, regulating the Salaries of certain Officers in the Register of Deeds (Ireland). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Abstract of Accounts of Loan Societies in England and Wales to 31st December 1896, furnished to the Central Office for the Registry of Friendly Societies.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving the Number of Arrests for Drunkenness within the Metropolitan Police District of Dublin, and the Cities of Belfast, Cork, Limerick, and Waterford, on Sundays, between the 1st day of May 1895 and the 30th day of April 1896, both days inclusive, the Arrests being given from 8 a.m. on Sundays till 8 a.m. on Mondays:—And, similar Return for the rest of Ireland, from the 1st day of May 1895 to the 30th day of April 1896 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 292, of Session 1895).—(Mr. William Johnaston.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of all Standing Orders and Instructions regulating the Conduct of Officers in Convict Prisons in the event of a Prisoner in their Custody attempting to Escape.

Ordered, That the Order of the day, for the Business surnaming the adjourned Debate on the Address, in the House (Adjourned Debate on the preceding this day of the Notices of Motions, and Address.) Tomorrow of the other Orders of the Day.—(Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Grocers' 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 Employers' Bill to amend the Law with regard to Com. Liability due to Persons injured in pursuit of their Employment, or otherwise, where the Action would lie against a Foreign Shipowner: And that Mr. Harold Reckitt, Sir Albert Rolith, Mr. Sydney Buxton, Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. Darling, Mr. Wolff, Mr. William Allan, Mr. T. P. O'Conor, and Mr. John Burns do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Old Age Bill to provide Pensions in Old Age to the Prov. Poor: And that Mr. Bartley, Mr. Macleod, and Sir Frederick Steamer Hunt do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Outdoor Bill to amend the Law relating to Outdoor Poor Relief in Sickness and Widowhood to the Prov. Poor: And that Mr. Bartley, Mr. Macleod, and Sir Frederick Steamer Hunt do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Outdoor Bill to amend the Law relating to Outdoor Poor Relief in England and Wales: And that Mr. Macleod, Sir Henry Haoworth, Mr. Jebb, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Berrill, Mr. Max Veil, Mr. Hozier, Mr. Lloyd George, and Mr. Griffith-Bowen do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Rivers Bill to make more effectual provision for the Prevention of the Pollution of Rivers and Prevention: Streams: And that Sir Francis Sharpes Polell, Mr. Wynn, Mr. Henry Hobhouse, Sir John Darlington, Sir Henry Haoworth, Dr. Farrarbrook, Sir John Brunner, Mr. Kearsley, and Mr. Brigg do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Education Bill to amend the Law relating to Educational Endowments in Ireland: And that Mr. Timothy (Ireland) Act. Hesty, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Knox do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Poor Law Bill to provide for the Superannuation of Poor Officers: Superannuation of (Ireland.)
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Misslet, Mr. Field, Mr. Collery, Mr. Wolff, and Dr. Robert Ambrose do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir John Lye presented a Bill to abolish Dealers’ or Grocers’ Certificates in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Harold Reckitt presented a Bill to amend the Law with regard to Compensation due to Persons injured in pursuit of their Employment, or otherwise, where the Action would lie against a Foreign Shipowner: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bartley presented a Bill to provide Pensions in Old Age to the Provident Poor: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of February next; and to be printed.

Mr. Macdonell presented a Bill for the better Preservation of Parish Registers in England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Francis Sharpe Powell 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 Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Timothy Healy presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Educational Endowments in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Clancy presented a Bill to provide for the Superannuation of Poor Law Officers in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of February next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Main Question, proposed upon the 19th day of this instant January, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

Wc, 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—(Viscount Peelstone); And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words “And we humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to direct that “a full and independent inquiry shall forthwith be made into the condition of the masses of the Indian people, with a view to ascertain the causes by reason of which they are helpless to resist even the first attacks of famine and pestilence.”—(Sir William Wedderburn.)

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 Yeas, Mr. Henry Joseph Will. 90. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austruther: 217. So it passed in the Negative.

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 express our regret Registration that no measure is announced by Your Majesty for a simplification of the Registration Laws for Parliamentary and Local Government Elections.”—(Mr. Strogy.)

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 Yeas, Mr. Brigg: 59. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austruther: 141. So it passed in the Negative.

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 the great regret of this House, that no reference has been made in Your Majesty’s Speech regarding a Bill to discontinue the Deportation of Pupuets from England and Scotland to Ireland.”—(Mr. Murray.)

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 represent to Your Majesty, as the Sovereign of many millions of Empire subjects, the urgent desirability of sending a special Envoy to Constantinople, in order to guard not only British imperial interests, but to promote the carrying through of appropriate reforms for all the inhabitants, irrespective of race or religion, of the Ottoman Empire.”—(Mr. Disraeli.)

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:—

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—(Viscount Peelstone); And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof, the words “And we humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to direct that
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.—(Mr. Hambro.)

Ordered, That the several Estimates presented to this House during the present Session be referred to the Committee of Supply.—(Mr. Hambro.)

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.—(Mr. Hambro.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Unlawful Possession 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, 27th January, 1897:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Voluntary Schools [Aid Grant, &c.]; 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 21st day of this instant January, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal Cases — (Mr. Attorney General); Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

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 Shops (Early Closing) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

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. Edmond Robert Wodehouse, to act during this Session as temporary Chairman of Committees when requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

WILLIAM COURT GULLY,
Speaker.

26th January 1897.

Wednesday, 27th January, 1897.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act (1887) Amendment Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon; A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Sir Albert Bellot) — The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. And the Original Question being again proposed;—The House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Channing 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 Bill be now read a second time:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yes: [Mr. Godson];
Mr. John Wilson (Durham).
Tellers for the Noes:
Mr. John Burns.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act (1881) Amendment Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;—The House resumed the Debate.

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. And, it being half an hour after Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned. Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday the 9th day of February next.

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 Tuesday next.

The Factory Acts (Fishing Trade) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of March next, the Benefices (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of May next.

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

Vide First Report.
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 resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
upon the 26th day of this instant January, That
the Unlawful Possession Bill be now read a
second time:
Resolved, That the Debate be further adjourned
till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the
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
Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing)
Bill ;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time
To-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to amend certain provisions of the Local
Government Act, 1894: And that Mr. Hothouse,
Mr. John Dargan, Mr. Wharton, Mr. Cossar,
Hardy, and Mr. Bill do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to amend the Law relating to Accountants
in Scotland, and to regulate their Qualifications
and provide for their Registration : And that
Mr. James Campbell, Mr. John Blair Balfour,
Mr. Cox, Mr. Haldane, and Mr. Faithfull Begg
do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to amend the Law relating to Tenant Right
in Towns in Ireland : And that Mr. Field, Mr.
Clancy, Mr. Caruc, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, and
Mr. James Patrick Farrell do prepare, and bring
it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to give Facilities to Leaseholders 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 next; and to be
printed.

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection
consist of Eleven Members: Mr. Sydney
Dyke, Dr. Farquharson, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Justin
Charming do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to give Facilities to Leaseholders for the
Purchase of the Fee Simple of their Holdings: And that Mr. Kearley,
Sir James Woodhouse, Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Lambert, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Nicol,
Mr. Channing, Mr. Lough, and Mr. Maurice Healy
do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to give Facilities to Industrial and Provident
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 Tuesday the 23rd day of
February next; and to be printed.

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

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Thursday, 28th January, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED that the Select Committee on Standing
Orders do consist of Eleven Members:—Mr. Buchanan, Sir William Cod-
dington, Mr. John Edward Ellis, Sir Thomas
Farnoude, Sir Edward Gourley, Mr. Halstt,
Mr. Humphreys-Owen, Mr. James Leathber, Sir
John Lubock, Sir John Menbrey, Mr. William
Redmond, Sir Mark Stewart, and Mr. Whitmore
were accordingly nominated Members of the
Committee.—(Sir John Mombray.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection
do consist of Eleven Members:—Mr. Sydney
Baxton, Sir John Dargan, Sir William Hart
Dyke, Dr. Farquharson, Mr. Halstt, Mr. Justin
McCarthy, Sir George Osborne Morgan, Mr.
Philip Stanhope, Mr. Wharton, Mr. Wolhouse,
and the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing
Orders were accordingly nominated Members of the
Committee.—(Sir John Mombray.)

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's
Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental
Committee.
Committee appointed by the Board of Agriculture to inquire into and report upon the working of the Laws relating to Dogs, with Copy of the Minute appointing the Committee. Ordered, That the said Paper 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 in Ireland which have come to the knowledge of the Committee, also of the Number of Tenancies determined in the Quarter ended 31st December 1896. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritche presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum on the Comparative Statistics of Population, Industry, and Commerce in the United Kingdom and some leading Foreign Countries. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing for the last Ten Years the Acreage under Poppy in India; the Amount of Advances to the Cultivators for crude Opium; and the Quantity of Opium produced in the Factories, distinguishing between the Behar and Benares Agencies: Also the Quantity exported to China and other Countries; the Quantity of Maloo and other Opium purchased by the Indian Government; and the Quantity which in any other way came under the cognisance of the Indian Government. —(Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson.)

Resolved, That 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 Victorians' Beerhouse and other Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, the Renewal of which has been refused in the year 1896 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 required; and showing also the Result of any Appeal, if any (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 379), of Session 1896. —(Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement relative to the Irish Mail Service, showing (1) the Present Hours; (2) the Hours proposed last Year; and (3) the Hours now decided on. Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Augustus Henry Eden Allhusen, Esquire, for the Borough of Salisbury, was sworn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House having been signified; A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. William Jones):—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. William Jones):—It passed in the Negative.

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 Public Health Second Reading of the Public Health (Scotland) (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant January, That (as) the Bill be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Criminal Cases—(Mr. Attorney General); Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Works 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 Voluntary Schools Committee on Voluntary Schools [Aid Grant, &c.]; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rivers Pollution Second Reading of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of February next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act (1885) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
Friday, 29th January, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Bradbrook presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Army Estimates of Effective and Non-Effective Services for 1897–98; and Statement of the Variation of the Numbers of Her Majesty's British Forces, Explanations of the Increases and Decreases in the Estimates, the Amounts provided for the Colonies and Egypt, and the Amounts provided for each Arm of the Service, and for various Miscellaneous Establishments.

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

Mr. Hanbury, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Appropriation Accounts of the Sums granted by Parliament for Civil Services, Classes I. to VII., and the Revenue Departments (including the Post Office Packet and Telegraph Services), for the year ended 31st March 1896; together with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and certain Reports upon Store Accounts.

Account of the Receipts and Expenditure of Chelsea Hospital, in respect of Army Prize and Legacy Funds, &c. for the year ended 31st March 1896, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of the Inland Post Amendment Warrant, Post Office, 1897, dated the 5th January 1897.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Appropriation Accounts) and Chelsea Hospital, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Post Office a Copy of Report on Extension of Newspaper (Newspaper Post by the Postage Rates Committee of the Post Office, dated the 24th day of June, 1897).

Mr. Hanbury 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 all Deaths in the Administrative County of London, in the year 1896, upon which a Coroner's Jury has returned a verdict of Death from Starvation, or Death accelerated by Privation (London.)

Ordered, That Standing Order No. 11 be suspended, and the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 be extended to the Sitting of the House this day. (Mr. Balfour.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of this instant January, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the origin and circumstances of the incursion into the South African Republic by an armed force, and into the administration of the British South Africa Company and to report thereon, and further to report what alterations are desirable in the government of the territories under the control of the Company: That the said Committee have leave to hear Counsel to such extent as they shall see fit, and have Power to send for persons, papers, and records. (Mr. Secretary Chamberlain.)

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 the word "That," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "in view of the peaceful settlement of affairs in the Chartered Company's territories, the punishment of all persons connected with the Raid into the Transvaal, and the inexpediency, in the interests of all South Africa of re-opening questions which have
The House, according to Order, resolved itself supply, into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Supplementary Estimates, 1896-97.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 253,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Capitalisation Grants and Miscellaneous Charges of Volunteer Corps, 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 £ 253,300, be granted for the said Service.—Mr. Knox.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Knox], Yea, [Mr. Weir]; 23.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Mr. Anstruther]; Noes, 127.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

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

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 Public Health (Scotland) Bill;

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Reports of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means and other Committees authorising Money Commissions, be extended to Friday.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Military Works [Money].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of any Sums not exceeding in the whole £ 5,458,000, for the expenses of certain Military Works and other Military Services, and to authorise the Treasury to borrow by means of Terminable Annuities, payable out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, to defray the Charge for Army Services, and, if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund, such Sums as may be required for the purpose of paying the interest of the above-mentioned sum of £ 5,458,000 out of the Consolidated Fund, or the repayment to that Fund of all or any part of the Sum so issued, and also to authorise the application of the Surplus of Income above Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, towards paying any...
The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. James Bailey, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Richard Cardenich, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Thomas Curran, Mr. Horatio Davies, General Goldsworthy, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Keary, Mr. Lafont, Mr. Leveley, Colonel Lockwood, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. Patrick J. Power, Mr. William Redmond, and Lord Stanley.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Industries Bill to afford Facilities for the Establishment (Ireland) and Development of Industries in Ireland: And that Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. Patrick Aloysius M'Algh, Mr. Laugh, and Mr. Knox do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Timothy M. Healy accordingly presented a Bill to afford Facilities for the Establishment (Ireland) Bill 102.

The House was moved, That the Message from the Lords of the 28th day of this instant January, 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 28th day of this instant January, 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.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 1st February, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, Return to an Grocers and Order, dated the 7th day of August, in the last Off-Licences, Session of Parliament, for a Return showing (1) the Number of Spirit Grocers, or Off-Licence Holders in 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.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Ordinance made by the Scottish Universities (Ordinance, Commissioners, under the Universities (Scotland) No. 155.)
Act, 1889, with regard to Regulations for Degrees in Science. Supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 12, 22, and 134 (Ordinance No. 155, General No. 38).

Copy of Ordinance made by the Scottish Universities Commissioners, under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, with regard to Regulations for Degrees in Medicine. Supplementary to Ordinances Nos. 14, 15, and 16 (Ordinance No. 156, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh, No. 3).

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

Mr. Aker-Douglas presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules for the Royal Parks and Gardens, dated 4th August 1895.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the Further Amount that will be required during the year ending 31st March 1897, to meet Expenditure not provided for in the original Army Estimates for the year, for the Suakin Expedition.

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 Amount required in the Year ending the 31st March 1897, as a Grant in Aid of the Expenditure incurred in connection with the Egyptian Expedition to Dongola.

Copies of Four Contracts entered into by Her Majesty's Stationery Office affecting Printing ordered by the Houses of Parliament, viz.: (1) With Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, dated the 12th January 1897; (2) With Wyman and Sons, Limited, dated the 13th of January 1897; (3) With Wyman and Sons, Limited, dated the 13th of January 1897; and (4) With Wyman and Sons, Limited, dated the 13th of January 1897.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Account prepared under the Provisions of Part II. of "The Imperial Defence Act, 1889" (51 & 52 Vic. c. 32), 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 1896; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Imperial Defence Act, 1888 (Ports and Coaling Stations) be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Accounts relating to Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for each Month during the year 1897.

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 the Second Reading of the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Brodrick reported from the Committee on Military Works (Money), a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of any Sums not exceeding in the whole £5,458,000, for the Expenses of certain Military Works and other Military Services, 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 Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums as may be required for the purpose of providing Money for the issue of the above-mentioned Sums.
Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Schedule showing Proposed Expenditure on Barrack Services under the Military Works Bill.

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

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

Tuesday, 2nd February, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in accordance with Standing Order 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. Aberbrothwick Harbour.
2. Atherstone, Midland and South Wales Dock and Railway.
3. Assam Railways and Trading Company.
5. Belfast Water.
7. Borrowstounness Town and Harbour.
11. Bristol Corporation (Docks).
15. Bute Docks, Cardiff.
17. Caledonian Railway.
22. Clydebank and District Water.
25. Cowes Gas.
27. Cowes Harbour (No. 2).
28. Craiglockhart Mortification.
29. Crichton Royal Institution.
30. Cromerburgh, Sidley, and Bexhill Railway.
31. Deal and Walmer Water.
32. Dublin United Tramways (Electrical Power).
33. Dublin United Tramways (New Lines).
34. Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway (New Ross and Waterford Extension).
35. Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway (Shilleagh Extension, &c.)
36. Eastbourne Corporation Water.
37. Eastbourne Water.
38. Eastbourne Water.
39. East and Church Hope Railway.
40. Edinburgh American Land Mortgage Company.
41. Fife and Rosslare Railways and Harbours.
42. Fylde Water (Transfer).
43. Glasgow Harbour Tunnel Company.
44. Gravesend and Milton Water.
45. Gravesend and Northfleet Water Board.
46. Gravesend Corporation Water.
47. Great Northern Railway (Ireland).
48. Great Western Railway (Bristol Lines).
49. Great Western Railway (Tyne and Newquay Railway).
50. Guild of Literature and Art (Dissolution).
51. Harrogate Corporation (Water Transfer).
52. Harrogate Water.
53. Hastings and Saint Leonard’s Tramways.
54. Hastings Harbour.
55. Hastings Harbour District Railway.
56. Hastings Harbour Railway.
57. Hexham Water and Gas.
58. King’s Lynn Corporation.
60. Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway.
61. Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock.
62. Liverpool City Churches.
63. Liverpool Corporation (No. 1).
64. Liverpool Corporation (No. 2).
65. Liverpool Corporation Tramways.
66. Llanelli Harbour.
67. London and South Western Railway (Moon Valley Railway).
68. London and South Western Railway (Various Powers).
69. London Bank of Australia.
70. Longborough Corporation.
71. Lowestoft Corporation.
72. Lowestoft Water and Gas.
73. Malvern Link Urban District Gas.
74. Malvern Urban District Gas.
75. Manchester Ship Canal.
76. Manx’s Orphanage.
77. Mason University College.
78. Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.
79. Midland and South Western Junction Railway.
80. Morecombe Urban District Council.
81. Mumbles Railway and Docks (Extension of Time).
82. New Valley Drainage.
83. New Corporation Tramways.
84. New Harbour (Extension of Time).
85. Newhaven and Seyford Water.
86. New Hunstanton Water and Gas.
87. Newport Corporation.
89. North London Commercial Permanent Building Society.
90. North London Railway.
91. North Pembroke and Fishguard Railway.
92. Provident Life Office.
93. Railway Clearing House.
94. Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund.
95. Railway Passengers’ Assurance.
96. Rathmines and Rathgar Township Tramways and Improvement.
97. Rhododendron and Swansea Bay Railway.
98. Rhymney and Aver Valleys Gas and Water.
100. Saint Anne’s-on-the-Sea Gas.
101. Southampton Corporation Tramways.
102. Southhampton Corporation Water.
103. South Eastern Railway.
104. Stirling Burgh (Gas).
105. Stromness Harbour.
106. Swansea Corporation Tramways.
107. Swansea Improvements and Tramways.
108. Taff Vale Railway.
109. Teignmouth Gas.
110. Tonqay Corporation Water.
111. Tyne Improvement.
112. Tynemouth.

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University of Edinburgh. (Scotland.) (Ordinance, Act, 1899 No. 155.)

Consolidated Telegraphs.

Imperial Fund. (Opium.) (Ordinance, Act, 1887 No. 45.)

Ordinance, Act, 1899. No. 156), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant February, to be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance, Act, No. 156), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant February, to be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Grocers and Off-Licences, &c. (Belfast, No. 46.) be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—An Account showing the Gross Amount received and expended on account of the Telegraph Service during the year ended 31st March 1896, 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.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 28th day of January last, for Returns relative to East India (Opium.)

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889 (Ordinance, Act, No. 156), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant February, to be printed.

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, Death Duties. a Return showing—

1. The Total Amounts of the Personal Property whereon Death Duties were assessed in the United Kingdom during the Year 1895–96, under the following Heads : (1) Estate Duty; (2) Settlement Estate Duty; (3) Probate and Inventory Duty; (4) Account Duty; (5) Temporary Estate Duty; (6) Legacy Duty; (7) Succession Duty;

2. The Total Amounts of the Real Property on which Death Duties were assessed in the United Kingdom during the Year 1895–96, under the following Heads: (1) Estate Duty; (2) Settlement Estate Duty; (3) Temporary Estate Duty; (4) Succession Duty;

3. The Total Amount of Personal Property assessed to Death Duties in the United Kingdom, under the following Heads, during each Financial Year for the Period from 1891–92 to 1895–96, both inclusive: (1) Estate Duty; (2) Settlement Estate Duty; (3) Probate Duty; (4) Account Duty; (5) Temporary Estate Duty; (6) Legacy Duty; (7) Succession Duty;

4. The Net Amount of Death Duties received in the United Kingdom under each of the following Heads, for the Year 1895–96: (1) Estate Duty; (2) Settlement Estate Duty; (3) Probate Duty; (4) Account Duty; (5) Temporary Estate Duty; (6) Legacy Duty; (7) Succession Duty;

5. The Total Number and Aggregate Value of Estates exempted from Estate Duty for the Year 1895–96 as not exceeding £100 net.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, have appointed a Committee of Seven Lords, to join with a Committee of this House, to consider all 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order for the Committee on Voluntary Aid Grants, &c. have preceded this day of the Notices of Motions and other Orders of the Day,—(Mr. Balfour) :—And a Debate arising thereupon;

The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left. Tellers for the

Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther,

Mr. Thomas Ellis, Mr. M'Arthur:

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther; 283,]

Tellers for the Mr. A. M'Leod, Sir Leonard Lyell, and Sir William Wedderburn do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Weir presented a Bill to amend the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act 1886: And that Mr. Weir, Dr. Clark, Mr. M'Cleod, Sir Leonard Lyell, and Sir William Wedderburn do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Weir presented a Bill to amend the existing Laws in Ireland relating to County Surveyors' Superannuation, and other purposes: And that Mr. William Johnston, Sir Thomas Lee, Mr. Hazelton, Colonel Waring, Sir James Haslett, Mr. Don, Colonel M'Culmont, and Mr. Woff do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Weir presented a Bill to amend the existing Laws in Ireland relating to County Surveyors' Superannuation, and other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of this instant February; 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 17th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. William Johnston presented a Bill to amend the existing Laws in Ireland relating to County Surveyors' Superannuation, and other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Sir Arthur Forwood presented a Bill to make better Provision for Workmen injured in the course of their Employment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Voluntary Schools [Aid Grant, &c.]

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an Aid Grant to Voluntary Schools, not exceeding Five shillings per Scholar for the whole number of Scholars in those schools;

(b) to repeal as regards Day Schools so much of Section nineteen of the Elementary Education Act, 1876, as imposes a limit on the Parliamentary Grant to Elementary Schools in England and Wales; and

(c) to make provision for the exemption from Rates of Voluntary Schools—(Mr. Baillie) —Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed, in l. 3, before the word "Voluntary," to insert the word "necessitous.

—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Question put, That the word, "necessitous," be there inserted.

The Committee proceeded to a division.

Wednesday, 3rd February, 1897;

Tellers for the Mr. Lloyd-George,

Yeas, [Mr. Lough; 320,]

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,

Noes, [Mr. Anstruther; 112,]

Main Question again proposed.

And it being after Midnight, and Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Chairman proceeded to interrupt the Business.

Whereupon Mr. Baillie rose in his place, Question put 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. Anstruther; 296,]

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis,

Noes, [Mr. M'Arthur; 142,]

Main Question put accordingly; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,

Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther; 325,]

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis,

Noes, [Mr. M'Arthur; 110,]

Resolved, That it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an Aid Grant to Voluntary Schools, not exceeding Five shillings per Scholar for the whole number of Scholars in those schools;

(b) to repeal as regards Day Schools so much of Section nineteen of the Elementary Education Act, 1876, as imposes a limit on the Parliamentary Grant to Elementary Schools in England and Wales; and

(c) to make provision for the exemption from Rates of Voluntary Schools.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jones William Lawther 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 Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Elections (Ireland) (Women) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the County Councils (Qualification of Women) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Scotland) Bill upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners' Second Reading of the Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) 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 Government Act (1894) Amendment 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 Local Government (Elections) Bill.

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

Ordered, That several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Post Office Telegraphs, which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Consolidated Fund, which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Endowed Charities (York, East Riding), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Church Temporalities (Ireland), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—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 said Act to the 31st March 1896 [Final Account], together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon,
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Army (Memorandum on Estimates.)
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Convict Prisons, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Arbitration Treaty between this Country and the United States as recently signed.—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Arbitration Treaty between this Country and the United States as recently signed.—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Radcliffe Cooke.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word...
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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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act (1885) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee).

CLAUSE, N° 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 16th day of June next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Elections (Ireland) (Women) Bill;

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill (Truck Acts) to amend the Truck Acts: And that Mr. Brook, Mr. Broadhurst, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Havelock Wilson, Mr. Philip Stonehouse, and Mr. William Abraham (Rhondda) do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Payments to be made in the nature of Fees to each one of the Correspondents, appointed to furnish the Board of Trade with Local Information.—(Mr. Marks.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill (Succession to move) to assimilate the Laws of Heritable with those of (Scotland.) Moveable Succession in Scotland, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Haldane, Dr. Farquharson, Sir William Dunn, Mr. Edmund Robert Watson, Mr. Ure, Mr. Buchanan, and Mr. Heidlerwick do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Broadhurst presented a Bill to amend the (Truck Acts) Amendment Bill, and to be printed.

Mr. Thomas Shaw presented a Bill to assimilate the Laws of Heritable with those of (Scotland) Moveable Succession in Scotland, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
Thursday, 4th February, 1897.

PRAYERS.

PRIVATE BILLS.

M R. 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.:

Aberdare District Harbour.
Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway.
Assam Railways and Trading Company.
Barry Railway.
Belfast Water.
Birmingham Churches.
Boraston (New Town and Harbour.
Bournemouyh Corporation.
Bradling Harbour and Railway.
Brey and Emnesherry Railway (Extension of Time).
Bristol Corporation (Docks).
Bristol Extension.
Bute Docks and Rymerney Railway Companies Amalgamation.
Bute Docks, Cardiff.
Caerphilly Urban District Council.
Caledonian Railway.
Carlton Corporation.
Cleethorpes Enclosure Allotments.
Clydebank and District Water.
Clyde Navigation (Extension of Time).
Cromarty Central Railway Company.
Coventry Gas.
Coventry Harbour (No. 1).
Coventry Harbour (No. 2).
Crowfoot Mortification.
Crichton Royal Institution.
Crowhurst, Sidley, and Heathfield Railway.
Deal and Walmer Water.
Dublin Eye and Ear Hospital.
Dublin United Tramways (Electrical Power).
Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway (New Ross and Wexford Extension).
Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway (Skibbereen Extension, &c.).
Eastbourne Corporation Water.
Eastbourne Water.
Eaton and Church Hope Railway.
Edinburgh American Land Mortgage Company.
Fylde Water Transfer.
Glasgow Harbour Tunnel Company.
Gravesend and Milton Water.
Great Western Railway (Bristol Lines).
Great Western Railway (Trow and Newport Railway).
Guild of Literature and Art (Dissolution).
Harrogate Corporation (Water Transfer).
Harrogate Water.
Hastings Harbour.
Hastings Harbour District Railway.
Hastings Harbour Railway.
Hastings Water and Gas.
King's Lynn Corporation.
Kings Lynn and Kingsbridge Junction Railway (Abandonment).
Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway.
Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock.
Liverpool City Churches.
Liverpool Corporation (No. 1).
Liverpool Corporation (No. 2).
Liverpool Corporation Tramways.
Llanelli Harbour.

London and South Western Railway (Meon Valley Railway).
London and South Western Railway (Various Powers).
London Bank of Australia.
Loughborough Corporation.
Lovestoft Corporation.
Lovestoft Water and Gas.
Malvern Link Urban District Gas.
Malvern Urban District Gas.
Manchester Ship Canal.
MAN'S ORPHANAGE.
Mansfield University College.
Messrs. Docks and Harbour Board.
Midland and South Western Junction Railway.
Morecambe Urban District Council.
Mumbles Railway and Pier (Extension of Time).
Nor Valley Drainage.
North Corporation Tramways.
North Harbour (Extension of Time).
Newhaven and Seaforth Water.
Newport Corporation.
Newly Navigation.
North London Commercial Permanent Building Society.
North London Railway.
North Pembroke and Fishguard Railway.
Provident Life Office.
Railway Clearing House.
Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund.
Railway Passengers' Assurance.
Bathmines and Rothbury Township Tramways and Improvement.
Ryfield and Sconeass Day Railway.
Rymifer and Abergavenny Gas and Water.
Rio Tinto Company.
Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea Gas.
Southampton Corporation Tramways.
Southampton Corporation Water.
South Eastern Railway.
Stirling Burgh (Gas).
Strongbow Harbour.
Scone Corporation Tramways.
Tuff Vale Railway.
Tunton Gas.
Twyford Corporation Water.
Tyne Improvement.
Tyne and Wear Corporation (Water).
Tyne-mouth Gas.
Vale of Glamorgan Railway.
Vale of Rhoscolt Light Railway.
Windsor Dock, Cardiff.
Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay Railway.

And that they have certified that the Standing Orders have not been complied with in the following cases, viz.:

Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours.
Gravesend and Northfleet Water Board.
Gravesend Corporation Water.
Hastings and Saint Leonard's Tramways.
New Hunstanton Water and Gas.

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.:

Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill.
Gravesend and Northfleet Water Board Bill.
Gravesend Corporation Water Bill.
Hastings and Saint Leonard's Tramways Bill.

New
Corporation.

District (Gas.) Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise
Arundel Gas.

A Petition of the Arundel Gas Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Arundel Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Seager Hunt and Mr. Loder.

Ashford Gas.

A Petition of the Ashford Gas and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Ashford Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Seager Hunt and Mr. Abercromby.

Ashford Urban District (Gas.) Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Ashford Urban District Council to supply Gas and to provide for the Transfer of the Undertaking of the Ashford Gas 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. James Lawther Mr. Hardy, and Mr. Griffiths-Housen.

Birkenhead Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Birkenhead, for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate the Townships within the County Borough of Birkenhead, and to transfer the Township of Rock Ferry from the Wirral Union to the Birkenhead Union; to confer further Powers on the Corporation of the Borough in relation to Ferries and Tramways, and other matters; to authorise the Corporation to establish and contribute towards a Thrift Fund for their Officers and Servants; to amend some of the provisions of the Local Acts in force within the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Elliott Lees and Mr. Warr.

Birkenhead Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Birkenhead, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Corporation of Birkenhead to purchase the Ferries across the River Mersey known as Rock Ferry and New Ferry, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Elliott Lees and Mr. Warr.


A Petition of the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for the compulsory purchase of Lands for, and for the completion of the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Milward and Mr. Perks.

Birmingham, Tame, and Rea District Drainage Board.

A Petition of the Birmingham, Tame, and Rea District Drainage Board, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the said Board to construct Works for Sewage and Drainage purposes, to borrow Moneys, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, Mr. Kenrich, and Captain Gregs-Hutchinson, Vol. 132.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bradford, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bradford, in the County of York, to construct additional Tramways, to consolidate the Townships in the Borough, to extend the Bradford Union, to make better Provision for the Health, Local Government, and Improvement of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Captain Grevelle, Mr. Flower, and Mr. Wanklyn.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Brompton and Piccadilly Circus Railway, and for empowering them to construct an Underground Railway from Piccadilly Circus to South Kensington, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alban Gibbons and Mr. Whitmarsh.

A Petition of the Callander and Oban Railway Company and the Caledonian Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Callander and Oban Railway Company to construct New Railways and Works in the County of Argyll, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Neil and Mr. Renshaw.

A Petition of the Central London Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Central London Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart-Wortley and Lord Alwyne Compton.

A Petition of the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to revive and extend the Powers of the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edward Brodie Hone and Mr. Tondoor.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Chichester, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Chichester to purchase from the Wirral Union to the Birkenhead Union; to confer further Powers on the Corporation of the Borough in relation to Ferries and Tramways, and other matters; to authorise the Corporation to establish and contribute towards a Thrift Fund for their Officers and Servants; to amend some of the provisions of the Local Acts in force within the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Edmund Talbot, Sir Henry Fletcher, and Mr. Meywood Johnstone.

A Petition of the several Persons whose Names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the City and West End Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct Underground Railways from Hammersmith to the City of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart-Wortley and Lord Alwyne Compton.

A Petition of the several Persons whose Names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for the inclusion within the Boundaries of the City of London of the Parishes of Saint Saviour (including the Liberty of the Manors), Christ Church, Saint Thomas, Southwark, and Saint John, Horselydown, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly.
ingly, by Sir Edward Clarke, Mr. Alban Gibbs, and Mr. Boulnois.

City of London Sewers.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, for leave to bring in a Bill for the dissolution of the Commission of Sewers of the City of London, and to provide for the execution of the Powers, Authorities, and Duties of the Commissioners by the Common Council of the City, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Reginald Hanson and Mr. Alban Gibbs.

Colne Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Colne, for leave to bring in a Bill for making further and better provision in regard to the Water Supply, and the Improvement, Health, and Good Government of the Borough of Colne, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Joseph Leese and Mr. Selwyn.

Colne Bay and Colney Urban District Council.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Colne Bay and Colney, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Urban District Council of Colne Bay and Colney; and for making further and better provision for the Improvement, Health, and Local Government of the Urban District of Colne Bay and Colney, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Howell and Mr. Herbert Roberts.

Cray's Gas.

A Petition of the Cray's Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the granting of further Powers to the Cray's Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Hart Dyke and Sir John Lubbock.

Crowborough District Water.

A Petition of Albert Turner, of Nutley, Sussex, timber merchant, and Thomas Coltage of Sheffield Park, Sussex, land agent, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Crowborough District Water Company, and empowering them to construct Works and supply Water, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brookfield and Mr. Loder.

Dunbarton District Water.

A Petition of Albert Turner, of Nutley, Sussex, timber merchant, and Thomas Coltage of Sheffield Park, Sussex, land agent, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Crowborough District Water Company, and empowering them to construct Works and supply Water, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brookfield and Mr. Loder.

Dunbarton and Maxwelltown Waterworks Commissioners, for leave to bring in a Bill for granting additional Powers to the Dumfries and Maxwelltown Waterworks Commissioners, for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Robert Reid and Sir Mark Stewart.

Dundee and the Dundee Gas Commissioners (being the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council), and as such the Local Authority for Electric Lighting purposes under the Electric Lighting Act, 1882 and 1888, and the Electric Lighting (Scotland) Act, 1890, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Board, and vary their existing Provisions with respect to the supply of Water by the Corporation of the City of Dundee, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Wylie and Colonel Denny.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, Dundee and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Corporation. Dunbar and the Dundee Gas Commissioners (being the said Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council), and as such the Local Authority for Electric Lighting purposes under the Electric Lighting Act, 1882 and 1888, and the Electric Lighting (Scotland) Act, 1890, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Board, and vary their existing Provisions with respect to the supply of Water by the Corporation of the City of Dundee, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Wylie and Colonel Denny.

A Petition of the East London Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the East London Waterworks Company to execute further Works and to raise further Money in order to enable them to fulfil their
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Statutory Obligations relating to the Supply of Water, or otherwise, and to meet the increased demand for Water within their District; to confer further Powers upon the Great Eastern Railway Company; to authorise them to acquire the Undertakings of the Downham and Stoke Ferry, Thetford and Watton, and Watton and Swaffham Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Penn and Mr. Cozens-Hardy.

A Petition of the Great Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for enabling the Great Eastern Railway Company to construct new Railways in the Counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Albert Rollit, Colonel Williams, and Mr. Cozens-Hardy.

A Petition of the Great Northern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great North of Scotland Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Herbert Maxwell and Mr. Baird.

A Petition of the Great Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Great Western Railway Company in respect of their own Undertaking, and upon that Company and the London and North-Western Railway Company, in respect of Undertakings in which they are jointly interested, and upon the Lambourn Valley Railway Company in respect of their undertaking for amalgamating the Buckfastleigh, Totnes, and South Devon, Kingston and Earlston, Woodstock, Chinnery, Chellaston, Pontbrooke and Tenby, Nantwich and Market Drayton, Minehead, and Great Marlow Railway Companies with the Great Western Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Murdoch and Sir John Dilwyn-Llewelyn.
Great Yarmouth Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgessess of the Borough of Great Yarmouth, for leave to bring in a Bill to make Provision with respect to the Construction and Purchase of Piers by the Corporation of Great Yarmouth, and in regard to the Health, Local Government, and Improvement of the Borough of Great Yarmouth, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Colombe and Mr. Samuel Hovey.

Huddersfield Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgessess of the Borough of Huddersfield, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgessess of the County Borough of Huddersfield to work their Tramways, to construct Street and Road Improvements, and 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 Sir James Woodhouse, Sir James Kitson, and Sir Albert Rollett.

Hull Corporation Tramways.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgessess of the Borough of Hull, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgessess of the Borough of Hull, to construct Tramways in the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Arnold and Mr. Rawson Shaw.

Inverness and Highland Railway.

A Petition of thethere-undersigned Persons, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Objects thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Hull and South Yorkshire Extension Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Henry Seymour King, Mr. Firbank, Mr. A. H. Dyke-Acland, and Mr. Charles Wilson.

A Petition of thethere-undersigned Persons, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Objects thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Company to extend their Railway from Fort Augustus to Inverness, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Denny and Mr. Wylie.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Kent Water Board.

A Petition of thethere-undersigned Persons, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Objects thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Construction of a Dock at Old Kilpatrick, in the County of Dunbarton, and Railways and Works connected therewith, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Henry William Forster and Mr. Hardy.

Highland Railway (Addition Powers.)

A Petition of thethere-undersigned Persons, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Objects thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Highland Railway Company to construct Railways, by partly doubling or widening of their existing Railway; to acquire additional Lands; to revive the Powers, and extend the Time limited by certain Acts for the completion of Works; to authorise the Company to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Dixon-Harding and Mr. William Amherst.

Inverness and Fort Augustus Railway.

A Petition of thethere-undersigned Persons, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Objects thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Highland Railway Company to construct a Railway from Inverness to Fort Augustus, to confer further Powers upon the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Baillie and Mr. M'Leod.

High Wycombe and Great Bourton and South Yorkshire Railway.

A Petition of thethere-undersigned Persons, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Objects thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Great Bourton, c.torrage, and High Wycombe Railway, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Extension Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Arnold, Mr. Firbank, Mr. James Woodhouse, Mr. J. C. Wylie, Mr. R. M. Wood, Mr. J. M. Balfour, and Mr. A. H. Dyke-Acland.

Inverness and Fort Augustus Railway (Inverness Extension.)

A Petition of thethere-undersigned Persons, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Objects thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Company to extend their Railway from Fort Augustus to Inverness, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Denny and Mr. Wylie.

A Petition of thethere-undersigned Persons, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Objects thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Company to extend their Railway from Fort Augustus to Inverness, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Denny and Mr. Wylie.

A Petition of thethere-undersigned Persons, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Objects thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Company to construct a new Bridge over the River Hull, with Approaches thereto; to make new Streets and Improvements of Streets, and further Powers with respect to Buildings and Streets, Crematories, Infectious Diseases, Rating, the Supply of Gas and other Matters; for consolidating the Provisions of the Water Acts and Orders now in force in the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Colville, Mr. John Wilson (Falbirk), Mr. Nicol, and Sir John Kinloch.

A Petition of thethere-undersigned Persons, being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Objects thereinafter-mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation to construct a new Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Henry Seymour King, Mr. Firbank, Mr. Henry William Forster and Mr. Hardy.
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granted to the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company over those Undertakings and the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Hornby and Mr. Fielden.

Leeds Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Leeds, for leave to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Leeds to acquire Lands for the purpose of protecting their Waters and Waterworks from Pollution, for the Construction of Tramways and Street Improvements, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Kitson, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Mr. Levy, and Mr. Walton.

Leicester Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Leicester, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Limits for the Supply of Gas and Water by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Leicester, and to make further and better Provision in relation to the Local Government of the said Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Kitson, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Mr. Levy, and Mr. Walton.

Liverpool, Saint Helens and South Lancashire Railway.

A Petition of the Liverpool, Saint Helens, and South Lancashire Railway Company, and the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Liverpool, Saint Helens, and South Lancashire Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Seton-Karr and Mr. Tom Horrocks.

Llandudno Urban District Council.

A Petition of the Llandudno Urban District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Llandudno Urban District Council to acquire the Undertaking of the Great Ormes Head Marine Drive Company; to make further Provisions for the good Government of Llandudno, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Byn Roberts and Mr. Griffith.

Lochmaben, Saint Fillans and Comrie Railway.

A Petition of the Persons thereunto subscribing, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Lochmaben, Saint Fillans, and Comrie Railway Company, and authorising the Construction of a Railway from Lochmaben to Comrie, in the County of Perth, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Long and Mr. Robert Wallace (Perth).

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 Undertakings and other Undertakings in which they are interested jointly with other Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Houldsworth, Colonel Lockwood, and Mr. Macartney.

London and North Western Railway (Water.)

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 Chester and Holyhead Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Houldsworth, Colonel Lockwood, and Mr. Macartney.

A Petition of the London County Council, London for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire Lands for County Offices, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Lubbock, Mr. Whitmore, and Mr. John Burns.

A Petition of the London County Council, London for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to make certain Street Improvements, and to purchase Lands for Powers.) various purposes; to make provision for contributions in certain cases, by Local Authorities, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cohen, and Mr. Holland.

A Petition of the London County Council, London for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to make a River Embankment, a New Street, and Street Improvements in the Administrative County of London, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Whitmore, and Mr. Bowlais.

A Petition of the London County Council, London for leave to bring in a Bill to make provision as County Council (Sewerage and Drainage.) for the good Government of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Hughes, and Mr. Harrison.

A Petition of the London, Welthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Abandonment of the London, Welthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Courtenay Warner and Major Raseh.

A Petition of the Luton Water Company, for Luton Water, leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Luton Water Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Algernon Compton and Mr. Pym.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Manchester, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester, in the County of Lancaster, for the Construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands; to enable them to work and use their Tramways by means of Electrical or other Mechanical Power; to enlarge their Powers as to the Supply of Electricity; to confer their Corporate Title, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by the Marquess of Lorne, Sir William Houldsworth, Mr. Gulland, and Mr. Schwann.

A Petition of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company to make...
make New Railways, to confer further Powers upon that Company, the 
Cheshire Lines Committee, and the North Wales and Liverpool 
Railway Committee; to make further provision with reference to a Joint Station at Nottingham with the 
Great Northern Railway Company; to alter the 
Name of the Company; to provide for the 
conversion of the Company's Ordinary Stock; and for other 
purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in ac-
cordingly, by Mr. Maclellan and Mr. Tom Harrop 
Sidelbottom.

A Petition of the Metropolitan District Rail-
way Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for 
empowering the Metropolitan District Railway 
Company to construct an Underground Railway 
from near Euston's Court Station to the Mansion 
House Station, City, to authorise them to work 
that Railway and their existing Railway by 
Electricity, to extend the Time limited for com-
pletion of the Acton Junction Railway of the 
Company and for the compulsory purchase of 
lands for and by the completion of the Edgware 
and South Harrow Railway, and for other pur-
poses, was presented, and read; and a Bill was 
ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir 
Charles Dalrymple and Mr. Aird.

A Petition of the Midland and Great Northern 
Railways Joint Committee, for leave to bring in 
A Bill to empower the Midland and Great 
Northern Railways Joint Committee to construct 
Railways, a Dock at Great Yarmouth, and other 
Works, and to acquire Lands; to authorise Agreements between that Committee and the 
Corporation of Yarmouth, the Great Yarmouth 
Port and Haven Commissioners, and the Great 
Eastern Railway Company, and for other pur-
poses, was presented, and read; and a Bill was 
ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir 
Frederick Mappin, Sir William Coddington, 
Mr. Allison, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Fison.

A Petition of the Midland Railway Company 
and the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway 
Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer 
additional Powers upon the Midland Railway 
Company for the Construction of Works and the 
acquisition of Lands; to empower that Company and the 
London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway 
Company to guarantee the Capital of the 
Tottenham and Forest Gate Railway Company; to 
authorise Agreements between the Midland 
Railway Company, the Lancashire, Derbyshire, 
and East Coast Railway Company and the 
Sheffield District Railway Company, and between 
the Midland Railway Company and the Ket-
tering, Thames, and Huntingdon Railway 
Company; to authorise the re-arrangement and 
consolidation of the existing Capital of the 
Midland Railway Company, and for other 
purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was 
ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir 
Frederick Mappin, Sir William Coddington, 
Mr. Allison.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Bur-
nesses of the Borough of Newark, for leave to 
bring in a Bill to extend the Powers of the 
Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of 
Newark with respect to their supply of Water, and 
for other purposes, was presented, and read; and 
a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Finch-Hatton and Mr. Wygill.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave 
to bring in a Bill for making a Railway in the 
County of Fife, to be called the Newburgh and 
North Fife Railway, and for other purposes, 
was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered 
to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Asquith 
and Mr. Austen.

A Petition of the Governor and Company of 
the New River Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to 
conferr further Powers upon the Governor and 
Company of the New River brought from Chadwell and 
Auntwell 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 brought from Chadwell and 
Auntwell to London, commonly called the New River Company; for the execution of new Works and the raising of further Money, and for other 
purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Joseph Sykes, Mr. 
Mount, Sir William Hart Dyke, and Mr. Stuart-
Wortley.

A Petition of the North British Railway 
North British Railway Company and the West Highland Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the 
North British Railway Company to construct 
certain new Railways near Spean Bridge and 
from Fort Augustus to Inverness; to empower the 
North British Railway Company to work the 
said Railways, and to run over the Inverary 
and Fort Augustus Railway and portions of the 
Railway of the Highland Company, and for other 
purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accord-
ingly, by Mr. Baird and Mr. Cox.

A Petition of the North British Railway 
North British Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer Railway, 
other Purposes upon the North British Railway 
Company in connection with their Undertaking; to 
 amalgamate the Glasgow, Yoker, and Clyde-
bank Railway Company and the Austrich and 
St Andrews Railway Company with the Com-
pany, and for other purposes, was presented, and 
read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accord-
ingly, by Mr. Baird and Mr. Cox.

A Petition of the North Eastern Railway 
North Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer Railway, 
additional Powers upon the North Eastern Railway 
Company for the Construction of Dock 
Works at Kingston-upon-Hull and Middlesbrough, 
New Railways and other Works, and the Ac-
quisation of additional Lands, and for other 
purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was 
ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir 
Joseph Renouf, Sir Henry Meyney-Thompson, and 
Mr. Wharton.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Bur-
nesses of the Borough of Nottingham, for leave to 
bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of 
Nottingham to construct Additional Waterworks; 
to extend their Limits of Supply, and for other 
purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was 
ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bond, Lord Henry Bentinck, and Mr. 
Yozall.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Bur-
nesses of the Borough of Nottingham, for leave to 
bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of 
Nottingham to construct Additional Waterworks; 
to extend their Limits of Supply, and for other 
purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was 
ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bond, Lord Henry Bentinck, and Mr. 
Yozall.
A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Perth, and of the Borough of Perth, and of the Perth Gas Commissioners, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of a Quay at the Harbour of Perth, and a Bridge over the River Tay and other Works, and also New Gas Works; to make provision for the regulation of the Office of Town Clerk, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Donald Currie and Mr. Robert Wallace (Perth).

Plymouth Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of Plymouth to acquire Largy Bridge, to extend the Boundary of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Edward Clarke and Mr. Harrison.

Pwllheli Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Pwllheli, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Pwllheli Powers in regard to the Harbour Markets and Water Supply of the said Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lloyd-George and Mr. Bryn Roberts.

Richmond District Lunatic Asylum.

A Petition of the Governors of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Governors of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum to borrow Money and to create and issue Stock, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. Clarence, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Corbet, and Mr. G. Gree.

Sainte Neot's Water.

A Petition of the Theere-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for supplying with Water the Parishes of Saint Neot's and Egnesbury, in the County of Huntingdon, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Olbroyd and Mr. Richards.

Saint Patrick's Park, Dublin.

A Petition of the Right Honourable Arthur Edward Baron Aridgian, the Right Honourable Sir Edward Cecil Baron Trench, k.p., and James Trench P. O., for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the making and laying out of a New Park in the City of Dublin to be called Saint Patrick's Park, to vest the Park in the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City, with power to maintain and regulate the same, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Field, Mr. Harrington, and Mr. Dunbar Burton.

Salford Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Salford, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Salford to erect a Grain Warehouse, construct additional Tramways, to make a Street Improvement, and to raise Additional Money by Mortgage, and by the creation and issue of Stock, and to amend the Buildings Regulations, and to make further provisions with respect to Booth's Charities, and for the good Government of the Borough, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Henry Homorith and Mr. Less Knowles.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sheffield, for leave to form a Corporation, to bring in a Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sheffield to construct Branch Railways and Street and Road Improvements, and Additional Tramways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Maudell, Mr. Stuart-Wortley, Sir Frederick Mappin, Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, Sir Howard Vincent, and Mr. Langley.

A Petition of the Sheffield District Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Sheffield District Railway Company to construct Branch Railways in Sheffield connecting with the Midland Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bramley-Davenport, Mr. Batubridge, and Mr. Pollock.

A Petition of the South Metropolitan Gas South Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the South Metropolitan Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Balfour and Mr. Woodhall.

A Petition of the South Yorkshire Junction Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Abandonment of parts of the Railways authorised by the South Yorkshire Junction Railway Act, 1890, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Finch-Hatton, and Sir Edward Gourley.

A Petition of the Swadlincote District Urban Swadlincote District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Swadlincote District Urban District Council to supply Gas, and to provide for the Transfer of the Undertaking of the Swadlincote Gas and Coke Company, Limited, to the said Council, and for other purposes connected therewith, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Grotton and Mr. Bremrose.

A Petition of the London County Council, for Thames leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to form a Railway under the River Thames between Greenwich and Millwall, and for other purposes connected therewith, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Coker, Mr. James Stuart, and Mr. Harrison.

A Petition of the Tower Subway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Tower Subway Company to sell their Subway under the Thames from Tower Hill to the opposite side of the River, and to dissolve the Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lafone General Goldsworthy, and Sir Francis Sharrl Powell.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and constructing Powers on the Tuxford and District Gas and Light and Coke Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Milner and Mr. Finch-Hatton.

A Petition of the Promoters of the Watford, Edgware, and London Railway, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Watford, Edgware, and London Railway.
in a Bill for incorporating the Watford, Edgware, and London Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct Railways from Watford, in the County of Hertford, to Edgware and Mill Hill, in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Aird and Mr. Muclaire.

A Petition of the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for the Completion of the Pier and Works authorised by the Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Act, 1893, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Aird and Mr. Muclaire.

A Petition of the Promoters of the West Suburban Railway, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the West Suburban Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct a Railway from Prior Street, Paddington, in the County of London, to Acton Lane, Willesden, in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Aird and Mr. Muclaire.

A Petition of the Weymouth Consumers Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Limits of Supply of the Weymouth Consumers Gas Company, and for conferring further Powers on the Company for the raising of Money and otherwise in relation to their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Sturt and Colonel Williams.

A Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the Weymouth Waterworks, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Limits of Supply of the Company of Proprietors of the Weymouth Waterworks, and for conferring further Powers on that Company for the construction of Works and the raising of Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Sturt, and Mr. Wingfield-Digby.

A Petition of the Whitechapel and Bow Railway, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Limits of Supply of the Railway Companies, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Wigan Junction Railways Company to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Muclaire and Mr. Tom Horrocks Southall.

A Petition of the several Persons whose Names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for the making and maintaining of the Woodhouse and Coundon Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. A. H. Dyke-Acland, Mr. Grant Lawson, and Mr. Arnold.

A Petition of the Wegan Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the re-transfer to the Justices of the Peace for the County of Worcester, and to the Worcestershire County Council of the Parish of Yardley, in the County of Worcester, for Police and all other purposes, from the Justices of the Peace for the County of Warwick and the Warwickshire County Council, for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Long, Mr. Biddulph Martin, and Mr. Baldwin.

A Petition of the several Persons whose Yorkshire Names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from Skipton to Grassington, in the West Riding of the County of York, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Morison, Mr. Brigg, and Mr. Wyvill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government Board Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Leyton and Walton-upon-Thames: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell accordingly presented a Local Government Board Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Leyton and 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.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Reports; No. 190 (Jamaica, Annual Report for 1895-96). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented,—Return to an Address from the House of Commons, dated the 20th day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of all the several 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) Deser tions; and (4) Stations (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 252, of Session 1896).

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

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant February, for a Return relative to the Board of Trade (Payments to Correspondents).

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

Mr. Harwood presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract Account of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, for the year ended the 31st March 1896, together with the

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


Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 29th January 1897, making Amended Rules in pursuance of the Labours (Ireland) Acts, 1885 and 1896.


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

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Reduction of the Ottoman Light Dues.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Amendment Act, 1887: 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 Tuesday the 16th day of this instant February.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Trusts Bill to amend the Trusts (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Act, 1887: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Asquith do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Trusts (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Act, 1887: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Balfour reported from the Committee on Voluntary Schools [Aid Grant, &c.], a Resolution; which was referred as follows:

That it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an Aid Grant to Voluntary Schools, not exceeding Five shillings per Scholar for the whole number of Scholars in those schools;

(b) to repeal as regards Day Schools so much of Section Nineteen of the Elementary Education Act, 1876, as imposes a limit on the Parliamentary Grant to Elementary Schools in England and Wales; and

(c) to make provision for the exemption from Rates of Voluntary Schools.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution; and a Debate arising thereupon

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning.

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Mr. M'Loud 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 the Question thereon, and to sit till

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Asquith ; 283.]

 [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, Mr. Cunston : 99.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an Aid Grant to Voluntary Schools, not exceeding Five shillings per Scholar for the whole number of Scholars in those schools;

(b) to repeal as regards Day Schools so much of Section 19 of the Elementary Education Act, 1876, as imposes a limit on the Parliamentary Grant to Elementary Schools in England and Wales; and

(c) to make provision for the exemption from Rates of Voluntary Schools.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in on the said Voluntary Resolution; And that Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chamberlain, Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Balfour accordingly presented a Bill to Voluntary Schools ['Aid Grant, &c.'], for the Relief of the Exchequer in aid of the Naval and Military Sums charged.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Accounts of the Quantities and declared Value of the Coals, Cinders, and Patent Fuel shipped at the several Ports of England, Scotland, and Ireland Coastways, to other Ports of the United Kingdom, in the Years 1895 and 1896:— Of the Quantities and declared Value of the Coals, Cinders, and Patent Fuel exported from the several Ports of England, Scotland, and Ireland to Foreign Countries and the British Settlements Abroad, in the Year 1895-96, distinguishing the Countries to which the same were sent:— Of the Quantities of Coals, Cinders, and Patent Fuel exported from the United Kingdom in the Years 1895-96:— Of the Quantities of Coals and Patent Fuel brought Coastways into the Port of London during the Years 1895-96:— And, of the Quantities of Coals and Patent Fuel received Coastways at the various Ports of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That the Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities Bill be read a second time, upon Monday next.

Captain John Sinclair, for the County of Forfar, was sworn.

Louis Sinclair, Esquire, for the County of Essex (Southern or Romford Division), was sworn.

Samuel Woods, Esquire, for the County of Essex (South Western or Walthamstow Division), was sworn.

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of Voluntary Elementary Schools, and for the exemption from Rates of such Schools, and to repeal part of Section 19 of the Elementary Education Act, 1876; 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 Second Reading of the Military Works (Money) 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) 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 Berries 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 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 Law of Evidence (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 Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the Acquisition by Working Men of their own Dwellings: And that Sir Alfred Hickman, Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Heath, Mr. Ernest Spencer, and Mr. Galloway do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions as may be 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 Report 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. Biddulph, Major Brymer, Colonel Cotton-Jodrell, Sir Thomas Carmichael, Sir Charles Dolbyrmp, Mr. George Doughty, Dr. Fox, Colonel Kenyon-Stoney, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Sir Henry Meysey-Thompson, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. William Frederick Smith, Mr. Tolluache, and Mr. Henry J. Wilson.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.—(Sir Charles Dolbyrmp.)

Sir Alfred Hickman presented a Bill to facilitate 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 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

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

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The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Arundel Gas Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Arundel Gas Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Ashford Gas Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Ashford Gas Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Ashford Urban District (Gas) Bill to Ashford Urban Council to establish and contribute towards a Thrift Fund for their Officers and Servants; and to amend some of the Provisions of the Local Acts in force within the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Birkenhead Corporation Bill to consolidate the Townships within the County Borough of Birkenhead, and to transfer the Township of Rock Ferry from the Wirral Union to the Birkenhead Union; to confer further Powers on the Corporation of the Borough in relation to Ferries and Tramways and other matters; to authorise the Corporation to establish and contribute towards a Thrift Fund for their Officers and Servants; and to amend some of the Provisions of the Local Acts in force within the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Birkenhead Corporation (Ferries) Bill to Birkenhead Corporation to authorise the Corporation of Birkenhead to purchase the Ferries across the River Mersey known as Rock Ferry and New Ferry, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Birmingham, Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill to extend the compulsory Purchase of Lands for and for the completion of the Birmingham, upon-Avon Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Birmingham, Tame, and Rea District Drainage Board Bill to authorise the Birmingham, Tame, and Rea District Drainage Board to acquire Lands and construct Works for Sewage and Drainage purposes, to borrow Moneys, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Bradford Corporation Tramways and Improvement Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bradford, in the County of York, to construct Bill, additional Tramways; to consolidate the Townships in the Borough; to extend the Bradford Union; to make better Provision for the Health,
Local Government, and Improvement of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Brompton and Piccadilly Circus Railway Bill, for incorporating the Brompton and Piccadilly Circus Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct an Underground Railway from Piccadilly Circus to South Kensington, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Callander and Oban Railway Bill, for conferring further Powers upon the Callander and Oban Railway Company to construct new Railways and Works in the County of Argyll, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Central London Railway Bill for conferring further Powers on the Central London Railway Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill to revive and extend the Powers of the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Chichester Corporation Bill for authorising the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Chichester to purchase the Undertaking of the Chichester Waterworks Company, and to supply Water throughout the City and adjoining Places, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The City and West End Railway Bill for incorporating the City and West End Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct Underground Railways from Hammeircouth to the City of London, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The City of London Bill for the Inclusion within the Boundaries of the City of London of the Parishes of Saint Andrew Undershaft, Saint Andrew Undershaft, Saint John Horselydown, and Saint John Horselydown, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The City of London Sewers Bill, for the Dissolution of the Commission of Sewers of the City of London, and to provide for the execution of the Powers, Authorities, and Duties of the Commissioners by the Common Council of the City, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Colne Corporation Bill for making further and better Provision in regard to the Water Supply, and the Improvement, Health, and good Government of the Borough of Colne, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Colne Urban District Bill for conferring further Powers on the Urban District Council of Colne and Colne; and for making further and better provisions for the Improvement, Health, and Local Government of the Urban District of Colne.

The Crowborough District Water Bill for incorporating the Crowborough District Water Company, and empowering them to construct Works and supply Water, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Crays Gas Bill for the granting of further Crays Gas Powers to the Crays Gas Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Crouchend District Water Bill for incorporating the Crouchend District Water Company, and empowering them to construct Works and supply Water, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Dearne Valley Railway Bill for incorporating the Dearne Valley Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton Railway Bill to confer further Powers on the Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton Railway Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Dublin Corporation Bill to make further Dublin Corporations with respect to the Supply of Water, by the Corporation of the City of Dublin, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Dublin Port and Docks Board Bill to Dublin Port enable the Dublin Port Docks Board to Borrow further Moneys for the Improvement of the Port, and to create and issue Redeemable Debenture Stock, to enable the Board to enlarge or rebuild Butt Bridge, to make a Bridge across Lower Sheriff Street and other Oversea Communications, to purchase by Agreement with the Corporation of Dublin and others certain Ferry Rights and Corporate Dues and Tolls, to authorise new and substituted Rates, to confer further Powers upon the Board and vary their existing Acts, to alter the Constitution of that Body, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Dumfries and Maxwelletown Water Bill for granting additional Powers to the Dumfries and Maxwelletown Waterworks Commissioners, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Dunbarton County Buildings Bill to enable the County Council of the County of Dunbarton to borrow Money for the purpose of erecting and enlarging County Buildings, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Dundee Corporation Bill for enabling the Dundee City and Burgh of Dundee to Borrow additional Money for their Gas Undertaking, and to extend their Electric Lighting Area, and for amending and extending the Improvement and other Acts applicable to the City and Burgh, and improving the Police and Sanitary and General Administration of the Burgh, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
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The Ealing and South Harrow Railway Bill to extend the Time for the Purchase of Lands and the Completion of the Ealing and South Harrow Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The East London Water Bill to authorise the East London Waterworks Company to execute further Works and to raise further Money in order to enable them to fulfil their Statutory Obligations relating to the Supply of Water of otherwise, and to meet the increased demand for Water within their District, to confer further Powers upon them and make further provision with respect to the Undertaking of the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Epsom Downs Extension Railway Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Epsom Downs Extension Railway Company for the Construction of Works and other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Glasgow and Renfrew District Railway Bill for incorporating the Glasgow and Renfrew District Railway Company, and authorising the Construction of Railways in the Counties of Renfrew and Lanark, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill for conferring further Powers on the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company, for the Construction of Works and the Acquisition of Lands; for consolidating and converting their Preference and Ordinary Stocks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Glasgow Corporation Improvements Bill to enable the Corporation of Glasgow to effect further Improvements within the City; to annex certain Lands in the Barony Parish, and to incorporate the same with the City; to alter the Tenure of Office of the Lord Provost; to lease and work the Vale of Clyde or Gourock Tramways, and the Glasgow and Inver Railway; to construct New Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Great Eastern Railway (New Lines) Great Eastern Railway Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Great Eastern Railway Company in respect of their own Undertakings, and upon the Great Northern and Great Eastern Joint Committee; to provide for the Incorporation and Construction of Works and the Acquisition of Lands; to transfer the Portobello Gasworks to the Edinburgh and Leith Corporations Gas Commissioners; to confer further Powers on the said Commissioners, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Great North of Scotland Railway Bill Great North of Scotland Railway Company to make New Railways, to run over and use parts of the Highland Railway, to widen or alter parts of that Railway, to buy additional Land, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Great Western Railway (Additional Great Western Powers) Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Great Western Railway Company in respect of their own Undertakings, and upon the Great Northern and Great Eastern Joint Committee; to provide for the Incorporation and Construction of Works and the Acquisition of Lands; for consolidating and converting their Preference and Ordinary Stocks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Great Yarmouth Corporation Bill to Great Yarmouth Corporation, and in regard to the Health, Local Government, and Improvement of the Borough of Great Yarmouth, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Holkham Corporation Tramways Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Holkham to construct Tramways in the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time. The
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The Kilpatrick Dock Bill to authorise the Construction of a Dock at Old Kilpatrick, in the County of Dumbarton, and Railways and Works connected therewith, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Kilpatrick Dock Bill.

The Harrow, Uxbridge, and High Wycombe Railway Bill for incorporating the Harrow, Uxbridge, and High Wycombe Railway Company, and authorising them to construct Railways in the Counties of Middlesex and Bucks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Harrow Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

The Highland Railway (Additional Powers) Bill to authorise the Highland Railway Company to construct Railways, being partly doubling or widening of their existing Railway, to acquire additional Lands, to revive the Powers and extend the Time limited by certain Acts for the completion of Works, to authorise the Company to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Highland Railway (Inverness and Fort Augustus Railway) Bill to enable the Highland Railway Company to construct a Railway from Inverness to Fort Augustus, to confer further Powers on the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bill to confer Powers upon the Urban District Council of Hoylake and Wirral for the construction of Parades and a Marine Lake and for the Improvement of the Hoylake, and to make better provision for the Local Government, Health, and Improvement of the District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bill.

The Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Bill to empower the Inverness and Fort Augustus Railway Company to extend their Railway from Fort Augustus to Inverness, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway (Inverness Extension) Bill.

The Inverness Corporation Bill to empower the Inverness Corporation to construct a Bridge over the River Ness, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Inverness Corporation Bill.

The Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill for Kingston-upon-Hull, for extending the Boundaries of the County Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull, for conferring further Powers upon the Corporation to construct a new Bridge over the River Hull, with Approaches thereto; to make new Streets and Improvements of Streets, and further Powers with respect to Buildings and Streets, Cemeteries, Infectious Diseases, Raising, the supply of Gas, and other Matters; for consolidating the Provisions of the Water Acts and Orders now in force in the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Kingston-upon-Hull Corporation Bill.

The Lanarkshire and Ayrshire Railway Bill to empower the Lanarkshire and Ayrshire Railway Company to construct new Railways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Lanarkshire and Ayrshire Railway Bill.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill to Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, for the purpose of the Transfer to that Company of the Undertakings of the West Lancashire Railway Company and the Liverpool, Southport, and Preston Junction Railway Company, to repeal certain Powers granted to the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company over those Undertakings and the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill.

The Leeds Corporation Bill to empower the Leeds Corporation to acquire Lands for the purpose of protecting their Waters and Waterworks from Pollution, for the Construction of Tramways and Street Improvements, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Leeds Corporation Bill.

The Leicester Corporation Bill to extend the Limits for the Supply of Gas and Water by the Corporation to the Borough of Leicester; and to make further and better Provision in relation to the Local Government of the said Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Leicester Corporation Bill.

The Liverpool, Saint Helens, and South Lancashire Railway Bill to confer further Powers upon the Liverpool, Saint Helens, and South Lancashire Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Liverpool, Saint Helens, and South Lancashire Railway Bill.

The Llandudno Urban District Council Bill to Llandudno empower the Llandudno Urban District Council to acquire the Undertaking of the Great Ormes Railway Company to make further Provisions for the good Government of Llandudno, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Llandudno Urban District Council Bill.

The Locheardhead, Saint Fillans, and Comrie Railway Bill for incorporating the Locheardhead, Saint Fillans, and Comrie Railway Company, and authorising the Construction of a Railway from Locheardhead to Comrie, in the County of Perth, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Locheardhead, Saint Fillans, and Comrie Railway Bill.

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

The London and North Western Railway (Abandonment) Bill for conferring further Powers upon the London and North Western Railway Company in relation to their Chester and Holyhead Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The London County Buildings Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire Lands for County Offices, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The London County Council (General Powers) Bill to empower the London County Council to make certain Street Improvements, and to purchase Lands for various purposes, to make Provision for contributions in certain cases by Local Authorities, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The London County Council (Improvements) Bill to empower the London County Council to make a River Embankment, a new Street, and Street Improvements in the Administrations of the London County, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The London, Witham, and Epping Forest Railway (Abandonment) Bill for the Abandonment of the London, Witham, and Epping Forest Railway, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Luton Water Bill.

The Manchester Corporation Bill to confer further Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester, in the County of Lancaster, for the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands; to enable them to work and use their Tramways by means of Electrical or other Mechanical Power; to enlarge their Powers as to the supply of Electricity; to alter their Corporate Title, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill to enable the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company to make new Railways; to confer further Powers upon that Company, the Cheshire Lines Committee, and the North Wales and Liverpool Railway Committee; to make further Provision with reference to Joint Stations; and to refer with Great Northern Railway Company; to alter the Name of the Company; to provide for Conversion of the Company's Ordinary Stock, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Metropolitan District Railway Bill for empowering the Metropolitan District Railway Company to construct an Underground Railway from near Earl's Court Station to the Mansion House Station, City; to authorise them to work that Railway and their existing Railway by Electricity; to extend the Time limited for completion of the Acton Junction Railway of the Company and for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for and for the completion of the Ealing and South Harrow Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Bill to empower the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee to construct Railways, a Dock at Great Yarmouth and other Works, and to acquire Lands; to authorise Agreements between that Committee and the Corporation of Yarmouth, the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Commissioners, and the Great Eastern Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Midland Railway Bill to confer additional Powers upon the Midland Railway Company for the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands; to empower that Company and the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Company to guarantee the Capital of the Thames and Forest Gate Railway Company; to authorise Agreements between the Midland Railway Company, the Lancaster, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company, and the Sheffield District Railway Company, and between the Midland Railway Company and the Kettoning, Thrapston, and Huntington Railway Company; to authorise the Re-arrangement and Consolidation of the existing Capital of the Midland Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Newcark Corporation Water Bill to extend the Powers of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Newark with respect to their Supply of Water, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Newburgh and North Fife Railway Bill for making a Railway in the County of Fife, to the Port of Newburgh, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The New River Company Bill to confer further Powers upon that Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The North British and West Highland Railway Companies Bill to empower the North British Railway Company to construct certain Railways near Spean Bridge and from Fort Augustus to Inverness; to empower the North British Railway Company to construct the said North British Railways, and to run over the Inveraray and Fort Augustus Railway and portions of the Railway of North British and West Highland Railway Companies Bill.
of the Highland Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The North British Railway Bill to confer further Powers upon the North British Railway Company in connection with their Undertaking: to amalgamate the Glasgow, Yoker, and Clydebank Railway Company and the Anstruther and Saint Andrews Railway Company with the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The North Eastern Railway Bill to confer additional Powers upon the North Eastern Railway Company for the Construction of Dock Works at Kingston-upon-Hull and Middlesbrough; 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.

The Pwllheli Corporation Bill to confer further Powers upon the Corporation of Pwllheli to construct additional Waterworks; to extend their Limits of Supply, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Plymouth Corporation Bill to empower the Corporation of Plymouth to construct additional Works, and also new Gasworks; to make provision for the Regulation of the Office of Town Clerk, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Plymouth Corporation Bill to empower the Corporation of Plymouth to acquire Lary Bridge, to extend the Boundary of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Perseon Corporation Bill to confer upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Pwllheli Powers in regard to the Harbour Markets and Water Supply of the said Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Richmond District Lunatic Asylum Bill to empower the Governors of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum to borrow Money and to create and issue Stock, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Saint Neot's Water Bill for supplying with Water the Parishes of Saint Neot's and Fowey, in the County of Cornwall, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Saint Patrick's Park, Dublin, Bill to authorise the making and laying out of a New Park in the City of Dublin to be called Saint Patrick's Park, to vest the Park in the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City, with power to maintain and regulate the same, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Salford Corporation Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Salford to erect a Grain Warehouse, construct additional Tramways, and to make a Street Improvement, and to raise additional Moneys by Mortgage, and by the Creation and Issue of Stock; and to amend the Building Regulations, and to make further Provisions with respect to Booth's Charities, and for the good Government of the Borough, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Sheffield Corporation Bill to enable the Sheffield Corporation to construct Street and Road Improvements and additional Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Sheffield District Railway Bill to authorise the Sheffield District Railway Company to construct Branch Railways in Sheffield connecting with the Midland Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The South Metropolitan Gas Bill to alter the South Metropolitan Qualification for Directors of the South Metropolitan Gas Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The South Yorkshire Junction Railway Bill to enable the Corporation to extend the Boundary of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Sowerdale District Gas Bill to authorise the Sowerdale District Urban Council to supply Gas, and to provide for the Transfer of the Undertaking of the Sowerdale Gas and Coke Company, Limited, to the said Council, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Thames Suburban (Greenwich to Millwall) Bill to empower the London County Council to make a Subway under the River Thames between Greenwich and Millwall, and for other purposes connected therewith, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Tower Subway Bill to enable the Tower Subway Company to sell their Subway under the Bill Thames from Tower Hill to the opposite side of the River, and to dissolve the Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Tunbridge and District Gas Bill for incorporating the Tunbridge and District Gas Light and Coke Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Watford, Edgware, and London Railway Bill for incorporating the Watford, Edgware, and London Railway Company, and for conferring Powers on the Watford District Gas and Coke Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
and Mill Hill, in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

**Westonuper-Mare Grand Pier Bill.**

The Westonuper-Mare Grand Pier Bill to extend the time for the completion of the Pier and Works authorised by the Westonuper-Mare Grand Pier Act, 1894, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**West Suburban Railway Bill.**

The West Suburban Railway Bill for incorporating the West Suburban Railway Company; and for empowering them to construct a Railway from Prud'homme, Paddington, in the County of London, to Acton Lane, Willesden, in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

**Weymouth Gas Bill.**

The Weymouth Gas Bill for extending the Limits of Supply of the Weymouth Consumers Gas Company, and for conferring further Powers on the Company for the raising of Money and otherwise in relation to their Undertaking; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Weymouth Water Bill.**

The Weymouth Water Bill for extending the Limits of Supply of the Company of Proprietors of the Weymouth Waterworks, and for conferring further Powers on that Company for the Construction of Works and the raising of Capital; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Whitechapel and Bow Railway Bill.**

The Whitechapel and Bow Railway Bill for making a Railway to be called the Whitechapel and Bow Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

**Wigan Junction Railway Bill.**

The Wigan Junction Railways Bill to enable the Wigan Junction Railways Company to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

**Woolhouse and Conisbrough Railway Bill.**

The Woolhouse and Conisbrough Railway Bill for the making and maintaining of the Woolhouse and Conisbrough Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

**Worcestershire County Council Bill.**

The Worcestershire County Council Bill to authorise the Re-transfer to the Justices of the Peace for the County of Worcester, and to the Worcestershire County Council, of the Parish of Yardley, in the County of Worcester, for Police and all other purposes, from the Justices of the Peace for the County of Worcestershire County Council; and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

**Yorkshire Dales Railway Bill.**

The Yorkshire Dales Railway (Skipton to Grassington) Bill for making a Railway from Skipton to Grassington, in the West Riding of the County of York, 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. Henbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—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 1896, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year ended 31st March 1896; also, Statement of the Surpluses and Deficits upon the Grants for Army Services, for the year ended the 31st March 1896, 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 1896, the Date on which the Account of Army Receipt and Expenditure for the year 1895-96 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 1896; also, Statement of the Surpluses and Deficits upon the Grants for Navy Services for the year ended the 31st March 1896, 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 1896, the Date on which the Account of Naval Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1895-96 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.

An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Duchy of Lancaster in the year ended on the 21st December 1896, also a separate Account of the Capital of the said Duchy to the same Date.

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

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for Army Services for the year ended the 31st day of March 1896, 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 1896, the Date on which the Account of Army Receipt and Expenditure for the year 1895-96 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.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copy of Reports on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, No. 410.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Surrey (North Western or Chertsey Division) Writ.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report of the Inspector of Nuisances of the Corporation of Heywood as to the Sanitary Condition of Saint John's School in that Town, and of his Notice requiring Abatement of a Nuisance therein:—Of the Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and the Architect of the Education Department as to such School:—And, of any Reports recently received by the Department as to the Sanitary Condition and General Fitness of the other Public Elementary Schools in the Town.—(Mr. Carwell Williams.)

Mr. Jackson reported from the Select Committee on British South Africa; That the Committee have agreed to the following Resolutions:—

(i.) That any persons or bodies deeming themselves interested, who wish to appear by Counsel, shall make application in writing to the Clerk on or before Tuesday next, stating the grounds upon which they desire to appear;

(ii.) That the Committee propose retaining the conduct of the inquiry referred to them entirely in their own hands, but will accept the assistance of Counsel when they think it necessary;

(iii.) That all Witnesses, except as hereinafter mentioned, will be called and examined by the Committee;

(iv.) That if the Evidence of any Witness shall affect the interests of any person or body represented by Counsel, application may be made to the Committee for leave to cross-examine such Witness;

(v.) That if it be desired to call any Witness not examined by the Committee, Counsel must apply for permission to call such Witness, who will be examined as the Committee may think fit;

(vi.) That the extent to which Counsel may address the Committee will be determined at a later stage of the inquiry.

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

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 Burgh of Glasgow (Bridgeton Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Sir George Otto Trelawny, Baronet, who, since his election for the said Burgh, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead, in the County of York.—(Mr. Thomas Ellis.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the System of House-Induced Nuisance, to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law in reference to the Employment of Indian Troops at Suakin, year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

Ordered, That a Sum, not exceeding £726,302, 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 a Grant in Aid of the Expenditure incurred in connection with the Egyptian Expedition to Dongola: Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £726,302, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Knox): The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. James O'Connor; Mr. Anstruther; Mr. Dillon; Mr. Cooke.]

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. James O'Connor; Mr. Austruther; Mr. Labouchere.

The Committee divided.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Works (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 Public Health (Scotland) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon; And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Saturday, 6th February, 1897: Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Berriew School Bill.

Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) 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 upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Elections (Ireland) (Women) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 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, 8th February, 1897.

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, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

London (Borough Road, Southwark) Provisional Order Bill. London (Churchwury, Saint Pancras) Provisional Order Bill. Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time To-morrow.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire the Undertaking of the East London Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Sydney Buxton, Mr. James Stuart, and Mr. Charles Harrison.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire the Undertaking of the Grand Junction Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Sydney Buxton, Mr. James Stuart, and Mr. Charles Harrison.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the Kent Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Sydney Buxton, Mr. James Stuart, and Mr. Charles Harrison.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of Lambeth Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Sydney Buxton, Mr. James Stuart, and Mr. Charles Harrison.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire the Water Undertaking of the Governor and Company of the New River brought from Chadwell and Annuell to London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Sydney Buxton, Mr. James Stuart, and Mr. Charles Harrison.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire the Water Undertaking of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Sydney Buxton, Mr. James Stuart, and Mr. Charles Harrison.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire the Water Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the West Middlesex Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Sydney Buxton, Mr. James Stuart, and Mr. Charles Harrison.

A Petition of the several Persons whose Names are thereunto subscribed, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Westmon-super-Mare Pier and Tramways Company, and authorising them to make and maintain a Pier, Tramways, and other Works at Westmon-super-Mare, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill
Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alfred Thomas, and Mr. Jolliffe.

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


Copy of Appendix to the Fifteenth Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, Part II. (MSS. of J. Elliot Hodgkin, Esquire, F.S.A., of Richmond, Surrey.)

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

Mr. Gerald Ralston presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, according to Provinces and Counties of Judicial Rents, fixed by Chief Commission, Sub-Commissioners, and by Clerk of Bills Courts, Second and Third Statutory Terms as notified to the Irish Land Commission during the Month of November 1896; also, Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

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

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—(1.) Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor of all Sums received by the Visitors of Lunatics for Travelling Expenses, or upon any other account, from the 1st January to the 31st December 1896.

(2.) 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 1896.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Constitution of the District Councils of Aldershot and Farnborough: And that Mr. Powell-Williams accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Constitution of the District Councils of Aldershot and Farnborough: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 22nd day of this instant February, 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 from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House, while ready to provide the funds required for the efficient maintenance of our Military Forces, desires to be convinced that the present system of enlistment and terms of service are such as to be "suitable to the requirements of the Empire"—(Sir Charles Dilke), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Scotland) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustees Second Reading of the Military Works (Money) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, Act (1892) Amendment Bill:

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

Mr. Brodrick reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Services, 1896-97.

Egyptian Expedition to Dongola.

Army (Supplementary).

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 798,802, 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 a Grant in Aid of the Expenditure incurred in connection with the Egyptian Expedition to Dongola.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Tellers for the Yeas to the Right; Tellers for the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 63.

Tellers for the Sir Charles Dilke, Noes, 197.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair — And a Debate arising thereupon; ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Works (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 Military Work (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Lands Act (1892) Act (1892) Amendment Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Bill.

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

Mr. Brodrick reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Services, 1896-97.

Egyptian Expedition to Dongola.

Army (Supplementary).

2. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 145,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the repayment to the Government of India of the extra Expenses incurred in connection with the Employment of Indian Troops at Suakin, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Tellers for the Yeas to the Right; Tellers for the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 63.

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair — And a Debate arising thereupon; ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Military Works (Money) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustees Second Reading of the Military Works (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of January last, That the Unlawful Possession Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 10th day of March 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant 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 23rd day of June next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities 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 Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities Bill; and that he was

Resolved, That the House will, upon Wednesday the 23rd day of June next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Factory Acts (Fishing Trade) 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 Parliamentary Franchise Bill (Extension to Women).

Ordered, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the House will, upon Wednesday the 23rd day of June next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 Wednesday the 23rd day of June next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, under Administrative Counties and County Boroughs of Particulars with respect to the Evening Continuation Schools inspected for Year ended the 30th day of April 1896 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 314 of Session 1896).—(Mr. Hobhouse.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for enacting that all Railway Return Tickets be available for Return Journeys any time during the Year of Issue: And that the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Haldane presented a Bill to amend the Sea Fisheries (Scotland) Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of March 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, 9th February, 1897.

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, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:—

Callander and Oban Railway Bill.
Graves Gas Bill.
East London Water Bill.
Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill.
Great Eastern Railway (New Lines) Bill.
Highland Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.
Highland Railway (Inverness and Fort Augustus Railway) Bill.
Invercargill and Fort Augustus Railway (Inverness Extension) Bill.
Lomondshire and Ayrshire Railway Bill.
North British and West Highland Railway Companies Bill.
North British Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills 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 Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

Arundel Gas Bill.
Ashford Gas Bill.
New River Company Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The London (Borough Road, Southwark) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The London (Churchway, Saint Pancras) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Opium), which was presented upon the (Opium.) 2nd day of this instant February, be printed.

No. 66.
Mr. 

Mr. Maclona presented a Bill for enacting that all Railway Return Tickets be available for Return Journeys any time during the Year of Issue: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Haldane presented a Bill to amend the Sea Fisheries (Scotland) Acts: And the same

Unlawful Possession Bill.
Local Government Act (1894) Amendment Bill.
Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill.
Factory Acts (Fishing Trade) Bill.
Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities Bill.
Evening Continuation Schools.
Railway Return Tickets.
Inquiry into Charities (City of Sheffield).
Sea Fisheries (Scotland).
Mr. Handbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Appropriation Accounts of the Ordnance Factories for the Expense of the Ordnance Factories, the Productions of which have been charged to other Votes, for the year ending 31st March 1896, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of January last, for a Return relative to Railway Companies (Injuries to Servants).

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

Mr. Griffith-Boscawen presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the use of Locomotives on Highways: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Bill presented a Bill to amend the Law for the Administration of Highways: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Griffith-Boscawen presented a Bill to extend the Powers of the Congested Districts Board for Ireland to enable them to acquire by Compulsory Purchase Land in the Vicinity of Congested Districts in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 30th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bill presented a Bill to amend the Law Highways Bill. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of this instant February.

Mr. Talton Egerton presented a Bill for the Registration of Midwives: 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 was made, and the Question being put, That it is expedient to disestablish and disendow the Church of England both in England and Wales.—(Mr. Samuel Smith);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the

Mr. Samuel Smith,

Mr. Morton:

Noes:

86.

204.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That in the opinion of this House, the constant influx of Pauper Aliens into London and other industrial centres is prejudicially affecting and seriously displacing British labour in many industries, and demands and should receive instant attention at the hands of Her Majesty’s Government.—(Mr. Lowles);

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker: and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at five minutes after Seven of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 10th February, 1897.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Ashford Urban District (Gas) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Birkenhead Corporation (Ferries) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Birmingham, Tame, and Rea District Drainage Board Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Bradford Corporation Tramways and Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.
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<td>The London County Council (General Powers) Bill was read a second time To-morrow.</td>
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<td>The London County Council (Improvements) Bill.</td>
<td>A Bill to empower the London County Council Lambeth Water to acquire the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of Lambeth Waterworks, and for other purposes, was the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.</td>
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<td>The Manchester Corporation Bill.</td>
<td>A Bill to authorize the London County Council to raise and expend Money on Capital Account in connection with the acquisition of Lambeth Waterworks, was the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.</td>
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New River Water (Purchase) Bill.

A Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire the Water Undertaking of the Governor and Company of the New River brought from Chadwell and Annesell to London, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Southwark and Vauxhall Water (Purchase) Bill.

A Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire the Undertaking of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

West Middlesex Water (Purchase) Bill.

A Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the West Middlesex Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating the Weston-super-Mare Pier and Tramways Company, and authorizing them to make and maintain a Pier, Tramways, and other Works at Weston-super-Mare, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Coventry Electric Tramways.

A Petition of the thereundersigned Promoters, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Coventry Electric Tramways Company, and to empower that Company to make and maintain a Pier, Tramways, and other Works at Weston-super-Mare, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Charles Murray and Mr. Aird.

Public Petitions.

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

Ordered, That the Army (Ordnance Factories) (Appropriation Account), which was presented, by Her Majesty's Command, be printed.

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

Mr. Hesbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fifth Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Inspection Committee of Trustee Savings Banks for the year ended 20th November 1896, with Appendices;

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum issued on the 31st December 1896, by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, relating to the Truck Acts, for the guidance of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines and Factories.

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

The Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Act (1888) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Court of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sundays 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. Sharpe.)

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 Cemeteries 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 Vehicles 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 Aliens Bill;—

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Second Reading of the Old Age Provident Pensions Bill;—

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Outdoor Second Reading of the Outdoor Provident Relief Bill;—

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Occupying Second Reading of the Occupying Tenants Enfranchisement (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant February.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shops Bill;—

Second Reading of the Shops Bill;—

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Law Second Reading of the Land Law (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 22nd day of this instant February.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licences Second Reading of the Licences (Ireland) Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of this instant February.

The Order of the day being read, for the Working Second Reading of the Working Men's Dwellings Bill;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;  
Ordered, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of January last, That the Sunday Closing (Wales) Act (1881) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;  
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 16th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councillors (Qualification of Women) (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 22nd day of this instant February.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) 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 Second Reading of the Trusts (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 Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Factory Acts (Fishing Trade) Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 23rd day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trusts (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of 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.:—  
Norwich Electric Tramways Bill.  
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City of London Sewers Bill;  
And a Motion was 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. Harrison.)  
And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;  
The House divided.  
The Yeas, [194.]:—  
Mr. Alban Gibbs:  
Mr. Lough:  
Tellers for the Mr. Clough,  
Tellers for the Mr. Harrison,  
Noes, [95.]:—  
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.  
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.  

The Dublin Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.  
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Dublin Corporation Bill that, either by definition or enactment, they make provision for conferring on duly qualified women the Municipal franchise within the City of Dublin.—(Mr. William Johnston).—And a Debate arising thereupon;  
And, Objection being taken, the Debate stood adjourned.  
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

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

The Saint Patrick’s Park, Dublin, Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Bill to incorporate the Coventry Electric Tramways Company, and to empower that Company to make and maintain Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Supplementary Scheme under the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885, for the Management of the Diocesan Schools and Banagher Royal School Endowments. 

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

Mr. Goschen 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 Travers, Esquire, for the year ended on 31st March 1896; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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. 1842 and 1843.

Copy of Reports on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, No. 136, of Session 1896. (Mr. Pinkerton.)

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 the Question, by leaving out the words “the several stages of.” (Mr. Carvell Williams.)

And the Question being put, That the words “the several stages of” 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, 257.
Mr. Anstruther: ]

Tellers for the [Mr. Carvell Williams, Noes, 123.
Mr. Brigy: ]

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, 258.
Mr. Anstruther: ]

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, 119.
Mr. M'Arthur: ]

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, 256.
Mr. Anstruther: ]

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, 117.
Mr. M'Arthur: ]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the several stages of the Voluntary Schools Bill have precedence of all Orders of the Day and Notices of Motions on every day for which the Bill is appointed.

The Order of the day being read, for the voluntary Second Reading of the Voluntary Schools Bill; Schools 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 “no Bill will be satisfactory to this House” and “which does not provide for Board Schools as well as Voluntary Schools” (Mr. McKenna);

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the voluntary Second Reading of the Military Works (Money) Bill; Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Berriew School Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill; Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Scotland) Bill to be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned upon the 5th day of this instant February, That the Public Health (Scotland) 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 Military Lands 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 Bill;
The Nottingham Corporation Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

Ordered, That the Watford, Edgware, and London Railway Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of this instant February.

Ordered, That the West Suburban Railway Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of this instant February.

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

A Petition of the North British Railway Company and the West Highland Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the North British and West Highland Railway Companies Bill for making a short additional Line of Railway to connect their proposed Railway No. 1 with the Line authorised by the Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Act, 1896, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Petition of the there-undersigned Promoters of the Norwich Electric Tramways Bill, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Norwich Electric Tramways Company, and to empower that Company to make and maintain Tramways, 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.

Mr. Haubury presented, by Her Majesty's Post Office Command,—Copy of Agreement between the South African and West Highland Railway Companies.

Copy of Return showing the Names of all Officers of the Royal Irish Constabulary now in receipt of Pensions, of all Head Constables, Sergeants, and Constables, and of all Widows and Children, to whom Pensions have been granted since the Constabulary Estimate for 1896—97 was prepared, with Amount and Date of Pension in each Case.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the Railways (Ireland) Act, Order in Council, entitled the Railways (Ireland) Order, 1897, dated 6th February 1897, making General Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
East India (Statement of Trade).

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Tables relating to the Trade of British India with British Possessions and Foreign Countries for the Five Years 1891-92 to 1895-96.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 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 1896.

Supreme Court (Rules.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing all Public Elementary Schools, which have received Building Grants, that have been closed since 1870; and showing the Amount of such Building Grants.—(Mr. Alfred Hutton.)

Crofter Commission (Scotland.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving details of the Cost to the Public of the Crofter Commission in Scotland from the date of its first formation to the present time.—(General Russell.)

Justices of the Peace.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law in regard to the Qualification of Justices of the Peace; And that Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Stickle-Hoyne, Mr. Henry, Mr. Jolliff, Sir Joseph Leese, and Mr. Logan do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government (County Council Clerks.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to future Appointments to the Office of Clerk of the County Council in Administrative Counties in England and Wales: And that Mr. Luttrell, Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Stephens, and Mr. Warner do prepare, and bring it in.

Justices of the Peace Bill, Bill 132.

Mr. Luttrell presented a Bill to amend the Law in regard to the Qualification of Justices of the Peace: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Local Government (County Council Clerks) Bill, Bill 133.

Mr. Luttrell presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to future Appointments to the Office of Clerk of the County Council in Administrative Counties in England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Supply Committee (Army Estimates.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of this instant February, Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for Committee of Supply (Army Estimates): And the Question being again proposed— The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.) Army Estimates, 1897-98. 1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Number of Land Forces, not exceeding 155,774, 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 1898:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Number of Land Forces, not exceeding 154,574 all ranks, be maintained for the said Service—(Mr. Labouchere); The Committee divided. Tellers for the (Mr. Labouchere), Yes, (Mr. Dillon) 20. Tellers for the; Sir William Walrond, Noes, (Mr. Austrander) 134.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, the 60 VICTORIA Copies of Tables relating to the Trade of British India with British Her Majesty's Command, 1891-92 to 1895-96. for the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of Her Majesty's Army at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India) (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve, and Departments). 2. £ 3,937,800, for the Pay, &c., of the Medical Establishment, and the Cost of Medicines, &c. Resolutions to be reported. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,53,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay, Extra Pay, Bounty, &c. (exclusive of Supplies, Clothing, &c.) of the Militia (to a Number not exceeding 135,243, including 30,000 Militia Reserve), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898:

Whereupon Motion made, and 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 Leetche reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Works (Money) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Bill (Scotland); The Order of the day being read, for the Military Second Reading of the Military Works (Money) 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 5th day of this instant February, That the Public Health (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time: Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of this instant February, That the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read a second time; And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.
The Trusts (Scotland) 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 Law of Evidence (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 County Surveyors (Ireland) Amendment 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 withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leaseholders (Purchase of Fee Simple) (No. 2) 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 Midwives' Registration Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of this instant February.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Mon 15th February, 1897.

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. 52 has been complied with, viz.:—

Devonport Water Bill.
East Warwickshire Water Bill.
Great Northern and City Railway Bill.
London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway (Abandonment) Bill.
Luton Water Bill.
Maidstone 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, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

London (Clare Market, Strand) Provisional Order Bill.
Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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

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

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

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

The Crowborough District Water Bill was Crowborough District Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Dearne Valley Railway Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the East London Water Bill be East London Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Great Eastern Railway (General Pows) Bill be read a second time:

The Great Eastern Railway (New Lines) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Highland Railway (Inverness and Fort Augustus) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Inverarry and Fort Augustus Railway (Inverness Extension) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Kent Water Board Bill be Kent Water Board Bill.

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

The New River Company Bill was read New River Company Bill.

The North British and West Highland Railway Companies Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the North British Railway Bill be read a second time:

The Salford Corporation Bill was read a Salford Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Worcestershire County Council Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dublin Port Order 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.:—

London (Clare Market, Strand) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Harrow, Second Reading of the Harrow, Uxbridge, and High Wycombe Railway Bill:

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

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide First Report, Prison-made Goods.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence between the Board of Trade and the Foreign Office, and between the Foreign Office and certain of Her Majesty's Representatives Abroad, on the subject of Foreign Prison-made Goods.

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 Abstract of Accounts of the University of Aberdeen.

No. 73.
Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the direction 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 1846. — (1.) An Account of the Gross Amount of all Sums received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of Banks for Savings and Friendly Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, from their commencement at 6th August 1817 to the 20th November 1896: — (2.) An Account of the several Transactions which have taken place during the year ended 20th November 1896, 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: — (3.) An Account showing the Aggregate Amount of the Liabilities of the Government to the Trustees of Savings Banks and Friendly Societies respectively, on 20th November 1896, &c.

Mr. Curzon presented,—Return to an Address from the City of London, dated the 3rd day of this instant February, for a Return relative to the Arbitration Treaty (Great Britain and United States) (United States, No. 1, 1867).

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of January last, for Returns relative to Arrests for Drunkenness (Ireland).

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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Orders for reading a second time, on the 11th day of this instant February, was—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, Schools Bill.

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Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Sailors and Soldiers Killed or Wounded in War or Warlike Operations carried on by the Government of this Country and Chartered Companies during the Years 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, and 1896 respectively (exclusive of Wars carried on by the Government of India).—(Mr. Lough.)

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 10th day of March next.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Education Department, a Copy of Revised Instructions issued by the Education Department to Her Majesty's Inspectors, and applicable to the Code of 1897.—Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Education Command,—Copy of Code of Regulations for Day Schools, with Schedules and Appendices, (Code 1897.) by the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education, 1887.

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The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Code of Regulations for Day Schools, by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland, 1897.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Said Andrew's.—Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Saint Andrews to the Secretary for Scotland, under Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, from 1st October 1892 to 30th September 1896.—Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Finances, Ad. 1897.—ministration, and Condition of Egypt, and the Progress of Reform.—Ordered, That the said Paper 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,—Index to the Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, under the Friendly Societies Act, 1875, for the 21 Years 1875-95 No. 70. inclusive.—Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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 (Electors) Bill, without any Amendment.

The London (Clare Market, Strand) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Metropolitan Police Provisional Order 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) 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 North British Railway Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

South Yorkshire Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time,

Tuesday, 16th February, 1897.

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.:

South Yorkshire Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time,
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:

Local Government Act, 1897.

Resolved, That 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 censures pleased to give directions, that there be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be presented to Her Majesty an humble Address, that She return; and the conduct of Her Majesty’s Government in reference thereto;” 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 was proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. T. P. O’Connor): And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for London Water Private Bills do examine the London Water Companies Amendment Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland.)

Mr. T. P. O’Connor, Member for the Scotland Adjournment. Division of Liverpool, 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 present Cretan Affairs, the critical position of affairs in the Island of Crete, and the conduct of Her Majesty’s Government in reference thereto”; 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 was proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. T. P. O’Connor): And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of Army Officers on the Active List in each Branch of the Army holding Civil Appointments whose Time while so Employed counts for Military Promotion and Military Pension.

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The Orders made upon the 14th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for presenting to Her Majesty an humble Address, that She would be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Discharged Soldiers (Scotland and Ireland); and that the said Return do lie upon the Table, and be printed, were read, and disapproved.

Resolved, That 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 Discharged Soldiers chargeable on the Poor Rates of England, Scotland, and Ireland as Inmates of Workhouses, and in Receipt of Outdoor Relief.—(Mr. Powell-Williams.)

Ordered, That the Proceeding on the Second Reading of the Voluntary Schools Bill, if under discussion at Twelve o’clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Sittings of the House and Mr. Baffle.

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. Thomas Ellis, Noes, (Mr. M’Arthur:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Merchant Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894: Shipping.

And that Mr. Wilcox, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Williams Frederick Smith, and Mr. Stock do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Wilcox accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894: And Shipping Bill, the same was read the first time; and ordered Bill 135, to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of May next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment Schools Bill.

The Question: The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Wednesday, 17th February, 1897:

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question: The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Wednesday, 17th February, 1897:

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question: The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;
Wednesday, 17th February, 1897.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, upon the 11th day of this instant February, resolving, That the House will, upon Thursday the 10th day of March next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till seven and twenty minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of March next.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Army (Royal Command.—Copy of Report of the Board of Military Visitors of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, for 1896.

Copy of Report of the Board of Visitors of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, for 1896.

Mr. Brodrick also presented, pursuant to the Army Reserve, directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Further Regulations relating to the Army Reserve.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an University Order, dated the 21st day of January last, for Education in Ireland (Ireland).

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to Committee directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Returns from the Clerks of the Crown in Ireland of the Number of Persons committed for Trial in the year 1896.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Meteorology, Command,—Copy of Report of the Meteorological Council to the Royal Society for the year ending 31st March 1896.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Tenant Right in Towns (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) 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."—(Sir Alfred Hickman.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question—and a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Parnell rose in his place, and claimed to Closure move, "That the Question be now put," but Mr.克莱 claimed; Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to withhold his assent, but put that Question, as it appeared to him that assent, and the House was prepared shortly to come to a given a decision without that Motion.

Then the House resumed the Debate. And the Question being put; The House divided.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of January last, for Education in Ireland (Ireland).

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture.
culture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures—(Mr. Jonathan Samuel); and, it being after half-past Five of the clock, and Objection being taken to Further Proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed To-morrow.

Rating of Machinery Suspensory Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery Suspensory Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of March next.

School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill.
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 the 9th day of March next.

Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill.
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 Thursday the 11th day of March next.

Married Persons' Small Industrial Incomes (Tax Relief) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Persons' Small Industrial Incomes (Tax Relief) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of March next.

Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill.
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 Friday the 12th day of March next.

Truck Acts Amendment Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Truck Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 25th day of this instant February.

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.

Vehicles (Light) Bill.
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 10th day of March next.

Aliens Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Aliens Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Shops (Early Closing) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Shops Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Working Men's Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery Dwelling Dwellings Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time next Bill, upon Wednesday the 3rd day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shop Assistants Second Reading of the Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) Bill.

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Committee of Ways and Means.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a County Bill to enable Women to be elected and to serve upon County Councils: And that Mr. Boussfield, Mr. Courtenay, Mr. Sydney Buxton, Sir Dilwyn Llewellin, Mr. Justin McCarthy, Sir Stafford Northcote, Mr. Hallam, and Mr. Spicer do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Estates Tail Bill to prevent the Creation of Estates Tail: And that Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Bigham, Mr. Cozens-Hardy, Mr. Crripps, Mr. Hobhouse, and Mr. Scheene do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Borough Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Pay- ment of Clerks to the Justices of Boroughs: And that Sir Albert Rollit, Mr. Woodall, Mr. Wilber, and Sir Edward Courtney do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Licensing Bill to exempt the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor in the Houses of Parliament from the Licensing Acts: And that Lord Stanley, Mr. Kourty, Mr. Power, and Mr. William Redmond do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Boussfield presented a Bill to enable County Women to be elected and to serve upon County Councils: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of March next, and to be printed.

Mr. Hopkinson presented a Bill to prevent the Estates Tail creation of Estates Tail: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next, and to be printed.

Mr. Albert Rollit presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Payment of Clerks to the Justices of Boroughs: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of June next, and to be printed.

Lord Stanley presented a Bill to exempt the Licensing Sale of Intoxicating Liquor in the Houses of Parliament from the Licensing Acts: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow, and to be printed.
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Sir Charles Dalrymple reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th days, of January last, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, and 15th days of this instant February; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

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

Thursday, 18th February, 1897.

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.:

Great Northern 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, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have been complied with in the following case, viz.:

Whiting's Patent.

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, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

National Provident Institution Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Chelsea Water (Purchase) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of March next.

Ordered, That the East London Water (Purchase) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Grand Junction Water (Purchase) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Kent Water (Purchase) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Lambeth Water (Purchase) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of March next.

Ordered, That the London Water (Purchase) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of March next.

Ordered, That the New River Water (Purchase) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Southwark and Vauxhall Water (Purchase) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of March next.

Ordered, That the West Middlesex Water (Purchase) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Hull and South Yorkshire Extension Hall and Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Leeds Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London County Buildings Corporation 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. Boulnois.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Admiral Field rose in his place, and claimed Closure 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 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. Whitmore, Mr. John Burns.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Boulnois, Mr. Tristram.

The Noes to the Left.

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 Dearne Valley Railway Bill;

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

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Bolton Burgesses of the Borough of Bolton, for leave and power to bring in a Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bolton to construct Additional Tramways in and adjacent to the Borough, to construct Highway Works and Boating Lake and other Works; to borrow additional Moneys, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Shepherd-Cross and Lord Stanley.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to University Education (Ireland), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence regarding
Money which has been spent on the Royal Barracks (Dublin) during the last 15 Years, giving the leading Details of the Expenditure. (General Russell.)

Resolved, That 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, as regards the United Kingdom and Foreign Stations, showing separately for the United Kingdom, Bengal, Madras, Bombay, Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Egypt, Canada, Bermuda, West Indies, Jamaica, South Africa, Mauritius, Ceylon, Straits Settlements, and Hong Kong, the Average Annual Strength of the Troops, the Admissions of Soldiers to Hospital, and the Ratio of Admissions per Thousand of mean Strength for Primary Veneral Sores, Secondary Syphilis, and Gonorrhoea, respectively, together with the Total Numbers constantly Sick from those Causes, and the Ratio constantly Sick from such Causes per Thousand of Mean Strength; the Return to specify any Changes which have been made during the period it covers in the Nomenclature of the Diseases referred to, showing the general Effect on the subsequent Statistics in the Return, with the Dates when such Changes were made (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 153, of Session 1894-95).—(Mr. Jeffreys.)

The Order made upon the 11th day of this agricultural instant February, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Agricultural Produce (Ireland), was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Average Prices of Agricultural Produce in Ireland, was read, and discharged.

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, a Copy of Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soone on 5th January 1897.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Amount of Money which has been spent on the Royal Barracks (Dublin) during the last 15 Years, giving the leading Details of the Expenditure. (General Russell.)

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Amount of Vol. 152.
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PUBLIC HEALTH (SCOTLAND) BILL.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of this instant February, That the Public Health (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

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.

Trusts (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Trusts (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jesse Collings 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.

Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) 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.

Steam Enginemen and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill.

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 the Steam Enginemen and Boilers (Persons in Charge) 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.

Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

Friday, 19th February, 1897.

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, originating in the Lords, the Orders not Standing Orders have not been complied with, in the following case, viz.:

Cheltenham and Hill of Howth Tramroad.

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, originating in the Lords, the Orders not Standing Orders have not been complied with, in the following case, viz.:

Cheltenham and Hill of Howth Tramroad.

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

The City and West End Railway Bill was, by the Lord Speaker, ordered to be read a second time; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Death Duties, which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report of the Petitions. Viz.:


Ordered, That the Return relative to East India Railways by private Agency.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return of Copies of the several Descriptions of Qualifications, under the provisions of the Militia Act, 1882, lodged with the Clerks of the Peace or Deputy Lieutenants during the year 1896, and furnished to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report of the Petitions. Viz.:

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, the following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Return of Copies of the several Descriptions of Qualifications, under the provisions of the Militia Act, 1882, lodged with the Clerks of the Peace or Deputy Lieutenants during the year 1896, and furnished to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

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

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, the following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Return of Copies of the several Descriptions of Qualifications, under the provisions of the Militia Act, 1882, lodged with the Clerks of the Peace or Deputy Lieutenants during the year 1896, and furnished to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table, the following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Return of Copies of the several Descriptions of Qualifications, under the provisions of the Militia Act, 1882, lodged with the Clerks of the Peace or Deputy Lieutenants during the year 1896, and furnished to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Sir John Moubray reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as follows.

That, in the case of the Great Eastern Railway (Lowestoft Harbour), 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.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Selection (Standing Committee) (Chairmen's Panel).

Sir John Moubray reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had selected the following Six Members to be the Chairman's Panel and to serve as Chairmen of the two Standing Committees to be appointed under Standing Order No. 47:--Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Mr. John Edward Ellis, Sir James Ferguson, Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Mr. Waterton, and Mr. Stuart-Wortley.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Transfer of Church Patronage: And that Mr. Stanley Leighton, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, and Sir John Kenyon do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Stanley Leighton accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the Transfer of Church Patronage: and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of March next; and to be printed.

Supply (First Alotted Day).

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1897-98.

1. £ 555,000, for the Pay, Extra Pay, Bounty, &c. (exclusive of Supplies, Clothing, &c.) of the Militia (to a number not exceeding 135,243, including 30,000 Militia Rovers).

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 76,000, 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 1898:

Whereupon Motion made; and Question put, That Item A. (Cost of Provisions) be reduced to £ 69,000, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Knox);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas; (Mr. Whittaker) 46.

Tellers for the Noes; (Mr. Anstruther) 182.

Original Question put; and agreed to.

From 2nd to 7th February, 1897:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 19th 20th February.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the Committee had come to several Resolutions to be reported.

Ordered, That the Report be read 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 on the Military Lands 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 the Second Reading of the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) 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 Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.,—

**Birmingham City Tramways.**

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

A Petition of the City of Birmingham Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the City of Birmingham Tramways Company to construct additional Tramways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Duddes, and of the Duddes Corporation, praying that provision may be made in the Duddes Corporation Bill, for amending the Administration of the Burgh, and extinguishing Powers and Authorities in such Administration other than those derived from the Municipal Electors of the Burgh, and to provide that the Dean of Guild shall no longer sit, vote, or act at Meetings of the Town Council, or of Committees thereof, but shall cease to be a Member of the Town Council, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

The **East Warwickshire Water Bill** was read a second time; and committed.

The **Great Northern and City Railway Bill** was read a second time; and committed.

The **London, Welhamstow, and Epping Forest Railway (Abandonment) Bill** was read a second time; and committed.

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

The **South Yorkshire Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill** was read a second time; and committed.

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

The **Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill** was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The **North British Railway Bill** was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That, in the case of the **Coventry Cremation Electric Tramways Bill**, Standing Orders 204 to 235 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read a second time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

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

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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 19th day of this instant February, be printed.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Ma-
jesty's Command,—Copy of Statements of Deposits
and Cash Balances in Joint Stock Banks;
Deposits in Post Office Savings Banks;
Trustee Savings Banks; Amount of the Gov-
ernment Funds, India Stocks, and Guaranteed
Land Stock; and Bank Note Circulation in
Ireland, December 1896; also Weekly Traffic
Receipts of Irish Railways for the Years
1893-96; and Railway Traffic Statistics for
each of the Ten Years 1886-1895.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,
by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Judicial
Statistics for England and Wales, for the year
1895. Part I. (Criminal Statistics.)

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

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders
made by the County Councils of various Counties
in England and Wales under the Local Govern-
ment Act, 1888, and confirmed by the Local
Government Board.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Com-
mand,—Estimate of the Sums required to
be voted for the Service of the year ending
31st March 1897, for Repayment to Naval
Funds of certain Excess Expenditure under the
Navy Defence Act, 1889 (52 Vic. c. 8, s. 1).

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

Mr. Guesdon presented, by Her Majesty's Com-
mand,—Copy of Statement of the First
Lord of the Admiralty explanatory of the Navy
Estimates, 1897-98.

Estimate of the further Amount which will
be required during the year ending 31st March
1897, for Repayment to Naval
Funds of certain Excess Expenditure under the
Navy Defence Act, 1889 (52 Vict. c. 8, s. 1).

Ordered, That the said Estimates be referred
by the Committee of Supply, and be printed;
and that the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrich presented,—Return to an Ad-
dress to Her Majesty, dated the 16th day of this
instant February, for a Return relative to Dis-
charged Soldiers (England, Scotland, and
Ireland).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House,
A Return showing the Names of present Members
of the House of Commons who are in Receipt of
Public Money from any Public Source, whether
in the form of Salary, Pay, Pension, or Allow-
ance of any kind, or who have received Com-
munication in respect thereof, under the Com-
mutation Acts; the Amount they receive or have
commuted, with the Amount of the Commuta-
tion Money; and the Name of the Office or
Nature of the Service for which the Money
is or may have been paid (in continuation of Parlia-
mentary Paper, No. 396, of Session 1888).—(Mr.
Gibson Bowles.)

Henry Currie Leigh-Bennett, Esquire, Mem-
ber for the County of Surrey (North Western
or Chertsey Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his War-
rant 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 Borough of
Halifax, in the room of William Rowan Shaw,
Esquire, who, since his Election for the said
Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or
Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northoe, in
the County of York.—(Mr. Thomas Ellis.)

Mr. Labouchere, Member for Northampton, rose
Adjournment, in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjourn-
definite Motion for the purpose of discussing a
definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.
"the firing on Greek Forces in Crete by Her Ma-
jury's Ships"; 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):
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis,
Mr. A. J. Foster.

Tellers for the Mr. William Walrond,
Mr. Anstruther:

So it passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Works (Money) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Issue of Money for the Works
mentioned in the Schedule).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the words “five million four hundred and
fifty-eight thousand,” in order to insert the words “three million.”—(Mr. Lough.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be
left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. William Walrond,
Mr. Anstruther:

Tellers for the Mr. Lough,
Mr. Goddard;

47.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out the words “at any time,” in order to
insert the words “within seven years.”—(Mr.
Lough.)

Question put, That the words “at any time”
stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. William Walrond,
Mr. Anstruther:

Tellers for the Mr. Lough,
Mr. Goddard:

68.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, to
leave out the words “ninety-six,” in order to
insert the words “ninety-seven.”—(Mr. Lough.)

Question put, That the words “ninety-six”
stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. William Walrond,
Mr. Anstruther:

Tellers for the Mr. Lough,
Mr. Morton:

75.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17,
to leave out the word "Treasury," in order to insert the words "House of Commons,"—(Mr. Keane.)

Question put, That the word "Treasury" stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walborn] 181.
[Mr. Ayrton] 68.
Tellers for the [Mr. Keane] 65.
[Mr. Courtown Warer] 72.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 1, l. 22, to leave out Sub-section (3).—(Mr. Lough.)
Question, That Sub-section (3) stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Question put, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walborn] 173.
[Mr. Ayrton] 55.
Tellers for the [Mr. Lough] 63.
[Mr. Morton] 96.

Clause, No. 2 (Borrowing for purposes of Act, and Accounts and Audit).
Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out the words "may if they think fit at any time," in order to insert the word "shall."—(Mr. Lough.)
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

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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 Lounher 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 5th day of this instant February, That the Public Health (Scotland) 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 Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill;

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

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow :

**Army Estimates, 1897-98.**

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 553,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay, Extra Pay, Bounty, &c. (exclusive of Supplies, Clothing, &c.) of the Militia (to a number not exceeding 135,243, including 30,000 Militia Reserve), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 76,000, 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 1898.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 827,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Capital 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 1898.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 639,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Transport and Remounts, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,553,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Provisions, Forage, &c. (Railway Fatalities Bill);

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Steam Enginges and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of this instant February, That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge)
Tuesday, 25th February, 1897.

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 additional Provision in the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

**North British Railway and West Highland Railway Companies Bill.**

**Dearne Valley Railway Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the **Dearne Valley Railway Bill.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

**Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill.**

**Weymouth Water Bill.**

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) 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 East India (Extension of Railways by Private Agency), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Discharged Soldiers (England, Scotland, and Ireland), which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Third and Final Report of the Committee on the International Code of Signals to the Secretary of the Board of Trade.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to define the Position and Obligations of a Warehouseman who issues a Certificate of the Deposit or a Warrant for the delivery of Goods, and to render the Title of the Holder on such a Document more complete: And that Mr. Bid- dulph Morgan, Sir Stephen Lowth, Mr. Alvan Gibbes, Mr. Faithful Hogg, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Clough do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Biddulph Morgan presented a Bill to define the Position and Obligations of a Warehouseman who issues a Certificate of the Deposit or a Warrant for the delivery of Goods, and to render the Title of the Holder on such a Document more complete: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 29th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Lloyd Morgan presented a Bill to permit Juries to separate in Cases of Felony: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Howard Vincent presented a Bill to restrict the Importation of Goods made by Foreign Convicts and Felons under Duress, and unfairly competing with Free Labour in Great Britain and Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 29th day of March next; and to be printed.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House is of opinion that the distressed condition of the Peasant and Small Occupying Freeholders in Wales is such as to call for the earliest attention of the Government, and that it is desirable that State Loans, subject to a low rate of interest, should be granted to such of the said Freeholders as purchased their own holdings with money borrowed on the security of their land to enable them to redeem existing mortgages in respect of which a higher rate of interest is payable than such Freeholders are able to pay in the present state of agriculture:—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan);

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lloyd Morgan, Yeas, 43.
Mr. Rees Davies;]

Tellers for the [Sir William Wolvord, Noes, 102.
Mr. Austrander;]

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Accounts of the Number of Persons Licensed in each 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 Quantities of Malt and Corn, and Sugar, including the Equivalents of Syrups, used by them, particularising each Class in each Collection, from the 1st day of October 1895 to the 30th day of September 1896:—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 1895 to the 30th day of September 1896, distinguishing England, Scotland, and Ireland:—Of the Amount of Licence Duty paid and Beer Duty charged from the 1st day of October 1895 to the 30th day of September 1896, distinguishing Brewers for Sale from other Brewers:—Of the Number of Common Brewers paying for Licences, from the 1st day of October 1895 to the 30th day of September 1896, separating them into Classes: under 1,000 Barrels, at 1.055 degrees 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 under 250,000; 250,000 and under 300,000; 300,000 and under 350,000; 350,000 and under 400,000; 400,000 and under 450,000; 450,000 and under 500,000; 500,000 and under 550,000; 550,000 and under 600,000; 600,000 and under 1,000,000; 1,000,000 Barrels and over; showing separately, in each Class, the Quantities of Malt and Corn, and Sugar, including the Equivalents of Syrups used; and stating the Amount of Licence Duty paid and Beer Duty charged in each Class:

And, Return of the Number of Brewing Licences taken out last year by persons who pay no Beer Duty (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 100, of Session 1896).—(Mr. Hanbury).

The House proceeded to take into considera-...

Statute Law Revision Bills, of this instant February, relating to the appoint-...

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Seven Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords (as mentioned in their No. 130, in the present Session) for the revision of the Statute Law, to consider all Statute Law Revision Bills and Consolidation Bills of the present Session.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith:—And that the Clerk do carry the same.

The Committee was nominated of Mr. William Ambrose,
The Order of the day being read, for the Burials Bill.

Second Reading of the Burials Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Griffith-Boscawen.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months;

And the Question being put, 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 Licences (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 5th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Locomotives Second Reading of the Locomotives on Highways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 5th of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation 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 the Rating of Machinery Suspensory Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of March next.
Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of March next.

Cemeteries Rating Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Aliens Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Shops (Early Closing) Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Working Men's Dwellings Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Justices of the Peace Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Local Government (County Council Clerks) Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Supply; ordered, that this house will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said committee.

Ways and Means; ordered, that this house will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said committee.

Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of March next.

Prison Made Goods (Importation) Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Occupying Tenants' Enfranchisement (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of March next.

Metropolitan and other Police Courts 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 Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of March 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 Aliens 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 Shops (Early Closing) 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 Working Men's Dwellings 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 Justices of the Peace 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 (County Council Clerks) Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; resolved, that this House will, 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 Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th 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 Occupying Tenants' Enfranchisement (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan and other Police Courts 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 Employers' Liability (Foreign Shipowners) 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 Estates Tail 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 Licensing of Exemptions (Houses of Parliament) Bill; ordered, that the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Land Tenure Bill to amend the Law relating to the Tenure of Land: and that Mr. Lamb, Mr. Seale-Hayne, Mr. Channing, Mr. Luttrell, and Mr. Frederic Wilson do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. Lamb accordingly presented a Bill to Land Tenure, amended the Law relating to the Tenure of Land: Bill 114.

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

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.:

Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, no inquiry into Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable, viz.:

Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Bill. Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills 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 been complied with in the following cases, viz.:

Seconded Improvements and Tramways.

The Great Northern Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Motion was made, and the Question was seconded, that the Report of the Examiners, that the Standing Orders in relation to the Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Bill had been complied with, be referred back to the Examiners with instructions to report whether Standing Orders 4, 30, and 37 have been complied with so far as the common lands known as Gunton Denes and Lowestoft.
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Lowestoft Docks are affected by the Bill—(Mr. Harry Foster) — And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Estimate of Charge for the Ordnance Factories for the year 1897-98.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, in pursuance of Standing Order 158a.—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the South Yorkshire Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill, and the objects thereof.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Agricultural Produce (Ireland).

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of further Correspondence relating to the Island of Tristan da Cunha (in continuation of [C. 4959], February 1887).

Copy of Correspondence relating to the Transfer of Norfolk Island to the Government of New South Wales.

Copy of Correspondence relating to the Sugar Industry in the West Indies.

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. 1848 to 1849.

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

Mr. Anstruther presented, Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of February, 1897: To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of March next.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Voluntary Schools Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to insert Clauses in the Bill with a view to making provision for ensuring adequate representation of Local Authorities or Parents on the Management of the Schools in receipt of the Aid Grant—(Mr. Lloyd-George) — And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. John Morley) — 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 proceeded to a Division.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Balfour claimed " That the Original Question be now put;"

And the Original Question being accordingly put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to insert Clauses in the Bill with a view to making provision for ensuring adequate representation of Local Authorities or Parents on the Management of the Schools in receipt of the Aid Grant—(Mr. Lloyd-George) —

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Balfour claimed " That the Original Question be now put;"

And the Original Question being accordingly put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to insert Clauses in the Bill with a view to making provision for ensuring adequate representation of Local Authorities or Parents on the Management of the Schools in receipt of the Aid Grant—(Mr. Lloyd-George) —

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee on the 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 Leach 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 Military Works Committee on the Military Works (Money) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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. Austin, Mr. Baboury, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Sydney Buxton, Sir Charles Dilke, Sir Arthur Forwood, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Morrison, Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, Sir Albert Rollitt, 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 of the Committee. (Sir William Walrond.)

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

Friday, 26th February, 1897.
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.:—

Liverpool, Saint Helens, and South Lancashire Railway Bill.
Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill.
Wigan Junction Railways Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills 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 Bills, Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

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

The Watford, Edgware, and London Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the West Suburban Second Reading of the West Suburban Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Estaires Tail Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
of this House of 12th March 1896, they do insert such provisions in the Bill as will insure the Acquisition by the Local Authority of such a suitable area of Open Space as, in the judgment of the Committee, ought fairly to be substituted for the Common Rights proposed to be extinguished under the Bill.—(Mr. Poulton.)

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.

Ordered, 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 in excess of the General Law.

Ordered, 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.

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.—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

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 Earl of Bridgewater, the annual proceeds of which amount to about Four hundred pounds; and also of a Bequest of the late Lord Farnborough, 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 Trusts devolved on 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 Return relative to Agricultural Produce (Ireland), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant February, 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 "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861," and "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, Amendment Act,"

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Emigrants' Information Office for the year ended 31st December 1896.

Copy of Report on the Welsh Settlement at Chubut, in the Argentine Republic.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, and Trade Unions, for the year ending 31st December 1896, on Friendly Societies, Industrial and Provident Societies, for the year ending 31st December 1896, with benefit to the Public, be carried on 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 London (Churchway, Saint Pancras) 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 upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the London (Borough Road, Southwark) 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 upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther 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 upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Crays Crays Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Trustee Returns (1) 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, if any; the Amount of Security each gives; the Annual Expenses of Management, inclusive of all Payments and Salaries, for the year ended the 20th day of November 1896; the Rate per Centum per annum on the Capital of the Bank for the Expenses of Management; the Rate of Interest paid to Depositors on the various Amounts of Deposits, and the Average Rate of Interest on all Accounts; the Number of Accounts remaining open; the Total Amount owing to Depositors; the Total Amount invested with the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; the Balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the 20th day of November 1896; the
The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the London Water Companies Amalgamation Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of March next.

Sir John Mowbray 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. Whitmore: and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Graham.

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 Members, in respect of the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Act (1888) Amendment Bill: —Mr. Ascroft, Mr. Atherton-Jones, Mr. Brooke, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Cawley, Mr. Chrisp, Mr. Kemm, Mr. Kenyon, Colonel Mellor, Mr. Mundella, Mr. Platt-Higgins, Sir Albert Rollit, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Tomlinson, and Mr. Herbert Whiteley.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Solicitors, and to the Service of Indented Apprentices in Ireland: And that the same be read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to relieve Persons required to serve in the Office of High Sheriff in Ireland: And that Mr. Carson, Colonel Staunton, Mr. Horace Plunkett, Mr. John Redmond, and Sir Robert Penrose FitzGerald do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. Carson presented a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Solicitors, and to the Service of Indented Apprentices in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

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

Navy (Supplementary) Estimates, 1896-97.

1. £ 507,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for additional Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz.: —

Vote 4. Construction of Vessels, under the Naval Defence Act, 1889.

Vote 5. £ 40 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books, &c., for the Public Service.

Total...

Navy (Supplementary) Estimates, 1896-97.

Class I.

1. £ 7,000 (Supplementary Sum), 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.

Class II.

4. £ 1,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Expenses of Telegrams of the Department of the Solicitor for Colonies.

5. £ 40 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Colonies.

6. £ 25,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for Naval Armaments.

7. £ 80 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Expenses of the Board of Lianscy in Scotland.

8. £ 17,500 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of
of Judicature as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.
11. £12,938 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.
12. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £12,938, 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 Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission.
Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £12,938, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Kilbride);
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the
Yes, [Mr. Flynn: 91.]
Noes, [Mr. Austruther: 188.]
Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class IV.
13. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £153,034, 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 Public Education in England and Wales:
Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £153,034, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Chasman);
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the
Yes, [Mr. Whitaker: 42.]
Noes, [Mr. Joseph Henry Wilson: 140.]
Original Question put, and agreed to.
14. £10,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Expenses of the Department of Science and Art in respect of Schools of Science.
15. £650 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for Purchases and Acquisitions of the British Museum.
16. £327 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery.
17. £20,110 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland.

Class V.
18. £32,670 (Supplementary Sum), 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.
19. £36,700 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for a Grant in Aid of Expenses connected with the British Protectorate in East Africa.
20. £14,980 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.
21. £1,200 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Expenses in connection with the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

Class VI.
22. £16,304, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, to make good the Net Loss on Transactions connected with the raising of Money for the various Treasury Chests Abroad in the year 1895-96.

Class VII.
23. £30,151 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, to make good the Sum by which the Interest accrued in the year ended 20th November 1896, from Securities held by 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 the said Commissioners are obliged by Statute to Pay and Credit during such latter mentioned year to Trustees of Savings Banks and to Friendly Societies; and also the Sum by which the Interest accrued in the year ended 31st December 1896, from Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners, on account of “The Post Office Savings Bank Fund,” is insufficient to meet the Interest which the said Commissioners are obliged by Statute to Pay and Credit during such latter mentioned year to Depositors and the Expenses incurred during that year in the execution of the Acts relating thereto.
24. £95,434, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for a Grant in Aid of the Capital of the Pension Fund created under the provisions of the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879.

Class VII.
25. £4,500 (Supplementary Sum), 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, including Special Inquiries.
26. £16,617, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, to make good certain Sums written off from the Assets of the Local Loans Fund.
27. £20,500, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the British Commissions for the International Exhibitions at Brussels, 1897, and Paris, 1900.

Revenue Departments.
28. £6,800 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Island Revenue Department.
29. £10 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Services.

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 Consideration 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 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 Second Reading of the Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) 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 Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill ; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

M r. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report of the Commissioner for the Census of 1891, to which a Reference was made under "The Local Registration of Title (Judicial Rents) Act, 1896." Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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

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

The Epsom Downs Extension Railway Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

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

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

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

The London and North Western Railway (Wales) Bill was read a second time ; and committed.

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

The London (Borough Road, Southwark) 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 London (Churchway, Saint Pancras) 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 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.

A Petition of the Great Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Great Eastern Railway Company to construct additional Works in connection with Lowestoft Harbour, and for other purposes, was presented, and read ; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Great North of Scotland Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Great North of Scotland Railway Bill for connecting their proposed Light Railway with their own Main Line at Kittipreaster, was presented, and read ; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, according to the directions of an Act of Parliament, tration of Title also made under "The Local Registration of Title (Judicial Rents) Act, 1896." Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of General Rules, dated 24th December 1896 ; also Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Judicial Registration of Title (Ireland) Act, 1891." Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Register General on Births, Deaths, and Marriages registered in Scotland during the year 1896, and Thirty-second Annual Report on Vaccination. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Historical Manuscripts by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Appendix to the Fifteenth Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, Part III. (MSS. of Charles Haliday, Esquire, of Dublin, Acts of the Privy Council in Ireland, 1556—1571). Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Account showing all the Sums which have been received into the Treasury Chest, and which have been paid out of the same, between the 1st April 1893 and the 31st March 1896, and of the Liabilities.
Liabilities and Assets of the Treasury Chest on the latter day ; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Annual Accounts, for the year 1895-96, of Shipbuilding and Dockyard Transactions, &c., including Manufactures; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 18th February, 1897, granting a Retired Allowance, under the Superannuation Act, 1887, to Mr. Claude Ernest Benson, Clerk of the Upper Division, War Department.

Annual Account of the Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund (Ireland) (Non-Congested Districts) for the year ending 31st December 1896. (Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Accounts relative to the Treasury Chest and Navy (Dockyard Expense Accounts, 1895-96) be printed.)

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Reports on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, Nos. 417 and 418.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of the Board of Trade upon the following Harbour, &c., Bills, viz. :—

(1.) Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway (New Ross and Waterford Extension) Bill.

(2.) Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill.

(3.) Borrowstounness Town and Harbour Bill.

(4.) Bristol Corporation (Docks) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Standing Committees (Chairmen's Panel.)

Law, &c.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have referred the Post Office Consolidation Bill to the Joint Committee appointed by both Houses to consider all Statute Law Revision Bills and Consolidation Bills of the present Session.

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

Clauses claimed, but the Chairman withholds his assent.

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "aiding," to insert the word "necessary."—(Mr. Lambert.)

Question put, That the word "necessary" be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lambert, Yeas, Mr. Poulton ;] 104.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, Mr. Austruther ;] 276.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the word "voluntary," in order to insert the words " sectarian and British."—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

Question put, That the word "voluntary" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther ;] 275.

Tellers for the [Mr. Samuel Evans, Noes, Mr. Chevass ;] 102.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "schools," to insert the words "in existence at the passing of this Act."—(Mr. Ellis Griffith.)

Question put, That the words "in existence at the passing of this Act" be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Ellis Griffith, Yeas, Mr. Broadhurst ;] 82.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, Mr. Austruther ;] 237.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "schools," to insert the words "in which no charge for school fees is made."—(Mr. Perks.)

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";

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther ;] 273.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, Mr. MacArthur ;] 105.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Yeas, Mr. MacArthur ;] 102.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, Mr. Austruther ;] 276.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out the words, "not exceeding," in order to insert the words "equal to."—(Viscount Cranborne.)

Question, That the words "not exceeding" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1897:

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 Bill, and that he
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 Works (Money) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Navy (Supplementary) Estimates, 1896-97.

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £570,000, 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 1897, for additional Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz.:

Vote 8. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c. £.
Vote 9. Sec. 2. Material - - - - - - - 386,500
Vote 9. Naval Armaments - - - - - - - 120,000
Vote 10. Works, Buildings, and Repairs at Home and Abroad - - - - - - 100

Total - - - - - - - - - - - - £570,000

Naval Defence Act, 1889.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,775 13s., 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 repayment to Naval Funds of certain Excess Expenditure on Contract Vessels, under the Naval Defence Act, 1889.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary) Estimates, 1896-97.

Class I.

Public Buildings (Great Britain.)

3. 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 1897, in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

Class II.

Colonial Office (Telegrams.)

4. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,000, 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Telegraphs of the Department of Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Class III.

Mint.

5. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £40, 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 Salaries and Expenses of Coinage.

6. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £25,000, 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 1897, for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books, &c. for the Public Service.

Class IIII.

Lunacy Board (Scotland)

7. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £80, 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 Expenses of the Board of Lunacy in Scotland.

Law Officers (Legal Charges.)

8. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £17,500, 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 1897, for the Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty’s Treaty, Queen’s Proctor, and Director of Public Prosecutions; the Costs of Prosecutions and of other Legal Proceedings.

9. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £2,000, 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 1897, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

10. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

11. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £2,000, 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 1897, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission.

Class IV.

12. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £12,938, 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 Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission.

13. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £153,044, 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 Public Education in England and Wales.

14. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £327, 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 Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery.

15. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £20,110, 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 Salaries of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland.

Class V.

16. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £23,670, 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 Embassies and Missions Abroad, &c.

17. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £23,670, 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 Expences of Her Majesty’s Embassies and Missions Abroad, and of the Consular Establishments Abroad, and other Expenditure chargeable on the Consular Vote.

18. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £36,700, 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 Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty’s Treaty, Queen’s Proctor, and Director of Public Prosecutions; the Costs of Prosecutions and of other Legal Proceedings.

19. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £20,110, 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 Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission.
during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1897, for a Grant in Aid of Expenses connected with the British Protectorate in East Africa.

20. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 14,980, 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 sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.

21. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 1,200, 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 1897, for the Expenses in connection with the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

22. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 16,304, 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, to make good the Net Loss on Transactions connected with the raising of Money for the various Treasury Chests Abroad, in the year 1895-96.

Class VI.

23. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 30,151, 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, to make good the Sum by which the Interest accrued in the year ended 20th November 1896, from Securities held by 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 the said Commissioners are obliged by Statute to Pay and Credit during such latter-mentioned year to Trustees of Savings Banks and to Friendly Societies; and also the Sum by which the Interest accrued in the year ended 31st December 1896, from Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners on account of "The Post Office Savings Bank Fund," is insufficient to meet the Interest which the said Commissioners are obliged by Statute to Pay and Credit during such latter-mentioned year to Depositors, and the Expenses incurred during that year in the execution of the Acts relating thereto.

24. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 95,434, 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 a Grant in Aid of the Capital of the Pension Fund created under the Provisions of "The National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879."

Class VII.

25. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 6,500, 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 1897, for the Salaries and other Expenses (including certain Grants in Aid) of Temporary Commissions and Committees, including Special Inquiries.

26. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 16,617, 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, to make good certain Sums written off from the Assets of the Local Loans Fund.

27. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 20,500, 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 1897, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the British Commissions for the International Exhibitions at Brussels, 1897, and Paris, 1890.

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Order, read a second time ; and committed.

The Midland Railway Bill was read a second

time ; and committed.

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

The Dearne Valley 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.

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an
Order, dated the 5th day of February last, for
Returns relative to Elementary Education, Hey-
wood School (Reports).

Sir John Gorst also presented, pursuant to
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Statute made by the Governing Body of Balliol
College, Oxford, under the Universities of
Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 14th
November, 1896, amending the Statute of the
College concerning "the Fellows."

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body
of New College, Oxford, under the Universities of
Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 14th
October 1896, and sealed on 29th October 1896,
amending Statute III. (11) of the Statutes of
that College.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body
of University College, Oxford, under theUniversities
of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on
28th October 1896, and sealed on 11th November
1896, amending Statutes III. (13) and IV. (2)
of the Statutes of that College.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body
of Clare College, Cambridge, under the Universities
of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 13th
November 1896, and sealed on 23rd November
1896, in substitution for Statute 6 "of the
Scholars," of the Statutes of that College.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to
the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Annual Statistical Report by the University
Court of the University of Glasgow to the Secre-
tary for Scotland, under Section 30 of the Uni-
versities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year end-
ing 30th September 1896.

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

Mr. Hubbury, presented, by Her Majesty's
Command, a Return of the Emigration Statistics
of Ireland for the year 1896.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Ma-
 jesty's Command, a Return of the Emigration Statistics
of Scotland for the year 1896.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her
Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to
the Census, Köolung and Christmas Islands.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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—(Sir James
Ferguson.)

Resolved, That 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 Popula-
tion and Number of Inhabited Houses (ac-
cording to the Census of 1891), and the Number of Persons now on the Local Government Re-
gressor of Electors for each Administrative County (excluding the Municipal Boroughs), and for each County Borough and Municipal Borough in England and Wales; and showing how many of such Voters are Men and how many are Women, the Totals being added up.—(Sir
Henry Fowler.)

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to
Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Net Income and Expenditure of British India, under certain specified Heads, for the 11 years from 1885-86 to 1895-96.—(Sir
Henry Fowler.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Local
Returns showing for Scotland the Number of
Persons on the County Council Register made
up in the year 1896 for each County, as defined
in the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889,
and on the Municipal Register made up in the
year 1896 for each Burgh not included in the
County as so defined, and showing how many of
such Voters in each County and Burgh are Men
and how many are Women; also the Population
and Number of Inhabited Houses (according to
the Census of 1891) in each County and Burgh
defined as aforesaid; with Summary and Totals.—(Sir
Henry Fowler.)

Sir John Morley reported from the Select Standing
Committee on Standing Orders, several Reso-
lutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the City and West End
Railway Bill, Petition of the "Vestry of Saint
Martins-in-the-Fields," 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 North British North
Railway and West Highland Railway Companies
Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the high
land Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with.

3. That
Norwich Electric Tramways.

3. That, in the case of the Norwich Electric Tramways Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

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

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Gold and Silver Plate Licences Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

AdJournalment.

Sir William Harcourt, Member for West Monmouthshire, 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 declaration made by Her Majesty’s Government to this House on Thursday last of their Policy on the Cretan Question;” and the pleasure of the House having been signified;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That this House do now adjourn. (Sir William Harcourt) — And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Sitting of the House (Ash Wednesday.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do meet To-morrow, at Two of the clock—(Mr. Ituffleur); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the: [Sir William Walrond, 246. Yeas, Mr. Austruther] Tellers for the: Mr. Herbert Lewis, 81. Noes, Mr. Samuel Evans: So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordereed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the Personal Correction of Prisoners: And that Mr. Joseph A. Pease, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Burt, Mr. John Hurst, Mr. Lloyd-George, Sir Thomas Carmichael, Mr. Dillon, and Mr. John Redmond do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Joseph A. Pease accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the Personal Correction of Prisoners: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 30th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Voluntary Schools Bill

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Aid Grant to Voluntary Elementary Schools).

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Clough); The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the: Mr. Clough, 57. Yeas, Mr. Joseph A. Pease: Tellers for the: Sir William Walrond, 189. Noes, Mr. Austruther: Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words “in the aggregate.” —(Mr. Lloyd-George).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

Wednesday, 3rd March, 1897:

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 Lawther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that Vol. 152.

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 Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Tuesday the 30th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Law (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Juries Second Reading of the Juries Detention 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 Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) 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 Trusts (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 Military Committee on the Military Works (Money) 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 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 Lands Committee on the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill.

That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemptions (Houses of Parliament) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 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, 3rd March, 1897.

The House met at Two of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

The Liverpool, Saint Helens, and South Lancashire Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Wigan Junction Railways 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 Norwich Electric Tramways Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Norwich Electric Tramways Company, and to empower that Company to make and maintain Tramways, and for other purposes: And that Sir Henry Ballard, Mr. Samuel Hoare, Mr. Price, Mr. Cozens-Hardy, Mr. Frederick Wilson, and Mr. Broadhurst do prepare, and bring in it.

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


Copy of Return, according to Provinces and Counties, of Judicial Rents fixed by Sub-Commissioners and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms, as notified to the Irish Land Commission during the Month of January 1897; also Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Aid Grant to Voluntary Elementary Schools).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "in the aggregate."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yes, (Mr. Austruther: ] 266.

Tellers for the [Mr. Channing, Noes, (Mr. Leuty: ] 109.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Samuel Evans, Yes, (Mr. Austruther: ] 96.

Tellers for the [Mr. Samuel Evans, Noes, (Mr. Austruther: ] 296.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the word "five," in order to insert the word "four."—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

Question proposed, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause.

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."—(pursuant to S. O. Closure of Debate.)

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yes, (Mr. Austruther: ] 291.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, (Mr. Conston: ] 124.

Question put accordingly, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yes, (Mr. Austruther: ] 320.

Tellers for the [Mr. Samuel Evans, Noes, (Mr. Courtenay Warner: ] 94.

And, it being past Five o'clock, the Chairman proceeded to interrupt the Business.

Whereupon Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, That the Question "That the words stand part of a Clause, put now," be now put.

Question put, That the Question "That the words of the Clause down to the word 'to,' in l. 10, stand part of the Clause" be now put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yes, (Mr. Austruther: ] 280.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, (Mr. Conston: ] 111.

Question put accordingly, That the words of the Clause down to the word "to," in l. 10, stand part of the Clause;"—(pursuant to S. O. Closure of Debate.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yes, (Mr. Austruther: ] 282.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, (Mr. Conston: ] 105.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Linton 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.

And, it being twenty-five minutes after Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till To-morrow.
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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 16th day of February last. That, in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with viz.:-

London Water Companies Amalgamation Bill.

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

The Dublin Port and Docks Board Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Dublin Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Dublin Corporation Bill [Lords] of Session 1896 be referred to the Committee on the Dublin Corporation Bill of this Session.—(Dr. Furnivall.)

A Bill to incorporate the Norwich Electric Tramways Company, and to empower that Company to make and maintain Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Public Petitions.

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

Vide Third Report. Army (Recruiting.)

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report by the Inspector General of Recruiting, being for 1896. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Irish Land Commission.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of January last, for a Return relative to the Irish Land Commission.


East India (Incomes and Expenditure.)

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2nd day of this instant March, for a Return relative to East India (Incomes and Expenditure). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

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, and 26th days of February last, and the 1st day of this instant March; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed. Vol. 152.

Resolved, That 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 a Memorial from the Desal of Badami, claiming certain Holdings in the Bijapur and Dharmar Districts of the Bombay Presidency.—(Sir W. Wedderburn.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Elementary Education Bill, and the Education Bill (Sutton and Dharwar Districts of the Bombay Presidency.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Aid Grant to Voluntary Schools).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out from the word “to,” to the end of Sub-section (2), in order to insert the words “all voluntary schools at the rate of five shillings per scholar in average attendance.”—(Mr. Ellis Griffith.)

Question proposed, That the words “to such voluntary schools” stand part of the Clause.

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”;

Question put, “That the Question be now put”;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. W. Walrond

Mr. A. Muir—

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out all the words after the word “schools,” to the end of the sub-section, in order to insert the words “in accordance with regulations which will ensure that it shall be applied—

(a) in improving the teaching staff as regards number, qualification, or salary; and so far as it is not in the opinion of the Education Department required for that purpose;

(b) in the payment of the teaching staff, and provision of special teachers whether on the permanent staff or not, and in the improvement of the education of pupil teachers; and

(c) in the improvement of the educational fittings and apparatus of the school, and in otherwise increasing its efficiency.”—(Mr. J. Woodhouse.)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words “and amounts” stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Mr. W. Walrond

Mr. A. Muir—

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(c) in the improvement of the educational fittings and apparatus of the school, and in otherwise increasing its efficiency.”—(Mr. S. Evans.)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words “and amounts” stand part of the Clause;
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jones William Leathes 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of April next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 7th day of May next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 17th day of February last, That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) 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 the 15th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of April next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 7th day of May next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 17th day of February last, That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) 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 the 15th day of this instant March.
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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (County Council Clerks) 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 31st 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 Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) 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 Labourers' Cottages (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 29th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the High Sheriffs (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 Estates Tail Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Juries Detention Bill;

Ordered, 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 Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, with respect to the power of Detention for Undermanning; And that the same be read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Merchandise a Return setting forth all Proclamations which have been instituted by the Board of Trade under the Merchandise Marks Act since January 1888 to the end of 1896, showing the Name of the Prosecutor; Name and Calling of the Defendant; the Place of Hearing; the Nature of the Goods and alleged Bad Marking; the Section of the Acts under which action was taken; the Decision of the Court; the Fine (if any) inflected, and, if carried to Appeal, the Result of the Appeal.—(Sir Albert Ritchie.)

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to prohibit the Importation of Foreign Prison Made Goods:

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 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 Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Sir Albert Rollit 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 Wednesday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Mr. James William Loether reported from the Committee on the Dunbarton County Buildings 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 directed him to report the same, with an Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Loether reported the Dumfries and Maxwellton Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Loether reported the South Yorkshire Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill, without Amendment.

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

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Irish Land Commission, which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Irish Land Commission (Rules), which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Income and Expenditure), which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Rules, Forms, and Schedule of Fees issued by the Irish Land Commission, dated 2nd January 1897.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Forty-ninth Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with an Appendix.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copy of Order in Council, dated 26th February 1897, under the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1865, waiving in certain cases, the existing Regulations as to the Ages at which Children may be educated at the Expense of Greenwich Hospital Funds.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Loether reported the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, defining the Limits of the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth, and making Regulations for preventing Collisions therein.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
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 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 Smaller Dwellings (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of this instant March.

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 the 16th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councillors (Qualification of Women) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Half-Holiday) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill:

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Standing Orders have been complied with in the following case, viz.:

Dublin United Tramways (New Lines).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Central London Railway Bill:

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That any Petition of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants praying to be heard against Clauses 37 and 38 of the Bill, and so much of the Preamble as relates thereto, presented five clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee, and that the Petitioners may be heard by themselves, their Counsel, and Agents on their Petition against the Bill—(Sir Charles Dilke);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the [Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Burns] 145.

Tellers for the [Mr. Galloway, Mr. Bartley] 188.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That any Petition of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants praying to be heard against Clauses 25 and 26 of the Bill, and so much of the Preamble as relates thereto, presented five clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee; and that the Petitioners may be heard by themselves, their Counsel, and Agents on their Petition against the Bill—(Sir Charles Dilke);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the [Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Burns] 176.

Tellers for the [Mr. Galloway, Mr. Bartley] 212.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Evidence taken before the Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Corporation (Provisional Order (Dublin Waterworks) Bill in Session 1883 be referred to the Committee on the Dublin Corporation Bill.—(Mr. Hargreaves Brown.)

Ordered, That the Evidence of the Select Committee on Railway Bills, 1894 and 1896, be referred to the Select Committee on Petroleum.—(Mr. Mandello.)

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Truck Act, Act 1896 (Exemption for Cotton Weaving), 1896 (Exemp tion for Cotton Weaving,) which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Com mand,—Copy of Notes addressed by the Repre sentatives of Great Britain, Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Italy, and Russia to the Turkish and Greek Governments in regard to Crete.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the Bankruptcy directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Rep. Court (Ireland)
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 1896. 

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

Mr. Chaplin presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of February last, for a Return relative to Sheffield Cottage Homes for Children (Reports). 

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Second Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Agriculture to inquire into the Etiology, Pathology, and Morbid Anatomy of the Diseases classed as Swine Fever. 

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

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of February last, for a Return relative to Evening Continuation Schools. 

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

Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1888. 

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Order made by the Board of Trade under the provisions of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act, 1888, conferring the powers of a Local Fisheries Committee on the Board of Conservators of the Suffolk and Essex Fishery District. 

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

Charity Commissioners' Reports. 

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, in the last Session of Parliament, 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 Glamorganshire, into Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act, 1853 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 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. 

Further Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, 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 County of Anglesey, into Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 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 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.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of the House, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Accounts of Receipts and Payments by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in respect of the Capital and Income of the Local Loans Fund for the year ended 31st March 1896, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message has been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Agnes Weir Divorce Bill, dated the 8th of February last, for a Return relative to the State of every Bankruptcy and Insolvency under their Charge, for the year ending on the 31st day of December 1896. 

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

Alfred Billing, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Halifax, was sworn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Voluntary Schools Bill, (In the Committee.)

Clause, No 1 (Aid Grant to Voluntary Elementary Schools).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out the words “as the Department think best,” in order to insert the words “in accordance with a scheme to be formulated by the Department, and laid before Parliament in manner hereinafter provided.”—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Question proposed, That the words, “as the Department think best,” stand part of the Clause.

After Debate thereon; 

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put”; 

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put”, 

Mr. Speaker put, “That the Question be now put”; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put accordingly, That the words “as the Department think best” stand part of the Clause; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out the words “helping necessitous,” in order to insert the word “those.”—(Mr. Sydney Buxton.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

After Debate thereon; 

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put” (pursuant to Yeas, 111. 

Mr. Austruther: 

Noes, 116. 

Mr. M'Arthur: 

Question put accordingly, That the words “for the purpose of helping necessitous” stand part of the Clause; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put, “That the Question be now put”; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put accordingly, That the words “for the purpose of helping necessitous” stand part of the Clause; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put accordingly, That the words “for the purpose of helping necessitous” stand part of the Clause; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put, “That the Question be now put”; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put, “That the Question be now put”; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put accordingly, That the words “for the purpose of helping necessitous” stand part of the Clause; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put, “That the Question be now put”; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put accordingly, That the words “for the purpose of helping necessitous” stand part of the Clause; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put, “That the Question be now put”; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put accordingly, That the words “for the purpose of helping necessitous” stand part of the Clause; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put, “That the Question be now put”; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put accordingly, That the words “for the purpose of helping necessitous” stand part of the Clause; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put, “That the Question be now put”; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put accordingly, That the words “for the purpose of helping necessitous” stand part of the Clause; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put, “That the Question be now put”; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put accordingly, That the words “for the purpose of helping necessitous” stand part of the Clause; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put, “That the Question be now put”; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put accordingly, That the words “for the purpose of helping necessitous” stand part of the Clause; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put, “That the Question be now put”; 

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, Mr. Austruther; 

Noes, Mr. M'Arthur; 

Question put accordingly, That the words “for the purpose of helping necessitous” stand part of the Clause; 

The Committee divided.
The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Aldersholt and Fariburgh) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 Military Lands Committee on the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com- Wages 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 assistant Second Reading of the Assistant County Surveyors (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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) 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 Local Government Act (1894) Amendment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Juries Detention 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 24th day of February last, That the Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) 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 Licensing Exemption Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to withhold Her Consent to paragraph 5 of Scheme No. 90, Supplemenal, framed by the Educational Endowments Commissioners relating to the Endowments heretofore belonging to the Limerick, Killaloe, and Killenora Diocesan School, which provides for sale by public auction of the premises known as the Rotherthorugh Road School, held by the Reverend James Fitzgerald Gregg, and to disapprove of any part of the said Supplemental Scheme, which will operate to have the said premises sold without giving to the said Reverend James Fitzgerald Gregg a right of pre-emption of the said premises or payment of compensation...
Closure claimed, but Mr. Speaker withholds his assent.  

Question put (entailing S. O. Closure of Debate.)

Closure Northern Midland and Tramways "Mr. Johnnorth being proposed, That the Question be now put."  

Then the House resumed the Debate.  

Colonel Sawderson 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 (Mr. Arnold Forster, 

Tellers for the (Mr. Timothy M. Healy) 

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.  

And the Question being accordingly put;  

The House divided.  

The Yeas to the Right;  

The Noes to the Left;  

Tellers for the (Mr. Lecky, 

Tellers for the (Mr. William Johnston) 

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.  

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to withhold Her Consent from paragraph 5 of Scheme No. 90, Supplemental, framed by the Educational Endowments Commissioners relating to the Endowment hitherto belonging to the Limerick, Killaloe, and Kilfenora Diocesan School, which provides for Sale by public auction of the premises known as the Roxborongh Road School, held by the Reverend James Fitzgerald Gregg, and to disapprove of any part of the said Supplemental Scheme, which will operate to have the said premises sold without giving to the said Reverend James Fitzgerald Gregg a right of pre-emption of the said premises or payment of compensation for his expenditure thereon and disturbance therein.  

Ordered, That 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, it being twenty-five minutes after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.

Tuesday, 9th March, 1897.  

The House met at Three of the clock.  

The Crays Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.  

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

The Norwich Electric Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Bill;  

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; and committed:

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. Harry Foster.)  

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.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Sheffield Cottage Homes for Children (Reports), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.  

Ordered, That the Return relative to Evening Continuation Schools, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.  

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charity Commissioners’ Reports, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.  

Ordered, That the Return relative to Chari-TABLE(Endowments (Anglesey) (Inquiries Held), Local Loans Fund, which were presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.  

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Local Loans Fund, which were presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.  

Mr. Brodrick presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of February last, for a Return relative to the Army (Royal Barracks, Dublin) (Expenditure).  

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Third Annual Report of the Royal Commissariat of Ireland (Relief of the Poor), 1896.  

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty’s Trade Reports Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1849 and 1850.  

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Third Annual Report of the Board of Trade (Labour Department, Board of Trade, on Changes in Rates of Wages and Hours of Labour in the United Kingdom in 1895, with Preliminary Figures for 1896).  

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain also presented, Prisons pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 1896.  

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Colonial Reports, No. 191 (Canada, Digest of the Statistics for 1895).  

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, also presented, Prison (West Indies) (Tobago).  

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Days, Hours, and Minutes occupied in the Transit of Her Majesty's Mails, both Outward and Inward, carried during the year 1896 by Steamships between Queenstown and New York, and also between Southampton and New York; the Return to specify the Names of the Steamer, and to indicate by Asterisks or otherwise those not carrying the Mails under Contract (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 103, of Session 1896).—(Sir John Long.)

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Law, kc.
Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Act (1888) Amendment Bill.
No. 116.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Act (1888) Amendment Bill was committed; 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.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

Railway Bills (Group S.)
Mr. Samuel Hoare reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That the Parties promoting the Highland Railway (Inverness and Fort Augustus Railway) Bill had stated that the Evidence of Donald Murray, Commission Agent, Falcon Square, Inverness, 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 Donald Murray do attend the Standing Committee To-morrow, at half-past Eleven o'clock.
Ordered, That Donald Murray do attend the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills Tomorrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Standing Orders.

Great Eastern Railway (Lowestoft Harbour.)
Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions which were read, as follows:

That the House of the Great Eastern Railway (Lowestoft Harbour) Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

That, in the case of the Birmingham City Tramways Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill on condition of Tramways Nos. 26 and 27 being struck out, unless the consent of the Local Authority in respect thereof be proved before the Committee on the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

That, in the case of the New River Company Bill, Petition of "Grace Murray and others," for dispensing with Standing Order 129, in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

That, in the case of the Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, Petition of "Grace Murray and others," for dispensing with Standing Order 129, in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

That, in the case of the North British Railway Bill, Petition of "County Council of the County of Renfrew, and District Committee of First or Upper District of that County," for dispensing with Standing Order 129, in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

That, in the case of the Dundee Corporation Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

That, in the case of the Great North of Scotland Railway Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

The First Five Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Birmingham City Tramways.
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 Vol. 152.

Birmingham City Tramways Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for authorizing the City of Birmingham Tramways Company, Limited, to construct additional Tramways, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Dixon, Sir Benjamin Stone, and Mr. Müntz do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the said Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of this instant March,

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of this instant March.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a message from Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, on their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to re-constitute and to re-incorporate the Governing Body of the Crichton Royal Institution, 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 Edinburgh American Land Mortgage Company (Limited) to convert their present uncapitalised into Preference Stocks, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee on Statute Law Revision and Consolidation Bills do meet in Committee Room B, on Wednesday the 24th day of this instant March, at Eleven o'clock.

Ordered, That that part of the said Message as relates to the time and place of meeting of the Joint Committee on Statute Law Revision and Consolidation Bills, be now taken into consideration—The House accordingly proceeded to take that part of the said Message into consideration.

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 B, on Wednesday the 24th day of this instant March, at Eleven of the clock, as proposed by their Lordships.
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them that this House hath directed the Select Committee appointed by this House to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords on Statute Law Revision and Consolidation Bills, to meet the Committee appointed by their Lordships, in Committee Room B, on Wednesday the 24th day of this instant March, at Eleven of the clock, as proposed by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

The Crichton Royal Institution Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Edinburgh American Land Mortgage 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 Bill to restrict the Hours of Labour in Bakeries to Forty-eight Hours per Week: And that

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Mr. Woods, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Lough, Mr. Holburn, Mr. Jonathan Samuel, and Mr. Arch 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. Jeffreys, Mr. Cripps, Sir John Durning, Mr. Channing, Mr. Hobhouse, and Mr. Lambert do prepare, and bring it in.

**Order.** That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Cotton Cloth and other Textile Factories: And that Mr. Ascroft and Mr. Kemp do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Woods presented a Bill to restrict the Hours of Labour in Bakehouses to Forty-eight Hours per Week: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Jeffreys 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 Wednesday the 17th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Ascroft presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Cotton Cloth and other Textile Factories: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1883, so far as they relate to Market Gardens: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Voluntary Schools Bill.

**Question put (pursuant to G. O. Clause of Debate).** That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause; The Committee divided. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Anstruther: 120. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. M'Arthur: 130.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after the word “subscriptions,” to insert the words “paid bond fide by private individuals.”—(Sir Charles Dilke.) Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after the word “subscriptions,” to insert the words “as a reason for granting such aid.”—(Sir Albert Rollett.) Question put, That those words be there inserted—The Committee divided. Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Albert Rollett: 84. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. M'Arthur: 200.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, to leave out Sub-section (2).—(Mr. Light-Grey.) Question put, That the words “If associations of schools are constituted” stand part of the Clause: The Committee divided. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. William Walrond: 270. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. M'Arthur: 116.

Wednesday, 10th March, 1897:

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 Lauder 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 leave be given to bring in a Kingstown Harbour Roads Transfer Bill to transfer to the Commissioners of the Township of Kingstown certain Roads and Lands now vested in the Commissioners of Kingstown Harbour, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

The Select Committee on Merchandise Marks was nominated of Mr. Cayzer, Sir James Fergusson, Mr. Howard, Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Charles Wilson, and Mr. John Wilson (Govan).

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

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Sir Albert Rollett.)

Mr. Hanbury presented a Bill to transfer to the Commissioners of the Township of Kingstown certain Roads and Lands now vested in the Commissioners of Kingstown Harbour, and for other purposes: 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 Highways Second Reading of the Highways 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 Tenant Right in Towns (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 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 Second Reading of the Married Persons' Small Industrial Incomes (Tax Relief) 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 County Councils (Qualification of Women) 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 Licences (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Works (Money) 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 Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) 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 Trusts (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) 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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) 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 Divorce Acts (Abandonment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Worcestershire County Council Bill, might be read;
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Great Eastern Railway Company to construct additional Works in connection with Lowestoft Harbour, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Round, Mr. Pen, and Mr. Cozens-Hardy do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Worcestershire County Council Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Divorce Bills, Divorce Bills do consist of the following Members:—Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, Mr. John Blair Balfour, Mr. Hemphill, Sir Frank Lockhart, the Lord Advocate, Sir Robert Reid, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Wodehouse.——(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, Thompson's Divorce Bill.——(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills, that they do hear Counsel and examine Witnesses for Thompson'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 William Walrond.)

Mr. James William Lister reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government (Provisional Orders) Bill: That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed
Public Bill Metropolitan Gas South Metropolitan Bill. Vide Third Report. Post Office (Telephone Exchanges.) No. 110. Civil Services and Revenue Departments, 1897-98 (Vote on Account.) No. 120. Church Estates Commission. Post Office Establishments. No. 121. Kingstown Harbour Roads Transfer Bill. Voluntary Schools Bill. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Voluntary Schools Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Aid Grant to Voluntary Elementary Schools). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, to leave out the words "in such manner," in order to insert the words "in accordance with the regulations hereinafter laid down."—(Mr. Ellis Griffith.) Question proposed, That the words "in such manner" stand part of the Clause.

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. Thomas Ellis, ] Yes, [Mr. M'Arthur: ] 125.

Question put, That the words "in such areas" and," in order to insert the words "in urban or rural "sanitary districts."—(Mr. Channing.)

Question put, That the words "in such areas "and," stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.


And, it being after half-past Five of the clock, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 22nd day of this instant March.

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 Friday the 26th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Industries (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 22nd day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Surveyors (County Dublin) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery Superannuation (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 Rating of Machinery Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of this instant March.
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 Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (County Council Clerks) 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 (Underraming) 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 Solicitors (Magistracy) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, 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 Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Act (1888) Amendment 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 Tenant Right 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 Merchant Shipping Acts 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 Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Cases treated in Private Lunatic Asylums in Ireland, the Number of Cures effected, and the Amount of Revenue derived from Patients during the Years 1895, 1896, and 1897.—(Mr. Field.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Sections of the Canada Criminal Code of 1892, which came into operation in March 1893, prohibiting Gambling in Prices.—(Mr. Field.)

Sir Charles Cameron reported from the Committee on the Birkenhead Corporation (Ferries) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and filled up the blanks as to the date of the further meeting of the Council, 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.

Sir Charles Cameron reported from the Committee on the Birkenhead Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, in order 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.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Committee 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.

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

Ordered, That the Industrial and Provident and Incorporated Building Societies (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of this instant March.

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

Thursday, 11th March, 1897.

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 Petitions for the following Bills, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

1. North Metropolitan Tramways (No. 1).

2. North Metropolitan Tramways (No. 2).

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings taken before the Committee on the Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Bill of this Session 1896 be referred to the Committee on the Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway (Inverness Extension) Bill of this Session.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

A Bill for authorising the City of Birmingham 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.

A Bill to authorise the Great Eastern Railway Company to construct additional Works in connection with Lowestoft Harbour, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
The Order of the day being read, for the Southwark and Vauxhall Water (Purchase) Bill; 
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. 
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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Houses of Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the Trustees of the Harbour of Aberrothwick to reconstruct their Finances, and to create and issue Stocks for compounding their existing Debts, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Aberrothwick Harbour Bill was read the first time.

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

Mr. Holhouse reported from the Committee on Group No. 6 of Railway Bills: That the Parties opposing the Callander and Oban Railway Bill had stated that the Evidence of John M'Callum, 10, Ann Street, Glasgow, Angus Campbell, Master of Steam Ship "Columbia," Glasgow, Donald M'Tavish, Master of Steam Ship "Cavalier," Glasgow, and William Campbell, Sanitary Inspector for Argyllshire, of 11, Street, Oban, 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 John M'Callum, Angus Campbell, Donald M'Tavish, and William Campbell do attend the said Committee upon Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the Clock.

Ordered, That John M'Callum, Angus Campbell, Donald M'Tavish, and William Campbell do attend the Committee on Group No. 6 of Railway Bills upon Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the Clock.

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on the Plymouth Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preliminary Part 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 amend the Law as to the Endowment of the Archdeaconry of Cornwall: And that Mr. Attorney General accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law as to the Endowment of the Archdeaconry of Cornwall: 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 voluntarily into a Committee on the Voluntary Schools Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Aid Grant to Voluntary Elementary Schools).

Mr. Long moved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and that he leave to sit again; but subject to propose a Question of the House, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, to move a Question thereupon to the Committee.

Mr. Lambton moved, That the Chairman do Question put now leave the Chair; but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, put the Question thereupon forthwith to the Committee:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, 124.]
... Mr. Austruther: 174.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, after the second word "such," to insert the word "elective."—(Mr. Lambton.)

Question put, That the word "elective" be there inserted:

After Debate thereon:

Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;" Question put, "That the Question be now put:

Question put accordingly, That the word "elective" be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, 124.]
... Mr. Austruther: 174.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, after the word "bodies," to insert the words "consisting of a number of persons in equal proportion for each School in the Association."—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Samuel Evans, 105.]
... Mr. Austruther: 266.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out the words "representative of the managers."—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Friday, 12th March, 1897:

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 261.]
... Mr. Austruther: 263.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out the words "representative of the managers."—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Resolved,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lover 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 Military Works (Money) 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 and other Police Courts 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 Foreign Prison Male Goods 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 5th day of February last, That the Public Health (Scotland) 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 Herries 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 Kingstown Harbour Roads 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 Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) 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 Trusts (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (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 Leasholders (Purchase of Fee Simple) (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 Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) 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 Succession (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for 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 Land Law Second Reading of the Land Law (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 20th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Industries Second Reading of the Industries (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Act (1888) Amendment 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 Tenant Right in Towns Bill (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 Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday, the 19th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to direct that Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1851 (Irish Land Commission Rules.) Commission Rules 130 and 133, and Forms 28, 29, and 39, be annulled—(Mr. Dillon):—And a Debate arising thereupon; A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy):—It passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Dr. Tanner, 40.
Tellers for Sir William Walrond; 101.
So it passed in the Negative.

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.
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Friday, 12th March, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Dunbarton County Buildings Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dunbarton County Buildings 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 Glasgow and Renfrew District Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of April next.

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

Railways Abandonment.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Report of the Board of Trade respecting the Wreck of the "Hastings," and the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Agriculture to inquire into and report upon the working of the Laws relating to Dogs, with Appendices and Index.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to Standing Order No. 158A, Report of the Board of Agriculture on the Wreck of the "Hastings," 1897, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Select Committee on Government Contracts.

Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Report of the Board of Agriculture, 1896, on the Wreck of the "Hastings," 14th January 1897.

Ordered, That the said Paper be read a second time upon Monday the 29th day of March.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Report of the Select Committee on Government Contracts, 1896, to the House.

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

Trade Reports (Annual Series).

Mr. Carson presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Report of the Select Committee on Government Contracts, 1896, on the Close Time for Trout Fishing in Ireland, 1876.

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

Navy (Victualling Yards Manufactory Accounts, 1895-96, No. 125.)

Mr. Homebury presented, pursuant to a resolution of the House, the Report of the Select Committee on Government Contracts, 1896, on the Close Time for Trout Fishing in Ireland, 1896.

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

Naval Works Act, 1896, No. 125.

Account prepared by the Admiralty, under the provisions of the Naval Works Act, 1885 (58 & 59 Vict., c. 68 (11), showing the Amount of Money issued out of the Consolidated Fund; the Mode in which it was provided; the Amount and Nature of the Securities created in respect thereto; the Amount of Money expended in pursuance of the Act, and the purposes on which that Money was expended; distinguishing the Expenditure under each of the Heads in the Schedule of the Act, during the year ended the 31st March 1896; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the actual time in Hours and American Minutes occupied in the Transport of Her Majesty's Mails from the General Post Office, London, to actual Delivery on board the Steamers at Southampton, Plymouth, Queenstown, and Londonderry, respectively, and similarly from Steamers at the several named Ports to the General Post Office, London; the Return to show the shortest, the longest, and the average time actually occupied in the above Transit to and from each Port named above during the year 1896 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 13, of Session 1897).—(General Lefevre.)

Resolved, That 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 which passed in 1876 between Great Britain and the United States respecting the Three Rules of the Treaty of Washington of the 8th day of May 1871, as presented to the United States Senate.

(Mr. Gibson Bonet.)

Ordered, That the Report and Evidence of the Select Committee on Government Contracts (Fair Wages Resolution), 1896, be referred to the Select Committee on Government Contracts (Fair Wages Resolution).—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.)

Mr. Jefferys reported from the Committee on Private Bills (Group A), that, in pursuance of the Standing Order for the consideration of the Huddersfield Corporation Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital as to the expediency of not laying upon the Promoters power to lend Money to the Governing Body of the Huddersfield Technical College; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Sir Charles Cameron reported from the Committee on the Huddersfield Corporation Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital as to the expediency of not laying upon the Promoters power to lend Money to the Governing Body of the Huddersfield Technical College; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday, the Industries (Ireland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 29th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide a Close Time for Trout Fishing in Scotland: And that Sir Herbert Maxwell, Mr. Shaw Stewart, Sir John Kinloch, Mr. Hoizer, Mr. Malcolm, and Mr. Vernon-Wentworth do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the House, having cognized this Bill, accordingly present a Bill to provide a Close Time for Trout Fishing in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(The Committee.)

Navy Estimates, 1897-98.

(1.) 100,050 Men and Boys for the Sea and Coast Guard Services, including 17,005 Royal Marines.

Resolution to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,696,000, 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 1898.

Saturday, 13th March, 1897:

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 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 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 Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) 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 Midwives' Registration 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 Truck Acts 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 Estates Tail 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 Shops Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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 Friday next.

Second Reading of the Licences (Ireland) Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Vehicles (Lights) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next.

Second Reading of the Justices of the Peace Bill;

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (County Council Clerks) Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Surveyors (County Dublin) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLASSES, N° 1 to N° 4, 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.

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 Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 15th March, 1897.

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, with Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

Great Eastern Railway (Lowestoft Harbour) 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 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. —

Aberedrawthick Harbour Bill, Edinburgh American Land Mortgage 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, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz. —

Kingstown Harbour Roads Transfer Bill.

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.

Thompson's Divorce Bill was read a second time; and committed.

City of London (Inclusion of Southwark) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City of London (Inclusion of Southwark) Bill ;

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

Central London Railway Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Central London Railway Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of April next.

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


Mr. Brodrick presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Regulations for the Militia, 1897.

Mr. Dickens presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Regulations for the Militia, 1897.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Select Committee of the Cape of Good Hope House of Assembly on the Jomson Raid into the Territory of the South African Republic.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of August 1894, for Returns relative to Charitable Endowments (London).

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid Vol. 152.

before this House, a Return of Parishes divided and Districts assigned to Churches by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, under the Provisions of the Church Building Acts and the Parish of Manchester Division Act, 1850:—

Of all Districts and New Parishes constituted by the same Commissioners under the New Parishes Acts:—Of all the Districts or Parishes assigned or constituted by the same Commissioners under the Saint Leonard and Saint Mary Magdalen Church Districts Act, 1865, or any other Local Act:—Of all the Benefices, Parishes, or Parts of Parishes united by Order in Council, and of all Benefices or Parishes disunited by Order in Council:—Of all Chapelys, Hamlets, and other Parts of Parishes severed from their Mother Parishes:

—Of Extra-Parochial Places constituted separate Benefices by Order in Council:—And, of all Chapelys, Hamlets, or other Parts of Parishes severed from their Mother Parishes, and of Extra-Parochial Places not constituted separate Benefices but united to other Parishes, by Order in Council (all in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 396, of Session 1891:—And, of Curacies and Chapels which have been erected into Perpetual Curacies through the action of the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne, showing the full Name of the Chapel, and of the Mother Parish (if any), the County and Diocese, and the Date of First Augmentation by the Governors, and the Statutes or Statute under which such Augmentation was made (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 433, of Session 1870):—[Mr. Stanley Leighton.]

Mr. Samuel Hoare reported from the Com: Railway Bills mittee on Group 5 of Railway Bills ; That Mr. (Group &)

William Jones, 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Retirement of Vestrymen and Auditors Act, 1897, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Thompson's Divorce Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. James William Larcher reported from the Chichester Committee on the Chichester Corporation Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations 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.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Injuries to Workmen (Employers' Liability) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 11th day of May next.

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

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Aid Grant to Voluntary Elementary Schools).
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word "managers," to insert the words "and parents of the scholars using the school."—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Thomas Ellis, Yeas, { Mr. M'Arthur : 109.
Mr. Balfour.
Tellers for the
Sir William Walrond, Noes, { Mr. Austruther : 250.
Mr. Balfour.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word "managers," to insert the words "consisting at not less than one-half of persons not clerks in holy orders."—(Mr. Perks.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Thomas Ellis, Yeas, { Mr. M'Arthur : 126.
Mr. Balfour.
Tellers for the
Sir William Walrond, Noes, { Mr. Austruther : 265.
Mr. Balfour.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word "managers," to insert the words "consisting as to not less than one-half of persons not clerks in holy orders."—(Mr. Perks.)

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;"

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Sir William Walrond, Yeas, { Mr. Austruther : 223.
Mr. Balfour.
Tellers for the
Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, { Mr. M'Arthur : 85.
Mr. Balfour.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Mr. Ellis Griffith, Yeas, { Mr. Perks : 87.
Mr. Balfour.
Tellers for the
Sir William Walrond, Noes, { Mr. Austruther : 225.
Mr. Balfour.

Mr. Balfour claimed to move, "That the Question, 'That the words "as are" stand part of the Clause,' be now put;"

Question put, "That the Question, 'That the words "as are" stand part of the Clause,' be now put;"

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Sir William Walrond, Yeas, { Mr. Austruther : 221.
Mr. Balfour.
Tellers for the
Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, { Mr. M'Arthur : 83.
Mr. Balfour.

Question put accordingly, That those words "as are" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the
Sir William Walrond, Yeas, { Mr. Austruther : 219.
Mr. Balfour.
Tellers for the
Mr. Ellis Griffith, Noes, { Mr. Samuel Evans : 77.
Mr. Balfour.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out the words "approved by the Education Department," in order to insert the words "prescribed by schemes made by the Education Department and published and laid before Parliament in the manner hereinafter provided."—(Mr. Asquith.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

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;"
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army: And that Mr. Brodrick, Mr. Goschen, and Mr. Powell Williams do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Prison Made Goods 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 Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kingdom Harbour Roads Transfer 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 of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Trusts (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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 Archdeaconry of Cornwall 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 Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill; the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That the Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 28th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Law of Evidence Inquests (Houses of Parliament) 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 Licences (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of April 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 Thursday the 1st day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tenant Right Second Reading of the Tenant Right in Towns Bill (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licences Second Reading of the Licences (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licence Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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. Kerley, and Mr. Channing do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Jurors from unnecessary Attendance at Courts of Quarter Session in Ireland: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That Mr. William Jones be discharged from further Attendance on the Select Committee on Merchandise Marks from the Committee of Merchandise Marks.

Ordered, That Mr. Jonathan Samuel be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Ellis.)

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 Friday the 2nd day of April next; and to be printed.

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The following Paper, pursuant to the direc-
tions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the
Table by the Clerk of the House.—Copy of the
Schedule containing a List and Particulars of
Classes of Documents existing, or in ordinary
cause about to exist, in the Central Office of
the Registry of Friendly Societies, which are not
considered of sufficient Public Value to jus-
tify their Preservation in the Public Record
Office.

Mr. Samuel Hauser reported from the Com-
mittee on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That the
Parties promoting the Irongray and Fort
Invergarry Railway (Inverness Extension) Bill
had stated that the Evidence of Sir Douglas
Fox, C.B., 29, Victoria Street, Westminster, was
essential to their case; and it having been
proved that his attendance could not be pro-
cured without the intervention of the House, he
had been instructed to move, that the said Sir
Douglas Fox do attend the said Committee To-
morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Sir Douglas Fox do attend the
Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills To-
morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Hohbouse reported from the Committee
Railway Bills on Group 6 of Railway Bills; That, there being
no other Business ready for their consideration,
the Committee had adjourned till Thursday next,
at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table.

Sir Mark Stewart reported the Midland Rail-
way Bill, with Amendments.

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

Sir Mark Stewart reported from the Committee
Railway Bills on Group 2 of Railway Bills; That, for the con-
venience of parties, the Committee had adjourned
till Tuesday next, at half-past Twelve of the
clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Harveys Brown reported from the Com-
mittee on the Dublin Corporation Bill; That, in Corporation
interest of the Instruction of the House of
the 17th February, they had made provision in the
Bill for conferring the Municipal Franchise on
Women.

Mr. Harveys Brown further reported; That
they had examined the allegations contained in
the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same
so as to make them consistent with the provisions
of the Bill; and found the same, as amended, to
be true; and had gone through the Bill, and
made Amendments thereunto.

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

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Com-
mittee on the Registration of Friendly Societies.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table by the Clerk of the House, Copy

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Public Petitions.

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

Mr. Gerald Raffles presented, by Her Ma-
jesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Com-
mittee appointed by the Local Loan Fund Board
for Ireland to inquire into the Proceedings of
Charitable Loan Societies in Ireland.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Birmingham City Tramways 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 Accounts relative to the Army
(Clothing Factory), which were presented upon
the 15th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charita-
table Endowments (London), which was pre-
sentation on the 15th day of this instant March,
be printed.

Mr. Ritches presented, pursuant to Standing
Order No. 128,—Copy of Report of the Com-
mittee appointed by Lord Bishop of London to
inquire into the Proceedings of Charitable Loan Societies in
Ireland.

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

Mr. Couch presented, by Her Majesty's Com-
mand,—Copy of the Reply of the Turkish
Government to the Note presented on 5th
March 1897 by the Representatives of Great
Britain, Austria-Hungary, France, Germany,
Italy, and Russia in regard to Crete.

Ordered, That the said Paper 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 New Houston Water and Gas Bill (Lords.), Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That, in the case of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company, 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.

3. That, in the case of the Aberdeen Corporation (Tramways) Provisional Order (Mr. Balfour), Petition for leave to deposit Petition for Bill, 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 one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the London (Borough Road, Southwark) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London (Churchway, Saint Pancras) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to confer on the Provident Life Office further Powers with respect to the accumulation and distribution of Profits, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Provident Life Office Bill was read the first time.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 9th day of June next, the Borough Justices' Clerks Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of June next.

Adjournment.

Mr. John Wilson, Member for the Falkirk Burghs, 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 Order of the War Office for the disbandment of the 5th Volunteer Battalion—the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)—with Headquarters at Airdrie, and the refusal of the War Office either to recall that Order or to grant an Inquiry into the whole circumstances"; 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. John Wilson)—it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Voluntary Schools Bill, if under discussion at Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order (Sittings of the House)—(Mr. Balfour);—Vol. 192.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 265.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, 110.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Metropolitan Bill to make Rules for preventing Collisions in the Sea Channels leading to the River Mersey:

And that Mr. O'Byrne, Sir George Hudson-Powell, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Houston, Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Stock, Mr. Wilbra, Mr. Bigham, and Mr. Warr do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Accountants Bill to complete the Organisation of the Profession of Accountant throughout the United Kingdom: And that Mr. Colelle, Colonel Denny, Mr. Pryce-Jones, Mr. Matthew Fowler, and Mr. Patrick O'Brien do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. William F. Lawmee presented a Bill to make Rules for preventing Collisions in the Sea Channels Bill, and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Colelle presented a Bill to complete the Accountants Organisation of the Profession of Accountant throughout the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant March; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Aid Grant to Voluntary Elementary Schools).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, after the word "association," to insert the words "and to the needs of the association."—(Mr. Dillon).

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Question put:
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. M'Kean, 43.]

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 350.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, to leave out the word "five," in order to insert the word "four."—(Mr. Samuel Keans).

Question proposed, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 20, to leave out from the word "scholar," to the word "and," in l. 22.—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question proposed, That the words "or, if the Department fix different rates for," stand part of the Clause.

After Debate thereon:

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to Question put move, "That the Question be now put."

Question put, "That the Question be now put;"—pursuant to (pursuant to 6. Clause of Debate).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 190.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Ainsworth, 65.]

Question put accordingly, That the words "or, " were necessary.
"or, if the Department fix different rates for," and stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. M'Arthur) 183.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noses, (Mr. M'Arthur) 72.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, "to leave out the words "town and country schools," in order to insert the words "districts in which rates for school boards are levied, and those in which no such rates are levied, and for."—(Mr. Ellis Griffith.)

Question put, That the words "town and country schools" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. M'Arthur) 230.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Ellis Griffith, Noses, (Mr. Broadhurst) 81.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, "to leave out from the word "rates," to the end of paragraph (b), of Sub-section (3).—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

Question proposed, That paragraph (b), of Sub-section (3), stand part of the Clause;

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. M'Arthur) 268.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Samuel Evans, Noses, (Mr. Joseph Pease) 100.]

Question put accordingly, That paragraph (b), of Sub-section (3) stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. M'Arthur) 273.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noses, (Mr. M'Arthur) 102.]

Mr. Balfour claimed to move, "That the Question "That the words of the Clause down to the word "The," in p. 2, l. 1, stand part of the Clause," be now put;"

Question put, "That the Question 'That the words of the Clause down to the word "The," in p. 2, l. 1, stand part of the Clause' be now put;"

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. M'Arthur) 188.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noses, (Mr. M'Arthur) 59.]

Mr. Balfour claimed to move, "That the Question, 'That the words of the Clause down to the word "The," in p. 2, l. 1, stand part of the Clause,' be now put;"

Question put, "That the Question That the words of the Clause down to the word "The," in p. 2, l. 1, stand part of the Clause' be now put;"

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. M'Arthur) 186.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noses, (Mr. M'Arthur) 51.]

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. James William L oun ter 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 Mr. Herbert Lewis be deputised with seven other Members of the Committee of Public Accounts, to attend the Committee of the Whole House on the 20th day of May next, to examine the Minutes of Evidence of the Committee of the Whole House, on the 19th day of May last.

Ordered, That Mr. Humphreys-Rowen be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Ellis.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of the Parliamentary Voters Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Married Persons' Small Industrial Incomes (Tax Relief) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Truck Acts Amendment Bill;

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the
Third Reading of the Trusts (Scotland) Bill; 0 f Question put, "That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) 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 Licences (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licence Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And, it being Three of the clock on Wednesday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.

Wednesday, 17th March, 1897.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weston-super-Mare Pier and Tramways Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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,—Copy of Annual Accounts of the Ordnance Factories for the year 1895-96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 6th March 1897, declaring that William Spat', Postman, Ilford, Post Office Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House, dated 4th March 1897,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 16th March 1897, under Section 4 of "The Appropriation Act, 1896," 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 Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of First Report of the Commissioners on Manual and Practical Instruction in Primary Schools under the Board of National Education in Ireland, together with Minutes of Evidence.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 20th day of January last, for a Return relative to Parliamentary Constituencies (Electors, &c.) (United Kingdom).

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum 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 Report do lie upon the Table.

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

(To be continued.)

CLAUSE No. 1 (Aid Grant to Voluntary Elementary Schools). Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, to leave out Sub-section (6), in order to insert the words "The accounts of every school aided out of the Aid Grant shall be audited by the district auditor, and the enactments relating to audit by district auditors of the accounts of school boards and their officers, and to all matters incidental thereto and consequent thereon, shall apply accordingly, with such adaptations as may be made by regulations of the Local Government Board." (Mr. Lloyd-George.) Question proposed, That Sub-section (6) stand part of the Clause.

Question put, "That the Question be now put." To Question put (presented to the House by Mr. Ridley), "That the Question be now put," Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put." The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther) 217.

Tellers for the Mr. Brodrick, Noes, (Mr. Ellis Griffith) 97.

Question put accordingly, That Sub-section (6) stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther) 230.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, (Mr. M'Arthur) 100.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, after the word "department," to insert the words "Provided that it shall be the duty of the auditor to disallow any payments for rent, cleaning, warming, or lighting of the school buildings, or for any of these, as are not reasonable and wholly and fairly incurred during or in connection with the use of the premises as a public elementary day school, to disallow any expenditure on salaries and wages not wholly in payment for services rendered in public elementary day schools, and to surcharge any person liable by law to be surcharged with any sum of money which is considered by the auditors to have been unreasonably or improperly so expended." (Mr. Yorall.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted. Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, at the end, to insert the words "The Education Department may appoint one of their officers to attend the meetings of the governing body of any association formed under this section, but such officer shall not have a right to vote." (Mr. Courtney.) 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?" To Question put (presented to the House), 230. Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther) 209.

Yeas. (Mr. Balfour) 100. Noes. (Mr. M'Arthur) 100.

Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther) 229. Noes, (Mr. M'Arthur) 100.

Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther) 230. Noes, (Mr. M'Arthur) 100.

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Question put, "That the Question be now put." To Question put (presented to the House), "That the Question be now put," 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 Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Elections (Ireland) (Women) 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 Aliens Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Working Men's Dwellings Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 26th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Second Reading of the Solicitors (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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 next.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Water Second Reading of the London Water Companies Amalgamation Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tithe 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 Solicitors Second Reading of the Solicitors (Magistracy) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Common-Supply Second Reading of the Commons Supply (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon To-morrow.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the administration of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and into the adequacy of its organisation for saving life on our coasts. —[Sir Robert Pennan Fitzgerald.]
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. Jeffreys reported the Crowborough District Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

Sir Charles Dilwynn reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 15th days of this instant March; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

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

Mr. Jeffreys reported the Weymouth Gas Bill, Weymouth with Amendments.

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

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on Group A. of Private Bills; That, there being no other Business ready for their consideration, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Two of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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 Western Railway (Truro and Newquay) Bill was read the first time.

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

The Whiting's Patent Bill was read the first time.

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

The Order for reading a second time, To, the Order was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant March.

The Order for reading a second time, To, Local Government (County Clerks) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant March.

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

The Order for a reading a second time, To, Local Government (County Clerks) Bill was read, and discharged.

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The Order for reading a second time, To, Local Government (County Clerks) Bill was read, and discharged.

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

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Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:
The Committee divided.
Tellors for the—Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 283.
  [Mr. Anstruther: ]
  [Mr. Kearley: ]
Tellors for the—Mr. Herbert Lewis, Noes, 88.
  [Mr. Samuel Evans: ]

CLAUSE, No. 3 (Exemption from rates of voluntary elementary schools).
Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 32, after the word "rate" to insert the words "other than a school board rate."—[Mr. Samuel Evans.]
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 53, to leave out the words "or mainly."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)
Question proposed, That the words "or mainly," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 35, to leave out the words "except to the extent of any," in order to insert the words "as long as no,"—[Mr. Staveley.]
Question proposed, That the words "except to the extent of any," stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 35, after the word "proceeds," to insert the words "or the estimated money value of any advantage."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)
Question proposed, That Those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:
The Committee divided.
Tellors for the—Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 283.
  [Mr. Anstruther: ]
  [Mr. Kearley: ]
Tellors for the—Mr. Herbert Lewis, Noes, 88.
  [Mr. Samuel Evans: ]

CLAUSE, No. 4 (Definitions).
Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 42, after the word "Department," to insert the words "a school shall be deemed to be necessitous, if in any preceding school year either:—"
  "(a) a rate of threepence in the pound on the rateable value of the school district in which the school is situate, together with any other school or schools of the district; or
  "(b) a school board existed in the district in which the school is situate, and a sum was paid to the treasurer of the school board by the rating authority which was not less than the proceeds of a rate of threepence in the school district, or part of a school district, for which the school is recognised as available by the Education Department, would have produced in any preceding school year either:—"
  "the school shall be deemed to be necessitous, if in any preceding school year either:"
"(c) a rate of threepence in the pound on the rateable value of the school district in which the school is situate, and a sum was paid to the treasurer of the school board by the rating authority which was not less than the proceeds of a rate of threepence in the school district, together with any other school or schools of the district; or
  "(d) a school board existed in the district in which the school is situate, and a sum was paid to the treasurer of the school board by the rating authority which was not less than the proceeds of a rate of threepence in the school district, or part of a school district, for which the school is recognised as available by the Education Department, would have produced in any preceding school year either:—"
"(e) the estimated money value of any advantage."—(Mr. Anstruther.)
Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:
The Committee divided.
Tellors for the—Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 283.
  [Mr. Anstruther: ]
  [Mr. Kearley: ]
Tellors for the—Mr. Herbert Lewis, Noes, 88.
  [Mr. Samuel Evans: ]

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Works (Money) Bill. In the Committee.

CLAUSE, No. 5 (Extent of Act and Short Title).
Amendment again proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out the words "may if they think fit at any time," in order to insert the word "shall."—(Mr. Long.)
Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, to leave out the words "all or any part of,"—(Mr. Long.)
Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:
The Committee divided.
Tellors for the—Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 186.
  [Mr. Anstruther: ]
  [Mr. Kearley: ]
Tellors for the—Mr. Long, Noes, 65.
  [Mr. Kearley: ]
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 5, to leave out the word "thirty," in order to insert the word "fifteen."—(Mr. Kearley.)
Question proposed, That the word "thirty" stand part of the Clause:
After Debate thereon:
Mr. Duncombe 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.
Mr. Duncombe rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put."
Question put, "That the Question be now put":
The Committee proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Sir William Walrond: Yeas, 158.
Tellers for the Mr. Warner, Noes, 57.

Question put accordingly, That the word "thirty" stand part of the Clause; The Committee divided.

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 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.

Public Health (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of February last, That the Public Health (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Foreign Prison Goods Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Prison Goods Bill:

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

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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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.

Kingstown Harbour Roads Transfer Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kingstown Harbour Roads Transfer Bill:

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

Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill:

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

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 Monday next.

Archdeaconry of Cornwall Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Archdeaconry of Cornwall Bill:

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

Army (Annuity) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Army (Annuity) 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;

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Mr. Kearey moved, That the Debate be now Mr. Speaker adjourned; but Mr. Speaker being of opinion to propose a Question, That the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question (Abuse of Rules.)

And the 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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Trusts (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 Food Second Reading of the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councils (Qualification of Women) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Industrial and Provident Societies (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill: to 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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 29th day of this instant March.

The Mersey Channels Bill was, according to the Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Truck Acts Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday the 25th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That Mr. Dowell Sitwell be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Museums of the Science and Art Department.

Ordered, That Mr. Dolby be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Thomas Ellis.)

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, 19th March, 1897.**

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.—

**Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

**Dumfries and Maxwelltown Water Bill.**

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

**Huddersfield Corporation Bill.**

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Huddersfield Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

**Dublin Port and Docks Board Bill.**

The Order made upon the 4th day of this instant March, That the Dublin Port and Docks Board Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn. (Mr. Farquharson.)

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

**Public Petitions.**

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Public Accounts (Navy Votes), which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Elementary Education (Sutton School), which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented,—Return of Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Queen’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer, Scotland, in the year ended the 31st day of December 1896, in the Administration of Estates and Trustee Trove on behalf of the Crown: — And, of Alphabetical List of Estates which fell to the Crown as Ultimos Heres in Scotland administered by the Queen’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer in the year ended the 31st day of December 1896.

Mr. Hohbery accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Wigan Committee on the Wigan Junction 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 no further Amendment thereto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire 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 thereto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Locharmond, St. Fillans, and Comrie 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 thereto.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to make provision with reference to the Winding-up of the North London Commercial Permanent Building Society to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 Business of Supply, 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 Yeas,—Mr. Austruther; Mr. Strode.

Tellers for the Noes,—Mr. Lynes; Mr. Flynn.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply (Third Appropriation Day) into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

**Naval Estimates, 1897—98.**

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,696,000, 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 1898:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Sum, not exceeding £4,416,455, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Lough):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Army
Army Ordnance Factories, 1896-97.

£ 100 (Supplementary Sum), 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.

Civil Services (Excess), 1896-97.

3. £ 263 4s. Id., to make good an Excess on the Grant for the Mint, including Coinage, for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1896.

Ways and Means Estimates, 1897-98.

4. £ 648,800, 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.

5. £ 1,384,600, the Expense of Victualling and Clothing for the Navy, including the Cost of Victualling Establishments at Home and Abroad.

6. £ 161,400, the Expense of Medical Services, including the Cost of Medical Establishments, for Home and Abroad.

7. £ 10,600, the Expense of Martial Law, including the Cost of Naval Prisons at Home and Abroad.

8. £ 249,800, the Expenses of the Royal Naval Reserve, and the Reserve of Retired Officers, and Seamen Pensioners.

9. £ 2,075,000, the Expense of Naval Armaments.

10. £ 195,400, the Expense of various Miscellaneous Effective Services.

11. £ 243,600, the Expenses of the Admiralty Office.

12. £ 749,500, the Expense of Half Pay, Reserved and Retired Pay, to Officers of the Navy and Marines.

13. £ 1,053,200, the Expense of Naval and Marine Pensions, Gratuities, and Compassionate Allowances.

14. £ 327,400, the Expense of Civil Pensions and Gratuities.

15. £ 603,000, 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 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 3, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to. Preamble 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.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at twenty minutes after Eight of the clock, without a Question first put, till Monday next.

Monday, 22nd March, 1897.

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 previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Great Western Railway (Avro and Newquay 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, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Provident Life Office Bill.

Writing’s Patent Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birkenhead Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birkenhead Corporation (Ferries) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Crichton Royal Institution Bill; and committed.

The Edinburgh American Land Mortgage Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Eastern Railway (Lowestoft Harbour) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the City of London (Inclusion of Southwark) Bill:

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bradford, praying that provision may be made in the Bradford Corporation Tramways and Improvement Bill, authorising the Borrowing of an additional sum of Forty thousand pounds, for the purposes of Waterworks, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill (Oban Order) of Session 1896 be referred to the Committee on the Callander and Oban Railway Bill of this Session.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

And 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. Pickersgill.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Lafone 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. 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; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Affirmative.

Mr. Bonham; 169.

Mr. Lafone: 187.

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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Fourth Report.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Criminal Code (Canada, Gambling in Prices), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant March, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing,(1) The Expenditure from the Grant for Public Education in Scotland in the year 1896, 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 1896.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to county Officers the directions of several Acts of Parliament,— Copy of Rules, dated the 13th March 1897, (Scotland.)

Copy of Rules, made by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland and County Court Judges as to Civil Bill Ejectments under the Land Law (Ireland) Acts, in pursuance of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 19th March Pharmacy Acts, 1887, under the Pharmacy Acts (Ireland) 1877, and 1890, approving the Regulations made by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Papers on the Famine and Relief Operations in East India in 1896-97. 

Copy of Papers relating to the outbreak of Bubonic Plague in India, with Statement showing the Quarantine and other Restrictions recently placed upon Indian Trade up to March 1897.

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

Mr. Hambury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 15th March 1897, directing the Application of Moneys received by the Board of Trade from 1st April 1895 to 31st March 1896, in respect of the Rights and Interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Reports for 1896, Agriculture, of the Board of Agriculture, of Proceedings, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Acts, &c.,&c.

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

Ireland; and Apportionment of the Amounts payable to the General Council by Branch Councils: also, Returns of Receipts and Expenditure of the Dental Registration Fund of the General Medical Council for the year ending 31st December last.

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

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—(1) Further Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of August 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, 1853 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, 1819 to 1857; (2) a Digest showing, in the case of each 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.

(ii.) Further Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of March, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (Anglesey) (Inquiries Held).

Mr. Holhouse reported from the Committee on Group No. 6 of Railway Bills; That the parties promoting the Callander and Oban Railway Bill had stated that the evidence of Donald McColman, 24, Alexandria Place, Oban; John Campbell, Park Cottage, Oban; James Ewing, S. Cowalrige Place, Oban; John Carmichael, Blantyre Villa, Oban; Allan Donald, Green-garden Cottage, Soroba Road, Oban; Colin Hugh Maclellan, Helmore, Oban; Alexander Patterson, Queen's Buildings, Oban; John Burrows, Isle of Kerrera, Oban; William Shankland, Kilbrannan, Lismore; Peter Cerran, Breachley, Dalmally; John Campbell, Breachachie, Inverary; and Archibald Collenwck, 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 Donald McColman, John Campbell, James Ewing, John Carmichael, Allan Donald, Colin Hugh Maclellan, Alexander Patterson, John Burrows, William Shankland, Peter Cerran, John Campbell, and Alexander Graham do attend the said Committee upon Friday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the said Donald McColman, John Campbell, James Ewing, John Carmichael, Allan Donald, Colin Hugh Maclellan, Alexander Patterson, John Burrows, William Shankland, Peter Cerran, John Campbell, and Alexander Graham do attend the said Committee on Group No. 6 of Railway Bills upon Friday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Samuel Hoare reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of Members, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

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:

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the Age under which the Employers in Dangerous Performances is prohibited: And that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide facilities for the Acquisition by Working Men of their own Dwellings; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House Boards of Guardians for Children Boarded out beyond the Union under the Boarding-out Order, and of the Particulars as shown in the following form:—

The Railway Passengers' Assurance Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, To an Order, dated the 10th day of August 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, 1853 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, 1819 to 1857; (2) a Digest showing, in the case of each 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, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 30th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Age under which the Employers in Dangerous Performances is prohibited: And that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Acquisition of a Site for Public Offices (Whitehall) in or near Whitehall, and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Akers-Douglas, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Haukeby do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Akers-Douglas presented a Bill for the Public Offices Acquisition of a Site for Public Offices in or near Whitehall, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Akers-Douglas presented a Bill for the Public Offices Acquisition of a Site for Public Offices in or near Whitehall, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Voluntary Third Reading of the Voluntary Schools Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Works (Money) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Borrowing for purposes of Act, and Accounts and Audit). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, at the end of Sub-section 1, to insert the words, "Every loan raised in pursuance of this section shall be discharged before such date as may be fixed by the Treasury."—(Mr. Lough.) Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out from the word "services," to end of Sub-section 1.—(Mr. Knox.) 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. 14, to leave out from the word "account," to the word "and" in l. 16, in order to insert the words "showing as follows:—" (a) The money expended during that year in pursuance of this Act, and the purposes on which that money was expended, distinguishing the expenditure under each of the heads in the Schedule to this Act; and (b) The mode in which that money was provided, and the securities (if any) created for providing the same; and (c) The aggregate of money expended since the passing of this Act, and the purposes thereof, and the aggregate amount of money borrowed, and of securities (if any) created for providing for the same; and (d) The balance (if any) of the sums authorised by this Act to be issued.—(Mr. Lough.) Question, put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther, Yeas, | Lord Arthur Hill: 193. Mr. Caldwell: 73.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Lough, Noes, | Mr. Goddard: 60. Mr. Knox: 150.]

Question put, That Clause 2 stand part of the Bill:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther, Yeas, | Lord Arthur Hill: 150. Mr. Caldwell: 60.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Lough, Noes, | Mr. Knox: 137.]

CLAUSES, Nos. 3 and 4, agreed to.

A Cause (Reports to Parliament)—(Mr. Lough)—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. Lough, Yeas, | Mr. Cadwaller: 48.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther, Noes, | Lord Arthur Hill: 137.]

Schedule a, Question proposed, That this be the Schedule of the Bill:—After debate thereon; Sir James Ferguson rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put," the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined him to put that Question:—Debate resumed.

Question put, That the Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther, Yeas, | Lord Arthur Hill: 170. Mr. Caldwell: 59.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Lough, Noes, | Mr. Herbert Lewis: 59.]

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Public Health the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of February last, That the Public Health (Scotland) 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 from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "this House declines to read a second time a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Public Health in Scotland which does not provide for the rates under the same being levied one half upon the owners and the other half upon the occupiers of land in burgals as in counties; and which does not permit of the acquisition of land compulsorily for Public Health purposes by an Order of the Local Government Board of Scotland without resort to Parliament,—(Mr. Caldwell), 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, 22nd March, 1897.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Lands Act (1896) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Power for County or Borough Council to construct buildings and works [sec 53 & 56 Vict. c. 45, s. 1]) Question proposed, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill:—Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Patrick Aloysius 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported Supply from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—Navy Estimates, 1897-98.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 4,698,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Wages, &c. to Officers, Seamen and Boys, (Wages,) Coast Guard, and Royal Marines, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898.

2. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Ordnance Factories (the Cost of Supple-
Mint (Excess), 1895-96.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 263 4s. 1d., be granted to Her Majesty, to make good an Excess on the Grant for the Mint, including Coinage, for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1896.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 618,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,384,600, 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 1898.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 161,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense 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 1898.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Martial Law, including the Cost of Victualling and Clothing for the Navy, in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 249,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Royal Naval Reserve, and the Reserve of Retired Officers, and Seamen Pensioners, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,675,000 be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Naval Armaments, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 195,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of various Miscellaneous Effective Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 243,600, 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 1898.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 749,300, 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 1898.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,053,200, 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 1898.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 327,400, 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 1898.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 60,300, be additional granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense necessary to be provided for under the Arrangements 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 1898.

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

Mr. HOUNSBY 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 Fund, years ending on the 31st day of March 1896 and 1897, the Sum of £ 2,230,835 17s. 1d. be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

2. That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, the Sum of £ 2,327,700 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) together, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. HOUNSBY do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. HOUNSBY accordingly presented a Bill to Consolidated Sums out of the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) to the Service of the years ending on the Thirty-first day of March, first day of March, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day, at half-past Three of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Undermanning) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Prison Second Reading of the Foreign Prison Made Goods 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 Roads Transfer 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 of Evidence (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 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 Archdeaconry of Cornwall Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Trusts (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last, That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councillors (Qualification of Women) (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th 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 Friday the 9th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trout Fishing Close Time (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 Crofters' Holdings Act (Scotland) Act (1896) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Estates Tail 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 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 Municipal Elections (Ireland) (Women) 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 Merchants' Holdings Bill, (in the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1. To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stewart-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 Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption Bill (Houses of Parliament) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Railway Assessor (Scotland) Bill for transferring the right of Presentation to University the Professorships of Botany and Natural History in the University of Edinburgh: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Austruther do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Railway Assessor (Scotland) Bill to provide Superannuation allowances for the Assessor of Railways and Canals in Scotland and the Clerks and other Officers permanently employed by him: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Austruther do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Persons not borne on the Permanent Establishment of the Civil Service, and not paid by the day, whose Salaries are paid out of an Annual Lump-sum Allowance made to the Head of the Department in which they are respectively serving, and who are employed by such Head personally without examination by the Civil Service Commissioners:—

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report of the Trustees and Director of the National Gallery for the year 1896.—(Mr. Hawthorn.)

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was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to provide Superannuation Allowances for the Assessors of Railways and Canals in Scotland and the Clerks and other Officers permanently employed by him: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Henry David Greene presented a Bill to amend the Sale of Distress, 1689: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of April next; and to be printed.

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

Tuesday, 23rd March, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Committee on the City and West End Railway Bill; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to 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 Dover, Dundalk, Lincoln, Tonbridge, Ventnor, and Wimbledon: 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 Brighouse, Bury Saint Edmunds, Dudley, Farnworth, Kearsley, Southampton, and Wafford: 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 Metropolitan Inner Circle Completion and Eastern Extension Railway Bill of Session 1874, the Metropolitan and Metropolitan District Railway Companies Bill of Session 1876, the Central London Railway Bill of Session 1890, and the Central London Railway Bill of Session 1891, be referred to the Committee on the City and West End Railway Bill of this Session.—(Mr. Forpyerson.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charitable Endowments (West Riding of the County of York), which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charitable Endowments (Anglesey) (Inquiries Held), which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Attorney General presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, Forms, and Schedules of Fees under the Order by the Lord Chancellor, with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice of England and the consent of the Treasury, changing the Rank and Style of Chief Clerks in the Chancery Division of the Supreme Court of Judicature.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, in pursuance of Standing Orders 1584.—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the Kingstown and Kingsbridge Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill, and the objects thereof.

Ordered, That the Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Rules, Forms, Directions, and Schedule of Fees issued by the Irish Land Commission under the Land Purchase Acts, dated 16th March 1897.

Copy of Rules, Forms, and Schedules of Fees issued by the Irish Land Commission in relation to the Irish Land Commission (Vol. 152)
to Proceedings under the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, dated 16th March 1897.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a request from Mr. Attorney General, that the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

2. That, in the case of the London and North Western Railway (Wales) Bill, Petition of "Charles Vernon Mogrove," for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of his Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

3. That, in the case of the Great Northern and City Railway Bill, Petition of the "Fishmongers Company," 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 Two Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message from Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Surveyors Surveyors (County Dublin) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Mumbles Railway and Pier (Extension of Mumbles Railway) Act, 1889; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Saint Anne’s-on-the-Sea Gas Bill [Lords.] for incorporating the Trustees of the Deed of Mortification by the Deceased John Strachan, of Craigcrook, Writer to the Signet; for enlarging the Powers of the Trustees, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Mumbles Railway and Pier Act, 1889; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Craigcrook Mortification Bill [Lords.] to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Mumbles Railway and Pier Act [Sco.]; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Taunton Gas Bill [Lords.] for granting further Powers to the Taunton Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Isle of Man Act to remove Doubts as to the applicability of the Church Building Acts and New Parishes Acts to the Isle of Man; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Racecourse Bill, Petition of the "Fish- and City Railway Bill, Petition of the "Fish- and City Railway Company," 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 Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Antonio Gas Bill [Lords.] for granting further Powers to the Antonio Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Tandem Gas Act for granting further Powers to the Tandem Gas Bill [Lords.] and City Railway Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Mumbles Railway and Pier (Extension of Mumbles Railway) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Tandem Gas Bill [Lords.] for extending the Time for the Construction Railway and other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in view of the distressed condition of many of the Clergy, whose remuneration is principally derived from Tithe Rent-charge, this House is of opinion that the burdens of Local Taxation borne by them are inequitable and excessive, and that the grievance is one that calls for substantial relief—(Mr. Round):—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Victor Cavendish : 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Carvell Williams : 97.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That, in view of the distressed condition of many of the Clergy, whose remuneration is principally derived from Tithe Rent-charge, this House is of opinion that the burdens of Local Taxation borne by them are inequitable and excessive, and that the grievance is one that calls for substantial relief.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Select Committee be appointed to consider whether the amount annually received by London under Grants in Aid bears a just proportion to the amount contributed by London to the General Taxes of the Nation—(Mr. Laugh) :—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, it being then after Four of the clock, The Speaker ; and Forty Members not being present, the Question was ascertained, and not put, That in view of the distressed condition of many of the Clergy, whose remuneration is principally derived from Tithe Rent-charge, this House is of opinion that the burdens of Local Taxation borne by them are inequitable and excessive, and that the grievance is one that calls for substantial relief.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Charing Cross, Easton, and Hampstead Railway Bill was 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 National Gallery (Report), which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant March, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, for the Home Department extending to Factories and Workshops in which the Bottling of Beer is carried on, a Special Exception with respect to the Employment of Women Overtime, contained in Section 53 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878, as amended by Sections 14 and 37 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1895. 

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

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—General Abstract of the Number of Births, and Deaths registered in England in the year 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Brodrick presented.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of February last, for a Return relative to Army (Average Numbers at Home and Abroad). 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, No. 1852. Copies of Reports on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, Nos. 490 and 421. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill. (In the Committee.)

CLASSES, No. 1 to No. 4, 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 To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Criminal Appeal 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; Mr. Pickersgill 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 Mr. Gibson Bowles, Sir Albert Rollit: 147. Tellers for the Mr. Gibson Bowles, Sir Edward Clarke: 86.

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 Mr. Pickersgill, Yeas, Sir Albert Rollit: 129. Tellers for the Mr. Pickersgill, Noes, Sir Howard Vincent: 85.

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 a Select Committee—(Mr. Pickersgill); And, it being after half-past Five of the clock, 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 County Government (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 Manhood Suffrage (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 Estates Tail 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 Highways 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 Municipal Elections (Ireland) (Women) 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 Licensing Exemption Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Law (Ireland) (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 Backhouses Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Mersey Channels Bill ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 6th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. Solicitor General 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:

Mr. Solicitor General further reported from the 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, which is the same Bill as was passed by the Joint Committee last year, and are of opinion that it conforms 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 practices, and does not embody any substantial amendment of the law.

Mr. Solicitor General further reported from the Committee; That they had gone through the Bill and made an Amendment thereto, and had adjourned till Friday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. Hobhouse reported from the Committee on Railway Bills Group 6 of Railway Bills; That, there being an (Group 6) business ready for their consideration, the Committee had adjourned till Friday next, at Eleven o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed; with a New Title, as follows:

An Act to consolidate the Townships within (New Title.) the County Borough of Birkenhead, and to transfer the Township of Rock Ferry from the Wirral Union to the Birkenhead Union; to confer further Powers on the Corporation of the Borough in relation to Ferries and Tramways, and other matters; to authorise the Corporation to amend some of the provisions of the Local Acts in force within the Borough, and for other purposes.

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

A Motion being made, That the Birkenhead Corporation Bill (Ferries) Bill be now read the third time;

Lord Arthur Hill, 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 Saint Patrick's Park, Dublin, Bill was 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.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Average Numbers at Home and Abroad), which was presented upon the 24th day of this instant March, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to Lanuary the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy (Scotland.) of Rules and Conditions on which the General Board of Commissioners in Lanuary for Scotland, with the approval of the Secretary for Scotland, have granted their Licence for the reception of Pauper Lunatics into the Greenock Parochial Asylum.

Copy of General Rules made by the Governor, Lanuary District Lunacy Board for the Management of (Scotland.) the District Asylum at Inverness.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of General Index of Treaty Series, (No. 5, 1897.) 1892-96.

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

Mr. James William Lothian reported from the Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) 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 tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lothian reported from the Committee on the London (Clare Market, Strand) 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, with an Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on the Lancashire and Yorkshire 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 Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills: that, having no business ready for its consideration, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring further Powers on the Harrogate Waterworks Company; for the Construction of Works; and the raising of Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to examine the Petitioners for Private Bills.

The Harrogate Water Bill was read the first time.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of White Fish (exclusive of Herrings, Sprats, Sparlings, and Mackereel) landed on the East Coast of Scotland from 1892 to 1896 (both inclusive)—(I.) by Steam Trawl Fishing Boats; and (II.) by Line Fishing Boats:—

Ordered, That the Biĺl be 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. Asquith); and the Question being proposed, that the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning; the Sitting of the House was adjourned till Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question beingungs of putting, That the Proceedings on the Voluntary Schools Bill, if under discussion at Twelve o'clock on Friday, 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 Yeas, [Mr. Austrather;]
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Thomas Ellis; 114.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Acquisition of Land for the Extension of the Patent Office, and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Akers-Douglas and Mr. Houldby do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Akers-Douglas presented a Bill for the Acquisition of Land for the Extension of the Patent Office, and for purposes connected therewith: And the said Orders were of the Patent Office, and for purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Akers-Douglas and Mr. Houldby do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Akers-Douglas presented a Bill for the Acquisition of Land for the Extension of the Patent Office, and for 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the voluntary Third Reading of the Voluntary Schools Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

The Order of the day being read, for the voluntary Third Reading of the Voluntary Schools Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided.

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The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Austruther; Lord Arthur Hill: 331.
Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis, Mr. M'Arthur: 131.

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 Consolidated Fund (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 Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Military Works (Money) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill.

(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 Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Offices (Whitehall) Site 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 17th day of February last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Public Health (Scotland) 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 Merchant Shipping (Undermanning) 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 Foreign Prison Made Goods 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 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 Kingstown Harbour Roads 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 Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) 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;
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The Order of the day being read, for the Edinburgh University (Transfer of Patronage) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Smaller Dwellings (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Assessor (Scotland) Superannuation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Law of 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 Midwives' Registration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councils (Qualification of Women) 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 Truck Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill;
Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last, That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) 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 Court of Criminal Appeal Bill.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Government (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 Leaseholders (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Elections (Ireland) (Women) 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 Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for an Appeal in Ireland, in Cases stated by Justices in certain Civil Matters: And that Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the manner in which the Sites available for the erection of the new Buildings required for Government Offices may best be appropriated for that purpose.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Smith-Dorri, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Dowdell, Mr. Aher-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. (Mr. Austruther.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Grand Juries in Ireland to grant Superannuation Allowances to County Secretaries: And that Mr. Horace Plunkett, Mr. Carson, and Mr. Butcher do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to provide for an Appeal in Ireland in Cases stated by Justices in certain Civil Matters: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Horace Plunkett presented a Bill to enable Grand Juries in Ireland to grant Superannuation Allowances to County Secretaries: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of April next; and to be printed.

And, it being One of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wigan Junction Railways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, the House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London (Clare Market, Strand) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The said Paper lie upon the Table.


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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular (Annual Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1853 and 1894).

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 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 the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Patent Office for the issue of Letters Patent of Assignment for Property, other than the General Repairs, for the same period.

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

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Ordered, That Mr. Hargreaves Brown have Leave of Absence for one week, on account of Absence.

Ordered, That the said Paper lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hombury presented, pursuant to the direction 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, and the Gross Amount of all Bank 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 Vict. c. 15, 16 & 17 Vict. c. 45, 27 & 28 Vict. c. 43, 45 & 46 Vict. c. 51, and 50 & 51 Vict. c. 40, within the year ended 5th January 1897.

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

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

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Mr. Huxley reported from the Committee of Supply, the Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Huxley reported from the Committee of Supply, the Paisley and Barrhead District 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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
26th March.

Evictions (London) Bill.

Bill 178.

restrain Eviction of certain Tenants in London until after the Date of the Jubilee Procession on the 31st day of March 1898, viz. :-

Mr. Marks accordingly presented a Bill to restrain Eviction of certain Tenants in London until after the Date of the Jubilee Procession; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Supply (4th allotted Day.)

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

Civil Services and Revenue Departments, 1897–98

(Vote on Account).

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,631,216, 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 1898, viz. :-

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<td>Public Education, Scotland</td>
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Ireland.—

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<td>Colonial Services, including South Africa</td>
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<td>Slave Trade Services</td>
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<td>Subsidies to Telegraph Companies, &amp;c.</td>
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Class VI.

Superannuation and Retired Allowances | £ 270,000 |
Merchant Seamen's Fund Pensions, &c. | £ 4,000 |
Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances, Great Britain | £ 1,000 |
Panter Lunatics, Ireland | £ 120,000 |
Hospitals and Charities, Ireland | £ 9,000 |

Class VII.

Temporary Commissions | £ 12,000 |
Miscellaneous Expenses | £ 12,000 |
Highlands and Islands of Scotland | £ 8,000 |
Total for Civil Services | £ 6,271,218 |

Revenue
Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Item of £60,000, for the Local Government Board, be reduced by £100—(Sir Albert Rollit):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:—Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Item of £40,000, for the Home Office, be reduced by £1,000—(Mr. Flynn):—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Attlee; Mr. Weir Rogers; Mr. Balfour:} 107.

Tellers for the Noes, {Lord Arthur Hill; Sir Robert Reid; Mr. Labouchere:} 50.

Question put accordingly, That the Item of £22,000, for the Foreign Office, be reduced by £1,000—(Mr. Labouchere):—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 proceeded to a Division.

Saturday, 27th March, 1897:

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Arthur Acton; Mr. Anstruther; Mr. Balfour:} 130.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Thomas Ellis; Lord Arthur Hill; Mr. Labouchere:} 48.

Question put accordingly, That the Item of £22,000, for the Foreign Office, be reduced by £1,000—(Mr. Labouchere):—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Balfour; Mr. Balfour; Mr. Weir Rogers:} 44.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Anstruther; Mr. Balfour; Lord Arthur Hill:} 128.

Mr. Balfour claimed, "That the Original Question be now put." Original Question put accordingly, The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, {Mr. Balfour; Mr. Balfour:} 128.

Tellers for the Noes, {Mr. Anstruther; Mr. Labouchere; Mr. Philip Stanhope:} 44.

And, it being after Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his Report to the House.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lothore 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 House of Commons.

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 Church Patronage Transfer Bill, Vol. 152.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 7th day of May 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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Franchise (Ireland) (Women) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Shop Assistants (Ireland) Holiday Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shops Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Cemeteries Rating 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 Cemeteries Rating Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Shop Assistants (Ireland) Holiday Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shops Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Working Men's Dwelling Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trout Fishing Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Highways Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Law (Ireland) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Cemeteries Rating Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Cemeteries Rating Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to withhold Her Consent from the Statute made by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, altering Statute IV. of the Statutes of the College by the insertion after the 18th Clause of a new Clause numbered 18A.—[Sir Lewis M'tier.]

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the British Ships Stranded during each year since 1884 in the Red Sea South of 18° North Latitude, also in the Gulf of Aden and upon the North-east Promontory of Africa, to the Meridian of 52° East Longitude, with the following Particulars: Name and Official Number of Ship, Tonnage, Voyage, Date and Hour of Stranding, Place of Stranding, State of Weather, Remarks. —[Sir James Ferguson.]

And then the House, having continued to sit for five and twenty minutes before One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 29th March, 1897.

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.:

Mumbles Railway and Pier (Extension of Time) Bill.
Rhuddlan and Seances Bay 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 not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:

Crowfoot Mortification Bill.
Harragote Water Bill.
Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea Gas Bill.
Taunton 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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 23rd day of this instant March, That, in the case of the following Bills, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Public Offices (Whitehall) Site Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the insertion after the 18th Clause of a new Bill, intituled, An Harrogate Corporation (Water Transfer) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

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. Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1897.
2. Army (Annual) Act, 1897.
3. County Dublin Surveyors Act, 1897.
4. London (Borough Roads, Southwark) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1897.
5. London (Churchway, Saint Pancras) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1897.
6. Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1897.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Chichester Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Crowborough District Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire 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, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Richmond Lunatic Asylum Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Harrogate Corporation (Water Transfer) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Harrogate Corporation (Water Transfer) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the *Weymouth Gas Bill*, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

**Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.**

Ordered, That the Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

**Great Western Railway (Truro and Newquay Railway) Bill (Lands).**

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

**North Eastern Railway Bill.**

Ordered, That the North Eastern Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

**Provisio*nt* Life Office Bill [Lords].**

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

**Whiting's Patent Bill [Lords].**

The London (Clare Market, Strand) 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 Orders (No. 1) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

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

**Financial Relations (England and Ireland).**

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 the House to take into consideration the grievance disclosed by the Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Financial Relations of Great Britain and Ireland, was read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charity Commission (County Merioneth Endowments), which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made pursuant to the provisions of the Glebe Lands Act, 1888, with the approval of the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, in relation to the sale of Glebe Land.

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. 1855. Mr. Curzon also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 12th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to the Treaty of Washington (Correspondence).

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


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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Representations received by the Secretary of State for India, from the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and the Royal College of Physicians relative to the prevalence of Venereal Disease among the British Troops in India.

Copy of Despatch to the Government of East India regarding the measures to be adopted for checking the spread of Venereal Disease among the British Troops in India.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, La Harve, &c., a Copy of Report by the Board of Trade upon Bills, the following Harbour, &c., Bills, viz.:—

1. North Eastern Railway Bill.
2. Vale of Rheilaid Railway Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Sheffield Committee on the Sheffield Corporation Bill; Corporation 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. Cohen reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills; that, leave of absence having been granted by the House to Mr. Hargreaves Brown, the Chairman of the Committee, and a letter having been received from Mr. Hargreaves, another of the Members of the Committee, stating that in consequence of illness, he was unable to attend the meeting of the Committee this day, and there being no Quorum present, the Committee had adjourned till Monday 3rd May, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills; that, having no business ready for their consideration, they had adjourned till Tuesday 4th May.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Samuel Hoare reported from the Committee on the North British and West Highland Railway 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.

Mr. Samuel Hoare reported from the Committee on the Inverness and Fort Augustus Railway (Inverness 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
29th March. 1897.

Votes.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Mr. Samuel Hoare reported from the Committee on the Highland Railway (Inverness and Fort Augustus 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 thereunto.

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

Highland Railway (Inverness and Fort Augustus Railway) Bill.

Mr. Woodall reported from the Committee on Group 3 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday the 31st March.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Railway Bills (Group 3.)

Mr. Woodall reported from the Committee on Group 3 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday the 31st March.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Market Gardeners' Compensation (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the 8th day of April next.

Regular and Elders' Widows' Funds.

Regular and Elders' Widows' Funds Bill.

Bill 179.

Financial Relations (England and Ireland.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the Report and Proceedings of the Royal Commission on the Financial Relations of Great Britain and Ireland establish the existence of an undue burden of Taxation on Ireland, which constitutes "grievance to all classes of the Irish community, and makes it the duty of the Government to propose at an early day Remedial Legislation—(Mr. Blake).

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "House," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "so long as the Exchequers of Great Britain and Ireland remain consolidated all portions of the United Kingdom must be regarded as forming one country for fiscal purposes, and if any genuine and tangible grievance does exist, it can only be satisfactorily removed by so adjusting the present fiscal system as to render it just and equitable to all persons in whatever part of the United Kingdom they may reside"—(Mr. Wittaker), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Military Works (Money) Bill.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Power for County or Borough Council to construct buildings and works [see 55 & 56 Vic. c. 45, s. 1].)

Ordered, That the Clause stand part of the Bill—put, and negatived.

Clause, No. 2, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, Nos. 3 and 4, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton reported from Supply Committee of Supply, a Resolution which was read, as follows:—

That a Sum, not exceeding £10,631,215, 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 1898, viz.:

CIVIL SERVICES.

Class I.

Local Government Board—£69,000

House Office and Subordinate Departments—£400,000

Stationery Office and Printing—£240,000

Class II.

Royal Palaces and Marlborough House—£12,000

Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens—£12,000

Houses of Parliament—£10,000

Admiralty, Extension of Buildings—£14,000

Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain—£24,000

Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain—£10,000

Diplomatic and Consular Buildings—£6,000

Revenue Department Buildings, Great Britain—£72,000

Public Buildings, Great Britain—£72,000

Surveys of the United Kingdom—£80,000

Harbours, &c., under Board of Trade, and Lighthouses Abroad—£20,000

Plymouth Harbour—£6,000

Wates on Government Property—£21,000

Public Works and Buildings, Ireland—£70,000

Railways, Ireland—£70,000

Class III.

United Kingdom and England:

House of Lords, Offices—£6,000

House of Commons, Offices—£9,000

Treasury and Subordinate Departments—£30,000

Foreign Office—£22,000

Colonial Office—£14,000

Privy Council Office, &c.—£5,000

Board of Trade and Subordinate Departments—£57,000

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—£20,000
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### Revenue Departments.

- Customs: £95,000
- Inland Revenue: £110,000
- Post Office: £900,000
- Post Office Packet Service: £100,000
- Post Office Telegraphs: £1,000,000
- Total for Revenue Departments: £2,600,000

### Grand Total: £10,085,218

The said Resolution being read a second time;
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

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An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out "£10,631,218," and inserting "£10,629,532" — (Mr. Philip Stanhope), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That £10,631,218 stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Arthur Hill];
[Mr. Philip Stanhope];
[Mr. Charles Dilke];

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dangerous Performances Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan and other 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 Patent Office Extension Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Offices (Whitehall) Site Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment (Scotland) Bill, which, upon the 22nd day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Public Health (Scotland) 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 Merchant Shipping (Underrunning) 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 Foreign Prison Made Goods 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 Second Reading of the Kingstown Harbour Roads Transfer 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 of Evidence (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 Local Government (Al freshot 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 Archdeaconry of Cornwall Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Trusts (Scotland) 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 Edinburgh University (Transfer of Patronage) 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.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Warehousemen's Certificates Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labourers' Cottages (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 Industries (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) 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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) 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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of April next.

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 30th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Steam Engineer and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Government (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 Municipal Elections (Ireland) (Women) 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 Licensing of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Canals and Navigable Rivers in Ireland; And that Mr. James Farrell, Mr. MacAleave, Mr. Donal Slievin, Mr. Tuite, and Mr. Field do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
Tuesday, 30th March, 1897.

THE House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYER

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, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Leeds Corporation Bill.

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

A Motion being made, That the Leeds Corporation Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. James Leaither, 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 Midland Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follows:—An Act to confer additional Powers upon the Midland Railway Company for the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands; to empower that Company and the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Company to guarantee the Capital of the Tottenham and East Ham Railway Company; and to vest in the Midland Railway Company the Undertaking of the Kettering, Thrapston, and Huntingdon Railway Company; and to vest in the Midland Railway Company, the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company, and the Sheffield District Railways Company; and to vest in the Midland Railway Company the Undertaking of the Kettering, Thrapston, and Huntingdon Railway Company; to authorise the Re-arrangement and Consolidation of the existing Capital of the Midland Railway Company, and for other purposes.

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

The Wigan Junction 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Ashford Urban District (Gas) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dublin Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by leaving out Clause 21.—[Mr. Curran.

And the Question being propounded, That Clause 21 stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. James O'Connor 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 the Question thereupon to the House.

And the Question being put, That Clause 21 stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Mr. Harrington, Yea, [Mr. Field);

Tellers for the [Mr. Carson, Noes, [Mr. Pankhurst):

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Provident Life Office Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) 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.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statements of Account and of Life Assurance and Annuity Business, and Abstracts of Actuarial Reports deposited with the Board of Trade, under the Life Assurance Companies Act, 1870, during the year ended 31st December 1896.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to University of the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Abstract of Accounts of the University of Glasgow for the year ending 30th September 1896.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the Amount due by the Public to Depositors in the Public Savings Banks, the year 1895, and of the Receipts, Interest, and Disbursements in the said Military Savings Banks during the year next ensuing, ending on 31st March 1896.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Further Return to Coal, Cinders, an Order, dated the 4th day of February last, &c. for a Return relative to Coal, Cinders, &c.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Superannuation Act, 1887. Treasury Minute under Section 2 of the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 19th March 1897, granting a Retiring Allowance to Mr. Charles Cooper, Savings Bank Department, General Post Office.

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

Mr. Curran presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular (Annual Reports on Trade and Finance, No. 1856. Series.)

Copy of Further Correspondence respecting Turkey, (No. 7, Asiatic Provinces of Turkey and Events in Constantinople.)

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

Ordered, That there be laid upon the Table, a Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed last Session to consider the Subject of Printing and Stationery Contracts. No. 145.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

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Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Pwllheli Corporation 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 Lowther reported from the Committee on the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Bill; That, in opinion of this House, the Report and Proceedings of the Royal Commission on the Financial Relations of Great Britain and Ireland, which constitutes a great burden of taxation on Ireland, which constitutes a great grievance to all classes of the Irish community, and makes it the duty of the Government to propose at an early day remedial legislation—

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 by striking out so much thereof as related to a dock at Great Yarmouth, with the powers with reference to which had been withdrawn from the Bill, and had otherwise 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. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Great Northern Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by omitting the recital as to the proposed powers to the Great Northern and Great Eastern Joint 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 the Great Eastern Railway (New Lines) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Great Eastern Railway (Lowestoft Harbour) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Edinburgh American Land Mortgage Company Bill (Lords.), with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Epsom Downs Extension Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James Campbell reported from the Committee on the Birmingham, Tame, and Rea District Drainage Board Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made verbal Amendments thereto, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Order for resuming the adjourned Debate on Financial Relations (England and Ireland) have precedence this day and to-morrow of the Notices of Motions and of the other Orders of the Day—(Mr. Balfour).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Protection of Dangerous Places on Canals in the County of London; That Mr. Holland, Mr. Brougham, Mr. Sydney Buxton, Mr. Macfadden, and Mr. James Stuart do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Salmon Fisheries in Ireland; And that Mr. Seton-Karr, Mr. Tomison, Mr. Buxton, and Mr. James Roche do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Holland presented a Bill to provide for Canals (Protection of Dangerous Places on Canals in the County of London) Bill 181.

And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 13th day of April next; and to be printed.

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

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be read the third time.—(Mr. Balfour).

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

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, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Wednesday, 31st March, 1897:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Paupers; A Copy of Monthly Comparative Statements of (England and Wales) and the Number of Pupils of all classes except Lunatics in Asylums, Registered Hospitals, and Licensed
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemptions (Houses of Parliament) 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 Licensing Exemptions (House of Commons) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate the Railway Clearing House Companies associated under the Railway Clearing System, and to enlarge the Powers vested in that Committee, 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 Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Association, and to extend the objects of that Association, 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 for the completion of the authorised Works for enlarging and improving the Port and Harbour of Neath; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the Period for the completion of the Railway authorised by the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Act, 1866, 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 Corporation of Bristol to construct, for the purposes of their Dock Undertaking, Railways and other Works in connection with the Harbour Railway of the Great Western Railway Company, and to confer Powers on that Company with reference to the construction, maintenance, and use of certain of the said Railways, and the conveyance of Traffic to and from their Harbour 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 confer further Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgess of the Borough of Bill [Lords.]

The Railway Clearing House Bill was read railway the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Railway Clearing House System Superannuation Fund Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Neath Harbour (Extension of Time) Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Railway Clearing House Bill [Lords.]

The Railway Clearing House (Extension of Time) Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
The Bristol Corporation (Docks) Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Loughborough Corporation 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, 31st March, 1897.**

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

**ORDERED,** That the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The North London Commercial Permanent Building Society Bill was 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 Life Assurance Companies, which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant March, be printed.

**ORDERED,** That the Paper relative to the University of Glasgow, which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant March, be printed.

**ORDERED,** That the Paper relative to the Army (Military Savings Banks), which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant March, be printed.

**ORDERED,** That the Return relative to Coal, Cinders, &c., which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant March, be printed.

**ORDERED,** That the Return of the Secretary Chamberlain, presented by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Despatch from the British Agent at Pretoria, forwarding the Claim of the South African Republic for Damages on account of Dr. Jameson’s Raid, be ordered to lie upon the Table.

**ORDERED,** That the Paper to be read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 29th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That, in the opinion of this House, the Report and Proceedings of the Royal Commission on the Financial Relations of Great Britain and Ireland establish the existence of an undue burden of Taxation on Ireland, which constitutes a great grievance to all classes of the Irish community, and makes it the duty of the Government to propose at an early date remedial legislation—(Mr. Blake)—and which Amendment was, to leave out from the word “House,” to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “so long as the ’Exchequers of Great Britain and Ireland remain consolidated all portions of the United Kingdom must be regarded as forming one country for fiscal purposes, and if any genuine and tangible grievance does exist, it can only be satisfactorily removed by so adjusting the present fiscal system as to render it just and equitable to all persons in whatever part of the United Kingdom they may reside,” be added after the word “House” in the Main Question, as amended:—And a Debate arising thereupon; and, it being after half-past Five of the clock, the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read a second time, the Debate stood adjourned.

The Order of the day being read, for the Election Second Reading of the Election Petition 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 Members of Parliament (Vacation of Seats) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating (Places of Worship and Schools) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 30th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Accountants Second Reading of the Accountants (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prison Made Goods (Importation) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leaseholders (Purchase of Fee Simple) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 4th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Accountants (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 29th day of April next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of April 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 to-morrow.

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 to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (County Council Clerks) 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 Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1896) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th day of May next.

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 Land Tenure Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Registers 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 Firms 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 Solicitors (Magistracy) 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 Estates Tail Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 28th day of April 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 to-morrow.

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 to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Aliens Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of April next.

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 next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors' Franchise 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 Pollution Prevention Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Sir Charles Dalrymple reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, and 29th days of this instant March, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of April next.

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

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**Thursday, 1st April, 1897.**

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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 26th day of March last, That, in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.,—

Patent Office Extension Bill.

The Chichester 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.

The Crowborough 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 Edinburgh 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 Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway 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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The Richmond District Lunatic Asylum Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Weymouth Gas Bill was 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.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of March last, for a Return relative to Private Lunatics (Ireland) (Numbe, Treated.)

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

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Town Holdings (Tenants' Compensation) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of this instant April.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Verminous Persons Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 9th day of this instant April.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 1st day of this instant April, the Working Men's Dwellings Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Names and Salaries of the Judicial and other Commissioners, of the Legal and Lay-Assistant Commissioners, Deputy Registrars, and other Officers and Clerks employed in the Department of the Irish Land Commission, on the 1st day of March 1897; the Length of Service of each Individual; stating, so far as the public convenience will allow, the Purpose or Service for which the Lords have been raised during the half-year.

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

The Order for reading a second time, tommorrow, the Bournemouth Corporation Bill was read, and discharged.

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

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Lowestoft Water and Gas Bill was read the first time.

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

Malvern Link Urban District Gas Bill was read the first time.

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

The Bristol Tramways Bill was read the first time.

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

Adjournment.

Mr. MacNeill, Member for South Down, 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 absence from the United Kingdom of the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and his consequent inability to take counsel personally with colleagues in the Cabinet, and to communicate to Parliament information in the present critical condition of the Eastern Question, and of the relations of this Country with the Foreign Powers; 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. MacNeill)—It passed in the Negative.

ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove Doubts as to the Power of the Secretary of State in Council of India to grant Superannuation and Compensation Allowances in certain Cases to Officers on his Establishment: And that Secretary Lord George Hamilton and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

East India Company’s Officer’s Superannuation Bill 182.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure—(The Lord Advocate);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words “a Committee consisting of all the Members representing Scottish constituencies, together with Fifteen other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection”—(Dr. Farquharson)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure,” and adding the words “a Committee consisting of all the Members representing Scottish constituencies, together with Fifteen other Members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection”—(Dr. Farquharson)—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, (Lord Arthur Hill); 193.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Munro Ferguson); 95.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

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 Offices (Whitehall) Site Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Lord Arthur Hill); 158.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Patrick O’Brien); 23.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And the Bill was accordingly 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 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 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. Aker's-Douglas).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kingstown Harbour Roads Transfer Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill may be read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word “now,” and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Lord Arthur Hill); 158.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Doly); 23.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House, and Two by the Committee of Selection.

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

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.—(Mr. Aker's-Douglas).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kingstown Harbour Roads Transfer Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill may be read a second time;
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"upon this day six months."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Patrick O'Brien 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, put the Question thereupon for the whole House, for Monday the 3rd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government (Alder- shot and Farnborough) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Regular and Second Reading of the Regular and Elders' Widows' Funds Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Dangerous Second Reading of the Dangerous Performances Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Patent Office Second Reading of the Patent Office Extension Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Undermanning) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Prison Second Reading of the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Berries School Second Reading of the Berries School Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Law of Second Reading of the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Archdeaconry Second Reading of the Archdeaconry of Cornwall 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.

Local Government Act (1864) Amendment Bill.

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 Friday the 20th day of this instant April.

County Councils (Qualification of Women) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councils (Qualification of Women) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 30th day of this instant April.

Truck Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Truck Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last, That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade, &c.; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 28th day of this instant April.

Court of Criminal Appeal Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of March last, That the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill be committed to a Select Committee; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

County Government (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Government (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Justices of the Peace Bill.

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 Monday next.

Local Government (County Council Clerks) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (County Council Clerks) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill.

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 next.

Land Law (Ireland) Bill.

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.

Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government (Wills) Act, 1865; And that Mr. Macartney and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Prevention of Accidents by Chaff-cutting Machines; And that Captain Pretyman, Lord Albynse Compton, Mr. Grant Lawson, Mr. Beaumont, Earl of Dalkeith, Mr. MacNeill, Mr. Giles, Mr. Channing, and Mr. Frederick Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Macartney presented a Bill to amend the Local Government (Wills) Act, 1865: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed. Bill 183.

Captain Pretyman presented a Bill for the Prevention of Accidents by Chaff-cutting Machines; 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 five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 2nd April, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M R. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred to the Standing Committee, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Harrogate Corporation (Water Transfer) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Ashford Urban District (Gas) 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 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 Edinburgh American Land Mortgage Company 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 Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Railway Passengers’ Assurance Bill (Lords), as amended in the Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Loans raised in England), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant April, 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. 3) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Decomport Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, as amended, 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 from the Committee on the Luton 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. James William Louther reported the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported the Aberbrothwick Harbour Bill, without Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Tower Subway 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.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the issue, out of such Sums as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of a Site for Public Offices in or near Whitehall, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sums as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of a Site for Public Offices in or near Whitehall, and for other purposes.
poses connected therewith, and of authorising the Treasury to borrow money by means of Terminable Annuities, such Annuities to be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament and, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund;

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 Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Great Western Railway (Bristol Lines) Bill was read the first time.

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

The Tyne Improvement Bill was read the Tyne Improvement Bill first time.

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

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for the Committee on the Civil Service 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 "a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the amount and proportion of moneys expended out of the moneys provided by Parliament for local purposes in each of the six divisions of the United Kingdom, and how far the financial relation established by the sums so contributed are equitable to Scotland—(Dr. Clark), instead thereof."

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to be put. "That the Question be now put" (pursuant to S. O. Clause of Debate.)

And the Question being put, "That the Question be now put":—The House proceeded to a Division.

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

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The Yeas to the Right:

The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the, Mr. Austen:—

Yea, Lord Arthur Hill:

155. Tellers for the Dr. Tanner,

Noes, Captain Douglas:—

37. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1897–98.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lowson 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 Ways and Means:

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

The Quarter Sessions Jurors (Ireland) Bill Quarter 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 Coroners’ Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 30th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Parliamentary Voters 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 Licences (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 30th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licences (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 16th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Distress 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 Cemeteries Rating Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trout Fishing Close Time (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Government (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 Evicted Tenants (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 Licensing Exemption (House of Parliament) 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 Saturday morning, adjourned till 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 Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, standing Orders No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

Sheffield District Railway 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 Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:

Malvern Link Urban District Gas Bill.
Mason’s Orphanage Bill.
Mason University College Bill.
Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills 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 Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:

Bournemouth Corporation Bill.
Bury and Ennskerry Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.
Bristol Corporation (Docks) Bill.
Bristol Tramways Bill.
Loughborough Corporation Bill.
Lowestoft Water and Gas Bill.
Newport Corporation Bill.
Stromness Harbour Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills 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 Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:

East Warwickshire Water Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Epsom Downs Extension Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Eastern Railway (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 Great Eastern Railway (Lowestoft Harbour) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Eastern Railway (New Lines) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

THE House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Monday, 5th April, 1897.

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 Orders No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

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 Friday the 30th day of this instant April.

Registration of Parliamentary Voters Bill.

Licences (Ireland) Bill.

Sale of Food and Drugs Bill.

Sale of Distress Amendment Bill.

Cemeteries Rating Bill.

Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) Bill.

Treaty Fishing Close Time (Scotland) Bill.

County Government (Ireland) Bill.

Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Bill.

Licensing Exemption (House of Parliament) Bill.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Northern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Highland Railway (Inverness and Fort Augustus) 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 Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Merchandize Marks Acts, which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Lancaster and Yorkshire Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration after the other Private Business.

The Craygrove Mortification Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Mumbles Railway and Pier (Extension of Time) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

A Bill to increase the Quantity of Water which the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company may take from the River Thames was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to 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 Army Officers (Civil Employment), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Merchandize Marks Acts, which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant April, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Abstract of the Accounts of the University of Saint Andrew's to the Secretary for Scotland, for the year ending the 30th September 1896, being the Annual Report on the State of the Finance of the University, under the Provisions of Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the University of Saint Andrew's be printed.

The Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, compliments and a copy of Orders made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under Section 39 of the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1895 (58 & 59 Vic. c. 37), permitting in certain classes of Factories separate Departments to be treated as separate Factories or Workshops, as far as regards the Employment of Women during Overtime.

Copy of Order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under Section 39 of the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1878 to 1886 (Period Vic. c. 37), permitting in certain classes of Factories separate Departments to be treated as separate Factories or Workshops, as far as regards the Employment of Children, Young Persons, and Women.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return by Provinces of Agrarian Offences throughout Ireland (Ireland) in the Reign of Queen Victoria, beginning January 1st, 1896, and ending December 31st, 1896, 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 Return, according to Provinces and Counties, of Judicial Rents fixed by Sub-Commissioners and Civil Bill Courts, for First and Rents, as notified to the Irish Land Commission during the Month of February 1897; also, Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of Accidents and Accidents, Casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the year ending 31st December 1896, together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Copy of Fourteenth Report of the Comptroller of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, withAppendices, for the year 1896.

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

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Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Instructions to Mr. Hardinge respecting the Abolition of the Legal Status of Slavery in the Islands of Zanzibar and Pemba.

Mr. Curzon also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 1st day of June, in the last Session of Parliament, for 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, Norway, Portugal, Greece, the Ottoman Empire, the United States, Brazil, Argentina, Chili, Peru, Guatamala, Columbia, Venezuela, India, China.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the Additional Amount required in the year ending 31st March 1898 for Expenditure in respect of Public Buildings in Great Britain.

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

Mr. James William Lothor reported from the Committee on the Arundel Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lothor reported the Great Western Railway (Truro and Newquay Railway) Bill; without Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Lothor reported Whiting's Patent Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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 Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dunhurton County Buildings Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the South Yorkshire Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Tynemouth Gas 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 taking of the Coxes Gas Company to the Coxes Urban District Council, and to authorise the Council to supply Gas, and for other purposes; which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Coxes Gas Bill was read the first time.

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

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

The London and South Western Railway (Mean Valley Railway) Bill was read the first time.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Grocers' Certificates (Scotland) Abolition Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of June next.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to declare the effect of the Provisions of the Volunteer Act, 1863, with respect to Rules for Volunteer Corps: And that Mr. Powell-Williams and Mr. Brodrick do prepare, and bring it in.

The Select Committee on the Industries (Ireland) Bill was nominated of Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Brigg, Mr. Carson, Mr. Richard Concannon, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. Lough, Mr. Loyd, Mr. Patrick Alipius M'Hugh, Mr. James Roch, Mr. Thomas Wallace Russell, Mr. Parker Smith, and Mr. Colonom Waring.

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

Mr. Akers-Douglas, Mr. Hazier, and Mr. Poulton were nominated Members of the Select Committee on Public Offices (Whitehall) Site Bill.—(Mr. Austruther.)

Mr. Powell-Williams presented a Bill to declare the effect of the provisions of the Volunteer Act, 1863, with respect to Rules for Volunteer Corps: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louthier reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Elementary Education [Increased Grant].

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an addition to the Grant payable to School Boards, under Section ninety-seven of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, by increasing the sum of seven shillings and sixpence therein mentioned by fourpence for every complete penny by which the rate therein mentioned exceeds threepence: Provided that the said sum so increased shall not exceed sixteen shillings and sixpence.—(Sir John Gorst.) Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louthier 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 Merchant Shipping (Undermanning) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Regular and Elders' Widows' Funds Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Quarter Sessions Judges (Ireland) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dangerous Performances Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Prison and Minded Goods Bill;

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 1st day of this instant April, that the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) 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 Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill;

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

The East India Company's Officers' Superannuation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Patent Office Extension 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.—(Mr. Akers-Douglas.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Offices (Whitehall) Site Bill [Advances].

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in the whole £500,000, as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of a Site for Public Offices in or near Whitehall, and for other purposes connected therewith, and to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of providing for the issue and repayment of such Sums, to borrow money by means of Terminable Annuities for a period not exceeding fifty years, such annuities to be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the Service of the Commissioners of Works, and, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund. (Mr. Abercromby-Douglass.) Amendment proposed, to leave out "£500,000," in order to insert "£455,000,"—(Mr. James Farrell),—instead thereof.

Question put, That "£500,000" stand part of the Question.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Amstruther.]


Tellers for the [Mr. James Farrell.]

Noes, [Dr. Turner : ] 12.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sums, not exceeding in the whole £500,000, as may be required for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of a Site for Public Offices in or near Whitehall, and for other purposes connected therewith, and to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of providing for the issue and repayment of such Sums, to borrow money by means of Terminable Annuities for a period not exceeding fifty years, such annuities to be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the Service of the Commissioners of Works, and, if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee 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 London Water Companies Amalgamation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;

And Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at half-an-hour after Ten of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Tuesday, 6th April, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Aberdeen Harbour Bill was read Aberdeenshire Harbour Bill 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 Glasgow and South 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham, Teme, and Res District Drainage Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sheffield Corporation Bill, as amended Corporation in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Central London Second Reading of the Central London Rail- way Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th day of May next.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Whiting's Whiting's Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Ambleside, Ballymena, Dorking, Llandrindod Wells, Reddish, and Reigate: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Electric Light- Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1890, relating to Leith: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Electric Light- Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Ambleside, Ballymena, Dorking, Llandrindod Wells, Reddish, and Reigate: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Electric Light- Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Ambleside, Ballymena, Dorking, Llandrindod Wells, Reddish, and Reigate: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm a Pro- visional Order made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Ambleside, Ballymena, Dorking, Llandrindod Wells, Reddish, and Reigate: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Exam- iners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Electric Light- Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Ambleside, Ballymena, Dorking, Llandrindod Wells, Reddish, and Reigate: And the same was read the first time.

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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 Barking Town, Macclesfield, Ramsholt, Smallclay, and Wallasey: 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.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Report of the Governors of Wellington College, for the year 1896.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of the Forty-fourth Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, being for the year 1896.

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. 1857 to 1859.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Revenue and Expenditure, a Return showing the Arrears ordered to be paid, for the Nine Years from 1886 to 1895, in accordance with the following Form:

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(Mr. Wrot.)

Ordered, That the return to the 31st day of March 1897, showing the Expenditure for the Union in Ireland, includes: (1) the Judicial Name of Union in Ireland (Second Union on which Judicial Rents have been fixed for a Second Statutory Term; (3) Aggregate judicial Rents paid for the Second Statutory Term on said Holdings; (4) Aggregate Judicial Rents fixed for First Statutory Term on said Holdings; (6) Average percentage by which the First Term Judicial Rents were less than the former (Non-Judicial) Rents; and (7) Average percentage by which the Second Term Judicial Rents are less than the First Term Rents. — (Mr. Smith-Barry.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works under any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of Land for the Extension of the Patent Office, and for purposes connected therewith. — (Mr. Hanbury.)

Mr. Hanbury, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the said Motion recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Revenue and Expenditure, for the years ended the 31st day of March 1897, (1) the Amount contributed by Scotland, and Revenue collected by Imperial Officers; (2) the Expenditure on English, Scottish, and Irish Services; (3) the Balances of Revenue contributed by England, Scotland, and Ireland, respectively, which are available for Imperial Expenditure. — (Mr. Lough.)
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relating to Imperial Revenue (Collection and Expenditure) (Great Britain and Ireland) for the year ending the 31st day of March 1897, (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 837, of Session 1896).—(Mr. Lough.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Restraint of Evictions (Great Britain land) Bill.

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the Secretary of State in Council of India to contribute, out of the Revenues of India, such sums as may be required to meet certain liabilities under any Act of the present Session to make provision for the transfer of the Assets, Liabilities, and Management of the Regular Widows’ Fund and of the Elder Widows’ Fund to the Secretary of State in Council of India.—(Secretary Lord George Hamilton);

Secretary Lord George Hamilton, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the Charge on the Revenues of India of any addition to the Superannuation or Retiring Allowances which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to remove doubts as to the power of the Secretary of State in Council of India to grant Superannuation and Compensation Allowances in certain cases to Officers on his Establishment.—(Secretary Lord George Hamilton);

Secretary Lord George Hamilton, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

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 Voluntary Schools Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Corporation of the Borough of Torquay to acquire Lands for the purposes of their Water Undertaking, 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 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill.—(Lords.)

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Caledonian Railway Company to construct new Dock Works at Grangemouth, and new Railways in the Counties of Lanark and Stirling; to confer further Powers on them in respect to the Acquisition of Lands, and other matters connected with their Undertaking, 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 Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Neath, in the County of Glamorgan, to purchase the Tramway Undertaking authorised by the Neath and District Tramways Order, 1873, to construct additional Tramways, 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 the Caledonian Railway Company with powers to construct new Tramways Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 8, 8A, and 9 are struck out of the Bill; that the power to construct Tramways Nos. 11, 11A, and 15 are also struck out of the Bill, which the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Orders have been complied with.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Commissioners of the Borough of Borrowstounness to form and lay out a new Street within the Borough; to confer Powers on the Caledonian Railway Company with respect to parts of the North British 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 Corporation of the Borough of Borrowstounness Town and Harbour Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Corporation of the Borough of Neath, in the County of Glamorgan, to purchase the Tramway Undertaking authorised by the Neath and District Tramways Act, 1891; 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 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read as follows:

1. That, in the case of the North Metropolitan Tramways (No. 1) Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their petition, provided that the power to construct Tramways Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 8, 8A, and 9 are struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Orders have been complied with.

2. That, in the case of the North Metropolitan Tramways (No. 2) Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their petition, provided that the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 10, 12, and 13 are struck out of the Bill, and that the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 11, 11A, and 15 are also struck out of the Bill, unless the consent of the local authority in respect of those Tramways shall be proved before the Committee on the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Orders have been complied with.

Sir
Sir John Monbray reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Public Health (Scotland) Bill:—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Byres, Mr. Caldwell, Sir Charles Cameron, Earl of Dalhousie, Mr. Holdich, Mr. Hozier, Sir John Leay, Sir Lewis M'Iner, Mr. McKillop, Mr. Nicol, Sir William Priestley, Mr. Renouf, Mr. Thomas Shaw (Hawick), and Sir Mark Stewart.

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 North Metropolitan Tramways (No. 1) Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for empowering the North Metropolitan Tramways Company to construct new Tramways in the County of London; for authorising the Agreement between that Company and the London Street Tramways Company and the London County Council; for conferring further Powers upon the North Metropolitan Tramways Company as to leasing, working, and using other Tramways, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Richards and Mr. Bartley do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the North Metropolitan Tramways (No. 2) Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for empowering the North Metropolitan Tramways Company to construct new Tramways in the Counties of London, Essex, and Middlesex, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Loules and Mr. Herbert Robertson do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councillors (Qualification of Women) (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th day of May next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish the Licensing and Registration of Trawlers: And that Mr. Holdich, Sir Williams Wedderburn, Mr. Trotter, Mr. Buchanan, and Mr. Crombie do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in 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 that Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Courtney, Sir Cameron Gallie, and Mr. Cameron Corbett do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Holdich presented a Bill to establish the Licensing and Registration of Trawlers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th day of May next; and to be printed.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Aliens.

—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 26th day of January last, for a Return relative to Aliens and Workmen employed in the Northern Counties, together with the result of a Return for the 26th day of January last for a Return as to the number of Aliens employed in the North Riding of Yorkshire.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to Prisons the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy (Ireland) of Regulations made by the Lords Justices of Ireland, under the Penal Servitude Act, 1891, Sections 8 and 9, for the Measuring and Photographic of Prisoners.

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

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 To-morrow; and to be printed.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, Food Supplies the dependence of the United Kingdom on Foreign Imports for the Necessities of Life, and the consequences that might arise therefrom in the event of war, demand the serious attention of Her Majesty's Government.—(Mr. Seton-Kerr.)

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(Mr. Teravury.)

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at five minutes before Eight of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.
The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Truck Acts Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 29th day of this instant April.

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—And a Debate arising thereupon—Mr. Wingfield-Digby 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 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 Mr. Wingfield-Digby, 160.

Tellers for the Mr. Briggs, 91.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee.—(Mr. Weller Lang.)

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;

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 Waring);

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—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 To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teind Court (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labour Bureaux 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 Militia Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 30th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University Education (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of January last, That the Unlawful Possession 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 Second Reading of the Wine and Beerhouse Acts 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 Police Pensions and Service Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Appointment and Promotion Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th 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 Tuesday the 4th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Market Gardeners' Compensation (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canals Protection (London) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 30th day of this instant April.

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 the Second Reading of the Access to Mountains (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Parliamentary Voters Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Parliamentary Voters Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 26th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Pensions and Service Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (County Council Clerks) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Franchise (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Government (Ireland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on To-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt from Poor and other Local Rates all Registered Institutions for the Care, Training, and Education of Idiots and Imbeciles; And that Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Round, Sir Frederick Mappin, Mr. Macnab, Mr. Allison, Sir William Howdenworth, and Sir Blundell Maple do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Tomlinson accordingly presented a Bill to exempt from Poor and other Local Rates all Registered Institutions for the Care, Training, and Education of Idiots and Imbeciles; And the same Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 13th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Samuel Hoare reported from the Com. on the Great North of Scotland 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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on 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, 8th April, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Military Works (Money) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Military Lands Act (1892) Amendment Bill.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate and confer Powers on the Newhaven and Seaford Water Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable certain Alterations to be made in the Scheme of Arrangement of the Affairs of the London Bank of Australia, 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 authorise the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company to construct Branch Railways, acquire additional Lands, and raise additional Capital in connection with their Chesterfield and Lincoln separate Undertakings, 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 Distribution of Surplus Capital of the Assam Railways and Trading 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 remove Doubts as to the Power of the Assam Railways and Trading 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 authorize the Abandonment of the Llandilo Loop and the Construction of New Railways in the Counties of Pembroke and Carmarthenshire, and for other purposes, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to alter and add to the Rules of the National Provident Institution so as to alter and add to its Rules in certain respects; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the incorporation of a Joint Committee of the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company; the vesting in that Committee of an undertaking of the Great Northern Railway Company with respect to their own and other Undertakings; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Newhaven and Seaford Water Company to construct and work a Water Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable certain Alterations to be made in the Scheme of Arrangement of the Affairs of the London Bank of Australia, Limited, 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 incorporation of a Joint Committee of the Great Northern Railway Company with respect to their own and other Undertakings; to provide for the incorporation of a Joint Committee of the Great Northern Railway Company and the Great Central Railway Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 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 desired the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Voluntary Schools Act, 1897.
4. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1897.
5. South Metropolitan Gas Act, 1897.
7. Watton, and the Construction of New Railways in the Counties of Pembroke and Carmarthenshire, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
8. South Yorkshire Junction Railway Act, 1897.
10. Thompson's Divorce Act, 1897.

The Epsom Downs Extension 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 Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. James Love stead, by 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 desired the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

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4. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1897.
5. South Metropolitan Gas Act, 1897.
7. Watton, and the Construction of New Railways in the Counties of Pembroke and Carmarthenshire, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
8. South Yorkshire Junction Railway Act, 1897.
10. Thompson's Divorce Act, 1897.

The Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) 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 Eastern Railway (New Lines) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follow:

Great Eastern Railway (New Lines) Bill.

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

The Great Northern Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follow:

The Great Northern Railway Bill (New Title.)

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

The Highland Railway (Inverness and Fort Augustus 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 Epsom Downs Extension 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 Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. James Lott, by 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 desired the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Voluntary Schools Act, 1897.
4. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1897.
5. South Metropolitan Gas Act, 1897.
7. Watton, and the Construction of New Railways in the Counties of Pembroke and Carmarthenshire, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
8. South Yorkshire Junction Railway Act, 1897.
10. Thompson's Divorce Act, 1897.

The Epsom Downs Extension Railway 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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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Great Northern Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follow:

The Great Northern Railway Bill (New Title.)

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

The Highland Railway (Inverness and Fort Augustus Railway) 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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The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to continue a Provisional Order, under the Burgh Waterworks (Scotland) Act, 1892, relating to Paisley Waterworks: 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 read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 25th day of February last, for a Public Return relative to Public Revenue Interception.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table:

A Motion being made, That the North Metropolitan Tramways Company to construct new Tramways in the County of London ; for authorising Agreements between that Company and the London Street Tramways Company and the London County Council ; for conferring further Powers upon the North Metropolitan Tramways Company as to leasing, working, and using other Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

A Bill for empowering the North Metropolitan Tramways Company to construct new Tramways in the Counties of London, Essex, and Middlesex, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

A Motion being made, That the Perth Improvements Bill be now read the third time; Mr. James Lowther, 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.

A Bill for empowering the North Metropolitan Tramways Company to construct new Tramways in the Counties of London, Essex, and Middlesex, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, and the Acts amending the same, relating to Clockmanman (Alloa and Tillicoultry) Water Supply: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Austrader do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, and the Acts amending the same, relating to Clockmanman (Alloa and Tillicoultry) Water Supply: 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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London and North Western Railway (Wales) Bill.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the County Courts Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of May next.

Ordered, That the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Act Amend. Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th day of May next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Act Amend. (No 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th day of May next.

Railway Bills (Group L)

Mr. Samuel Horsley reported from the Committee on Group L of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday the 11th day of May next.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

City and West End Railway Bill (Preamble not proved).

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

Message from the Lords.

Tynemouth Corporation Water Bill [Lords.]

Mr. Woodall reported from the Committee on the City and West End Railway 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.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, Intimating the sending of a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Tynemouth, in the County of Northumberland, to supply Water to the Borough of Tynemouth and adjacent Places; to acquire the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the North Shields Waterworks, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Lords have a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring further Powers on the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Tynemouth, in the County of Northumberland, to supply Water to the Borough of Tynemouth and adjacent Places; to acquire the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the North Shields Waterworks, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Lords have a Bill, intituled, An Act for making a Railway from the Tynemouth Wells and Hastings Branch of the South Eastern Railway at Crowhurst to Bexhill, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Lords have a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Corporation of the City of London to acquire the Undertaking of the Liverpool United Tramways and Omnibus Company; to confer Powers on the Corporation for improving and working the Undertaking, and for borrowing Money, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Lords have a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers upon the London and South Western Railway Company, with respect to their own Undertaking; and to confirm an Agreement for the Working by the Company of the Tarrantown and Okehampton Railway; and to confer upon the Company and the Waterloo and City and the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Companies further Powers with respect to Undertakings in which they are jointly interested, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Tynemouth Corporation Water Bill was read the first time.

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

The Vale of Glamorgan Railway Bill was read the first time.

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

The Crowhurst, Sidley, and Bexhill Railway Crowhurst, Sidley, and Bexhill Railway Bill was read the first time.

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

The Liverpool Corporation Tramways Bill was read the first time.

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

The London and South Western Railway London and South Western Railway (Various Powers) Bill was read the first time.

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

Mr. Aker-Douglas, Mr. James Farrell, and Colonel Lockwood were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Patent Office Extension Bill.—(Mr. Austruther.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Barrie School Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—The House divided.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "the

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"Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure," and adding the words "a Select Committee"—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy)—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:—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 [Mr. Austruther].
Noes, [Mr. Herbert Lewis]: 95.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

Law, &c.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) 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. Lloyd Morgan.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Duncombe 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, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business.

Friday, 9th April, 1897:

Whereupon 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 [Mr. Austruther].
Yea, [Lord Arthur Hill]: 185.
Noes, [Mr. Lloyd Morgan]: 67.

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. Austruther].
Noes, [Mr. Caron]: 41.

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 Merchant Shipping (Under-manning) Bill:

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

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other purposes connected therewith, and to authorise the Treasury, for the purpose of providing for the issue and repayment of such sums, to borrow money by means of Terminable Annuities for a period not exceeding fifty years, such annuities to be paid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the service of the Commissioners of Works, and if those moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Foreign Prison Made-Goods Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 26th day of this instant April.

Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of this instant April, That the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 26th day of this instant April.

Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill;

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

Appeal in Certain Civil Matters (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Appeal in Certain Civil Matters (Ireland) Bill;

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

Navy and Marines (Wills) Act (1865) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Navy and Marines (Wills) Act Amendment Bill;

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

Bakehouses Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bakehouses Bill;

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

Midwives' Registration Bill.

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 Monday next.

Prisoners' Personal Correction Prohibition Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisoners' Personal Correction Prohibition Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of May next.

Chaff-cutting Machines Accidents Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Chaff-cutting Machines Accidents Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 29th day of this instant April.

Trot Fishing Close Time (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trot Fishing Close Time (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of May next.

London Water Companies Amalgamation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Water Companies Amalgamation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 7th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Labour Second Reading of the Labour Bureaux Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Unlawful Possession Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 29th day of January last, That the Unlawful Possession Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Criminal Appeal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of May next.

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 Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Land Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Poor Relief Bill to make further provision with respect to the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland, and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bicycles Bill to make Regulations with respect to Bicycles (Ireland) and other similar Machines in Ireland: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Leeds (Inquery held in the City of Leeds into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that City or of any part thereof, together with the Report on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837 : (2) a Digest showing whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charities Commissioners in the City; and (3) an Index
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Quarterly Returns, by Counties, of the Public Elementary Schools:

1. Which have been warned by the Education Department under Article 86 of the Code, including the 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;
3. The Annual Grants to which have been suspended for three months or more from the date of the receipt by the Education Department of the Inspector’s Report, on account of defects in the School premises; in the following form:

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Mr. Gerald Balfour presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland; 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.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented a Bill to make Regulations with respect to Bicycles and other similar Machines in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Anstruther)—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And, it being One of the clock on Friday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report 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.:

- Cowes Gas Bill.
- London and South Western Railway (Meon Valley Railway) Bill.
- Tynemouth Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report 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.:

- Bradford Corporation Tramways and Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, that they have power to make Provision therein accordingly.

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.:

- Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No.3) 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 additional Provision in the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

- Harrow, Uxbridge, and High Wycombe Railway Bill.

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

The Birmingham, Tame, and Rea District Board 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 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Charing Cross, Easton, and Hampstead 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 (Truro and Newquay Railway) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Luton Water 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 certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Buxton, Kingstone-upon-Hull, Plymouth, Ramsgate (two), Southampton, Southend-on-Sea, Wallasey, and West Ham: 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 Briggs, Harrogate, Newport (Slocep), Oswestry, Plymouth, Winslow, and Worcester: 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 Briggs, Harrogate, Newport (Slocep), Oswestry, Plymouth, Winslow, 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.

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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 Revenue (Interception), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Governments Insurances and Annuities, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charity Commissioners' Reports, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Thames Conservancy, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Abstract for the principal and other Foreign Countries in each year from 1895 to 1894-95 (Twenty-third Number).

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports from Her Majesty's Consular Officers in China on the Trade in Textile Goods, Part I.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Experiments performed on Living Animals during the year 1896, under Licences granted under the Act 39 and 40 Vict. c. 77, distinguishing painless from painful Experiments in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 330 of Session 1896.—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

Mr. James William Loughter reported from the Texford and District Gas 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 Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Loughter reported the New-Northburgh and North Fife (Railway) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Loughter reported the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway Bill (Abandonment) Bill, without Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Loughter reported from the Committee on the Coventry Electric 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 thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Loughter reported from the Committee on the Weston-super-Mare Pier and 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 submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had
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 from the Committee on the "Liverpool, Saint Helen's, and South Lancashire 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.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Highland Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Halifax Corporation Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Provident Life Office Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Railway Passengers' Assurance Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the North London Commercial Permanent Building Society Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Hothouse reported from the Committee on the Callander and Oban Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, to make them 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. Woodall reported the Brompton and Piccadilly Circus Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Woodall reported from the Committee on Group 3 of Railway Bills; That, having no business ready for their consideration, they had adjourned till Thursday the 19th day of May next, at half-past Eleven o'clock of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor on Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday: And that Mr. Tritton, Sir W. Mowlesworth, Mr. Howard, Mr. W. Lawrence, Mr. W. Whitaker, and Colonel W. Wood do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Tritton accordingly presented a Bill to restrict the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor on Sundays, Christmas Day, and Good Friday: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of May next; and to be printed.

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

Civil Services, 1897-98.

Class I.

1. £. 238,000, 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.

2. £. 159,100 (including an additional Sum of £1,100), to complete the Sum in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 22,000, 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 1898, for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces and Marlborough House:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries, Wages, and Allowances) be reduced by £. 10, in respect of Holyrood Palace—(Mr. Weir):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 69,900, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Lough):—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lough]:—
Yeas, 144.
Nees, 69.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 70,000, 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 1898, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 69,900, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Weir):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

5. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 23,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Houses of Parliament Buildings:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (New Works, &c.) be reduced by £. 150, in respect of the Formation of a new Door to the Terrace—(Dr. Tanner),—put, and negatived.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That Item G (Maintenance of Refreshment Plant, House of Commons) be reduced by £. 10—(Dr. Tanner),—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

6. £. 25,000, to complete the Sum for the Extension of the Admiralty Buildings.

7. £. 39,000, to complete the Sum for Expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, viz., County Courts, Metropolitan Police Courts, and Sheriff Court Houses, Scotland.

8. £. 16,000, to complete the Sum for Expenditure...
titure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

2. £ 16,000, to complete the Sum for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, and for the Maintenance of certain Cemeteries Abroad.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 132,291, 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 1898, for the Survey of the United Kingdom, and for minor services connected therewith:—Debate arising:

-Saturday, 10th April, 1897:

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 several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday the 26th day of this instant April.

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 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 Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employees' Liability (Foreign Shipowners) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town Holdings (Tenants' Compensation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Distress 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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 29th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Registers Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of March last, That the Court of Criminal Appeal 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 Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill;

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

And then the House, having continued to sit ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 12th April, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The Comptroller of the Household reported Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for minor services connected therewith to the House, That their Address of the 8th day of April last, relative to Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oriel (Oriel College, Oxford), College, Oxford), 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 withhold My Consent from the Statute made by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, altering Statute IV. of the Statutes of the College by the insertion after the 18th Clause of a new Clause numbered 18a.

I will comply with your advice.

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 Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously inquired into and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

—Assessing Railways and Trading Company Bill.

Borrowdonness Town and Harbour Bill.

Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill.

Teignmouth Corporation Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills 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 Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:

—London Bank of Australia Bill.

Tynemouth Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

—Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 26th day of this instant April.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Arundel Gas Bill, as amended in the Bill Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The
The House proceeded to take into consideration the 
Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Lord Advocate also presented, Return (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the 
Stromness Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the 
Pwllheli Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the 
Bournemouth Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the 
Sheffield District Railway Bill; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the 
Newport Corporation Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the 
Stromness Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the 
Glasgow and Renfrew District Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the 4th day of May next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the 
Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the 
Sheffield District Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the 
The Royal East Kent Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 13th day of May next.

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

Ordered, That the Hoehle Corporation Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Brxby and Emniskerry Railway (Extension of Time) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bristol Corporation (Dock) Bill was read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant April.

Ordered, That the Bristol Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Lowestoft Water and Gas Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Malvern Link Urban District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Mason's Orphanage Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Mason University College Bill [Lords.] was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Neath Harbour (Extension of Time) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Sheffield District Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Stromness Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Glasgow and Renfrew District Railway Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 4th day of May next.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 39 and 129 or against any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, be extended to the first day on which the House shall sit after the Resciss. (—The Chairman of Ways and Means.)
Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1868 and 1869.

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Affairs of Crete.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Copy of Second Annual Report by the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies of the Proceedings of the Building Societies Acts, with an Abstract of the Annual Accounts and Statements of Societies for the year 1896. Part I. Report.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders, No. 171.

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 Order (No. 4) Bill.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders, No. 172.

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. 5) Bill.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders, No. 173.

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. 6) Bill.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

School Boards.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing Scholars, Rates, and Loans of School Boards in the County and Municipal Boroughs in England and Wales in the last three years, in the following Form:—

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(Sir Henry Fowler.)

Liquor Traffic, Local Veto (Scotland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of May next.

Title Redemption Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Title Redemption Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of May next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Stipendary Magistrates' Jurisdiction Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of Stipendary Magistrates in Scotland: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Amstrong do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 26th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to extend Stipendary Magistrates' Jurisdiction Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of Stipendary Magistrates in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 26th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Adjournment proposed, That this House at its rising do adjourn till Monday 26th April: that the Government Business, as far as and including the Order for the Committee on the Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill may be entered upon this night at any hour, though opposed, and be not interrupted under the Provisions of the Standing Order, Sittings of the House; and that, so soon as such Business is disposed of, Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put—(Mr. Balfour):—

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "That this House at its rising do adjourn till Monday 26th April."—(Mr. Labouchere).

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left cut stand part of the Question; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Lord Arthur Hill; Mr. Anstruther,)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Labouchere, Captain Price;)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put; Resolved, That this House at its rising do adjourn till Monday 26th April; that the Government Business, as far as and including the Order for the Committee on the Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill, may be entered upon this night at any hour, though opposed, and be not interrupted under the Provisions of the Standing Order, Sittings of the House; and that, so soon as such Business is disposed of, Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House, without Question put.—(Mr. Balfour.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being agriculture proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for establishing a Department and a Board for (Ireland)

The purpose of Promoting Agriculture and other Industries in Ireland—(Mr. Gerald Balfour):—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning; Tuesday, 15th April, 1897:

And the Question being put—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
Ordered, That the Bill be brought in by Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented a Bill for establishing a Department and a Board for the purpose of promoting Agriculture and other Industries in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 26th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Regular and Elders' Widows' Fund [Contribution].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Secretary of State in Council of India to contribute, out of the Revenues of India, such sums as may be required to meet certain liabilities under any Act of the present Session to make provision for the transfer of the Assets, Liabilities, and Management of the Regular Widows' Fund and of the Elder Widows' Fund to the Secretary of State in Council of India.

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 the 26th day of this instant April.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Archdeaconry of Cornwall Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to. Preamble 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 East India Company's Officers' Superannuation [Charge].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Charge on the Revenues of India of any addition to the Superannuation or Retiring Allowances, which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to remove doubts as to the power of the Secretary of State in Council of India to grant Superannuation and Compensation Allowances in certain cases to Officers on his Establishment.

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 the 26th day of this instant April.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Patent Office Extension [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question put, That it is expedient to authorise the payment out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works under any Act of the present Session for the acquisition of Land for the Extension of the Patent Office, and for purposes connected therewith—(Mr. Aber-Douglas);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Mr. Aber-Douglas,

Yeas, (Lord Arthur Hill:) 131.

Tellers for the "Mr. Timothy M. Healy,

Nos, (Mr. Patrick O'Brien:) 11.

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 the 26th day of this instant April.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Superannuation allowance to assessor of railways, &c, and clerks, &c, employed by him, 17 & 18 Vic. c. 91). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the words "on and" after the passing of this "Act."—(Mr. Caldwell.) Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Mr. Austruther,

Yeas, (Lord Arthur Hill:) 127.

Tellers for the "Mr. Caldwell,

Dr. Clark,

Nos, 15.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the word "Scotland" to insert the words "with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury."—(Mr. Caldwell.) Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, to leave out the word "ten," in order to insert the word "fifteen."—(Mr. Caldwell.) Question put, That the word "ten" stand part of the Clause:—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

The Chairman 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 Ayes and Noes successively to stand up in claimed.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, to leave out the word "sixty," in order to insert the word "sixty-five."—(Mr. Caldwell.) Question put, That the word "sixty" stand part of the Clause:—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

The Chairman 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 Ayes and Noes successively to stand up in claimed.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out the word "three," in order to insert the word "five."—(Mr. Caldwell.) Question put, That the word "three" stand part of the Clause:—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

The Chairman stated that he thought the Ayes had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was frivolously claimed.
Division frivolously claimed.

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Question put, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill:—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

The Chairman 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 Ayes and the Noes successively to stand up in their places; and it appeared that the Noes were 14, and the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Computation of additional years to assessor).

Amendment proposed in p. 2, l. 8, to leave out the word "sixty," in order to insert the word "sixty-five."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question put, That the word "sixty" stand part of the Clause:—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

The Chairman 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 Ayes and the Noes successively to stand up in their places; and it appeared that the Noes were 14, and the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, to leave out the word "twenty," in order to insert the word "five."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question put, That the word "twenty" stand part of the Clause:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Austruther, 121.]
Yeas, [Lord Arthur Hill: ]
Noes, [Dr. Clark: ]

Question put, That Clause 2 stand part of the Bill:—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

The Chairman 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 Ayes and the Noes successively to stand up in their places; and it appeared that the Noes were 14, and the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

CLAUSE, No. 3 (Liability of persons under sixty to be called upon to serve again).

Question put, That Clause 3 stand part of the Bill:—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

The Chairman 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 Ayes and the Noes successively to stand up in their places; and it appeared that the Noes were 14, and the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

Question put, That Clause 4 stand part of the Bill:—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

The Chairman 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 Ayes and the Noes successively to stand up in their places; and it appeared that the Noes were 14, and the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

CLAUSE, No. 5 (Superannuation allowance for other services to be considered).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 33, after the word "assessor," to insert the words "and other persons."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Coldwell, 13.]
Yeas, [Mr. Procoud: ]
Noes, [Lord Arthur Hill: ]

Question put, That Clause 5 stand part of the Bill:—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

The Chairman 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 Ayes and the Noes successively to stand up in their places; and it appeared that the Noes were 14, and the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

CLAUSES, No. 6 and No. 7, 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Austruther, 72.]
Yeas, [Lord Arthur Hill: ]
Noes, [Mr. Procoud: ]

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.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 12th day of this instant April, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, it being then twenty minutes after Three of the clock on Tuesday morning, till Monday the 26th day of this instant April.

Question put, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill:—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

The Chairman 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 Ayes and the Noes successively to stand up in their places; and it appeared that the Noes were 14, and the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.
Monday, 26th April, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Decinport Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Luton Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The North London Commercial Permanent Building Society Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Provident Life Office Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Railway Passengers' Assurance Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Brompton and Peckholly Circus Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Great North of Scotland Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway (Abandonment) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Newburgh and North Fife Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Taxford and District Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The London and South Western Railway (Moon Valley Railway) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Petition of the several Persons whose Names are thereinunto subscribed, and of the Colonel of the Colne Bank Railway Company and the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company, praying that provision may be made in the Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill for confirming an Agreement made between the above-mentioned Companies for working the Lines of the Companies and subscribing funds for that purpose, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

The following Papers presented by Command of Her Majesty during the Easter Recess were delivered to the Library of the House of Commons during the Recess, pursuant to the Standing Order of the House of the 14th August 1896—


2. Copy of Reports on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, No. 422.

3. Copy of Reports of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, under the Coal Mines Regulation Acts, 1887 to 1896, the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872 to 1875, and the Quaries Acts, 1894, for the year 1896.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Code of Regulations (by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland) for Continuation Schools, 1897. 

Copy of Report of the Crofters' Commission on Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Acts, being for the year ended 31st December 1896.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Prisons pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Rules with respect to Visiting Committees in Prisons (England and Wales).

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Abstracts of the Returns made to the Board of Trade of Shipping Casualties which occurred on and near the Coasts or in Rivers and Harbours of the United Kingdom from the 1st July 1895 to the 30th June 1896; also of the Returns made to the Board of Trade during the year 1895-96 of Shipping Casualties which occurred to British Vessels elsewhere than on or near the Coasts or in Rivers and Harbours of the United Kingdom; and to Foreign Vessels on or near the Coasts or in Rivers and Harbours of British Possessions Abroad; with Particulars of Lives lost by such Casualties; and of Lives saved at Sea; also of the Returns made to the Registrar General of Seamen during the year 1895-96 of the Lives lost from British Vessels by Accidents other than Casualties to the Vessels and by Disease, &c.; together
together with Abstracts of the Official Inquiries in the United Kingdom into the Causes of Shipping Casualties held by Order of the Board of Trade during the year 1895–96, and of the other Inquiries Mainly instituted by Consular and Colonial Officers and others into the Causes of Shipping Casualties, of which the Reports were received at the Board of Trade during the year 1895–96, and of other Inquiries at Home and Abroad which affected the Certificates of Masters and Officers in the Mercantile Marine, with Charts and Appendices.

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

Mr. Henbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 8th April 1897, declaring that Alexander Kirk, Turner in the Royal Gun Factory, War Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence, pursuant to the Superannuation Act of the present Session to remove doubts as to the power of the Secretary of State in Council of India to contribute, out of the Revenues of India, such Sums as may be required to meet certain Liabilities under any Act of the present Session to make Provision for the Transfer of the Assets, Liabilities, and Management of the Regular Widows' Fund and of the Elders Widows' Fund to the Secretary of State in Council of India.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Regular and Elders Widows' Funds Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses, N° 1 to N° 12, 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 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.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton reported from the Committee on East India Company's Officers' Superannuation [Charge], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the Secretary of State in Council of India to contribute, out of the Revenues of India, such Sums as may be required to meet certain Liabilities under any Act of the present Session to make Provision for the Transfer of the Assets, Liabilities, and Management of the Regular Widows' Fund and of the Elders Widows' Fund to the Secretary of State in Council of India.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the East India Company's Officers' Superannuation Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses, N° 1 to N° 4, 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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East India Company's Officers' Superannuation Bill, and for the Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill, the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the [Sir William Wedron, Mr. Anstruther] 122. Tellers for the [Mr. Chauvin, Mr. Herbert Roberts] 41. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the 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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill, the Bill was read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Appeal in Second Reading of the Appeal in Certain Civil Matters (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Navy and Marines (Wills) Act (1865) Navy and Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

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

Secrecy Lord George Hamilton reported from the Committee on Regular and Elders Widows' Funds [Contribution], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

The House accordingly presented the said Paper; and the Order for reading a second time, this day, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

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

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Wine and Beer House Acts Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cemetery of the East India Company's Officers' Superannuation Bill, the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the [Mr. Speaker, Mr. Herbert Roberts] 122. Tellers for the [Mr. Chauvin, Mr. Herbert Roberts] 41. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
Sir William Walrond reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

**Civil Services, 1897-98.**

**Class I.**

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £238,000, 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 1898, for the Customs, Inland Revenue, Post Office, and Post Office Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, including Furniture, Fuel, and sundry Miscellaneous Services.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £159,100 (including an additional Sum of £1,100), 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 1898, in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £22,000, 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 1898, for the Houses of Parliament in Scotland.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £70,000, 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 1898, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £25,000, 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 1898, for the Houses of Parliament Buildings.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £25,000, 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 1898, for the Extension of the Admiralty Buildings.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £30,000, 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 1898, for the Extension in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, viz., County Courts, Metropolitan Police Courts, and Sheriff Court Houses, Scotland.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £16,000, 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 1898, for Expenditure in respect of Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £16,000, 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 1898, for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, and for the Maintenance of certain Cemeteries Abroad.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Under Manning) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
Tuesday, 27th April, 1897.

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.:

Wivenhoe—More Grand Pier 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 not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Clyde Navigation (Extension of Time) 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 applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Paisley Waterworks Provisional Order 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 applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Clackmannanshire (Alloa and Tillicoultry) Water Supply Provisional Order Bill.

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, the Standing Orders applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The Arundel 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 Hoglake and West Kirby Improvement Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

A Motion being made, That the Pwllheli Corporation 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 passed.

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

The Assam Railways and Trading Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The London Bank of Australia Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

The Bristol Corporation (Docks) Bill was 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 referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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 Auckland Shildon and Willington, Beckett, Howey and South Croandard, and Wath Swinton Great North Rotherham 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 Ashley-de-la-Touch, Biggs Knool (Rural), Bredbury and Romiley, Cortile (Rural), Cheadle and Gatley, Cricklade and Wootton Bassett (Rural), Ersmoor, Heston and Ilfordsworth, Liverpool, Melling (Rural), and Settle (Rural); 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 Ashey-de-la-Touch, Biggs Knool (Rural), Bredbury and Romiley, Cortile (Rural), Cheadle and Gatley, Cricklade and Wootton Bassett (Rural), Ersmoor, Heston and Ilfordsworth, Liverpool, Melling (Rural), and Settle (Rural); 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 Auckland Shildon and Willington, Beckett, Howey and South Croandard, and Wath Swinton Great North Rotherham 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 Bacup, Burnley, Middleton, Preston, and Settle (Rural); and the same was read the first time.
Sir John Mondbrey reported from the Com- 
mittee of Selection; That they had added to the Standing 
Committee on Law, and Courts of 
Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following 
Law, &c. 

Fifteen Members in respect of the following 
Schools Bill:—Mr. A. H. Dyke-Acland, Mr. Scholar Bill, 
Attorney General, Mr. Vaughan-Davies, Mr. 
Thomas Ellis, Sir John Gorst, Mr. Morell, Mr. 
Grant Lavmou, Mr. Stanley Leigh, Mr. 
Herbert Lewis, Sir John Dillenburg-Loveley, Mr. 
Milbush, Mr. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. Charles Morley, Mr. 
Herbert Roberts, and Major Wyndham- 
Quintin.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the 
Table.

The Order for reading a second time, To- 
come, the Coal Mines Regulation Bill, was 
read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
upon Wednesday the 6th day of May next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Government 
Return of all Contracts made in the United Kingdom 
for Manufactured Articles by the several Government Departments between the 1st 
day of April 1896 and the 31st day of March 1897, either with Contractors outside the 
United Kingdom, or with Contractors or Agents in the United Kingdom who obtain the Articles 
from Abroad.—(Sir Howard Vincent.)

The Order for reading a second time, this 
County day, the County Councillors (Qualification of 
Women) (Scotland) Bill, was read, and dis- 
charged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, 
Locomotives on Highways 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 Local 
Bill to amend the Local Authorities (Scotland) 
Loans Act, 1891, and the Burgh Police (Sco- 
land) Act, 1892: And that Mr. Parker Smith, 
Mr. Daltiel, Mr. Holborne, and Mr. Orr-Ewing 
do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Parker Smith accordingly presented a Local 
Bill to amend the Local Authorities (Scotland) 
Loans Act, 1891, and the Burgh Police (Sco- 
land) Act, 1892: And the same was read the first 
time; and ordered to be read a second time upon 
Thursday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 
put, That a Select Committee be appointed to 
quire into the grievance of the Officers on the 
General List of the Indian Army in the matter 
of their succession to Colonel's Allowances, and 
to report to the House thereon.—(Mr. Heywood 
Johnstone):

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right ;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Heywood Johnstone, 55.

Mr. Seymour King, Sir William Wirtwad, 174.

Mr. Austrather:

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 
put, That fully Manufactured Goods brought 
into this Country from any Foreign Country, 
ought should pay a toll for the transport of the British 
labour thereby displaced of Ten pounds per 
centum ad valorum, and partly Manufactured 
Goods a Customs toll of half that amount, and 

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the 
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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 26th day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour 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 
edited 31st March 1897.

Copy of Annual Report of the Commissioners of 
Education in Ireland, for the year 1896.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,— 
Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 
29th day of March last, for a Return relative to 
East India (Appointment of Natives.)

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her 
Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report, No. 8 
(Western Pacific Report on the British Solomon 
Islands, by Mr. C. M. Woodford).

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

Mr. Hambury presented, pursuant to the di- 
rections of several Acts of Parliament,—Abstract 
Account of the Receipts and Payments of the 
Treasury Solicitor in the year ended 31st De- 
ember 1896 in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown under the authority of the 
Treasury Solicitor Act, 1876.

Copy of Order of Her Majesty's Treasury 
regulating the Fees to be taken by Registrars of 
County Courts on Proceedings under Section 4 
of the Liverpool Court of Passage Act, 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the 
Table; and that the Paper relative to the 
Crown's Nomine Account be printed.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's 
Command,—Copy of Report by the Hydro- 
grapher of the Admiralty, for 1896, 
under the direction of the Lords Commissioners 
of the Admiralty during the year 1896 in the 
Examination and Charting of the Seas and 
Coasts in various parts of the Globe.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the 
Table; and that
that the proceeds should be applied in forming the nucleus of a national fund for the granting of weekly pensions to deserving and necessitous persons over 65 years of age incapacitated from earning a livelihood by sickness or infirmity, or otherwise utilised for the benefit of British trade and labour. — (Sir Howard Vincent) — It passed in the Negative.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present: — The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Mauers not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock: — The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at twenty-five minutes before Eight of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 28th April, 1897.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

The CHARING CROSS, Easton, and Hampstead 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 Great Western 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.

The Tower Subway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Great Western Railway (Trowo and Neesung 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Bill:

And a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Sir Charles Dilke, 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Lanarkshire and Ayrshire Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (For Protection of Postmaster General) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and North Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and North Western Railway (Wales) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time.

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

A Bill to regulate the Expenditure of Money by the London County Council on Capital Account during the current Financial Period and (Money) Bill. was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Clockmenno (Allas and Tillicoultry) Water Supply Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, 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 Paisley Waterworks Provisional Order 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.

Mr. Goschen, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Paper entitled "Naval Manoeuvres, 1896."

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Mines and Quarries (Wales) Bill, as amended in the Committee, and committed.

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

Sir John Gorst, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copies of General Reports to the Department of Education Department by the Chief Inspectors of Education of the North Eastern, North Central and Welsh Divisions for the year 1896.

Copy of Code of Regulations for Evening Continuation Schools for 1897, with Explanatory (England and Wales) Table.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Bankruptcy (Winding-up) Act, 1883, showing the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of Bankruptcy Proceedings during the year ended 31st March 1897.

Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of Proceedings under the Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1860, during the year ended 31st March 1897.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Service Provisional Order Bill; and Motion being made, and the Question being
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 "this House refuses to add to the
confusion and complexity of our present Franchise system, which, in its opinion, can be
remedied only by the adoption of a single, "simple, and uniform Franchise"—(Sir Charles
Dilke)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the
Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
And the Main Question being put:

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

A Motion was made, and the Question was
proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of
Justice, and Legal Procedure—(Mr. Marks):—And the said Motion was, with leave of the
House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board for London
(Elections) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the
Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "up to
this day six months."—(Sir John
Lubbock.)

And the Question being put, That the word
"now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.
The Yeas were:
The Noes were:
Tellers for the Sir Blundell Maple,
[Mr. Banbury] 80.
Tellers for the Mr. Arthur O'Connor,
[Mr. John Lubbock] 127.
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 Municipal Franchise (Ire
land) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Tuesday the 27th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Mariners' Voters) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Franchise (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Thursday the 27th day of May next.

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 Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) 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 Second Reading of the Prison Made Goods (Im
portation) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 28th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Aliens Bill;
Second Reading of the Aliens Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 26th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the shop Assist-
Second Reading of the Shop Assistants (Half-
Holiday) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Restriction of Evictions (London) Bill;

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

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 next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors
Second Reading of the Solicitors (Maggistracy) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Access to
Second Reading of the Access to Mountains (Scotland) 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 Registration
Second Reading of the Registration of Parliamentary Voters Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Justices of the
Second Reading of the Justices of the Peace Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government
Second Reading of the Local Government (County Council Clerks) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish
Second Reading of the Parish Registers Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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Ways and Means.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Shops (Early Closing) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Shops Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Land Tenure Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tenure Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 28th day of May next.

County Secretaries Superannuation (Ireland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Secretaries Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of May next.

Market Gardeners' Compensation (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Market Gardeners' Compensation (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Labourers' Cottages (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labourers' Cottages (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of May next.

Estates Tail Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Estates Tail Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last, That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Working Men's Dwellings Bill [Lord's.]
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Men's Dwellings Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of May next.

Police Pensions and Service Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Pensions and Service Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Liquor Traffic Local Veto Bill.
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 Friday the 21st day of May next.

Leaseholders (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leaseholders (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 20th day of May next.
Thursday, 29th April, 1897.

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.:—

Caledonian Railway Bill.
Liverpool Corporation Tramways Bill.
Valle of Glamorgan 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 not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Cromer, Sidley, and Bexhill 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 following Bills, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

Cromer, Sidley, and Bexhill 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 following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) 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, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Motion being made, That the Brompton and Piccadilly Circus Railway 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.

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

The London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway (Abandonment) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Newburgh and North Fife 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 leave be given to bring in a Local Government Bill to confirm Provisional Orders made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Standing Orders (No. 2.)
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will graciously pleased to give directions, that there shall be laid before this House, a Copy of the Indian Financial Statement for the year 1897-98, and of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of the Governor General thereon.—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing Scholars, Rates, and Loans of (1) Urban Districts, (2) School Boards with a School Board, other than Boroughs, in the following Form:

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Waford, Edgware, and London Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Watford, Edgware, and London Railway Bill, 1896, be referred to the Committee on the Watford, Edgware, and London Bill of this Session.—(Dr. Farquharson).

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

Vide Sixth Report, Mines (Accidents) (River Level Collery Insolvency).

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Reports to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by J. T. Rokson, Esquire, one of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Mines, and Robert Woodfall, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, on the circumstances and causes of the Insolation which occurred at the River Level Collery on the 9th December, 1896.

Intoxicating Liquors (Licences Refused). No. 100.

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

Post Office (Money Orders). 1897.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of the Money Order (Amendment) Regulations, 1897, dated 31st March 1897.

American Mail Service.

Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of March last, for a Return relative to the American Mail Service. Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of March last, for a Return relative to the North American Mail Service.

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

Land Registry.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipts and Payments in respect of the Land Registry, for the year ended 31st March 1897.

High Court of Justice and Court of Appeal, &c.

Account, prepared in pursuance of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875, showing the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of the High Court of Justice and Court of Appeal, during the year ended 31st March 1897.

Annual Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Court of Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland for the year ended 31st December 1896.

Ordered, That the said Papers do 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.

Resolved, That Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning on the sixth day of April, One

East India.
One thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, at the rate of eighteenpence.
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.

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 East India Company's Officers' Superannuation 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 Metropolitan and other Police Courts 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 Navy and Marines (Wills) (1865) Amendment Bill.

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 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 Committee on the Volunteers 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 Dangerous Performances 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 Elementary Education Act (1870) Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Appeal in Certain Civil Matters (Ireland) 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 Merchant Shipping (Underrating) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And the House having continued to sit until after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Bicycles (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Prison Goods (Ireland) 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 now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Secondary Reading of the Strangeways Guardians' Jurisdiction (Scotland) 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' Superannuation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agriculture Bill;—Second Reading of the Agriculture and Industries (Ireland) 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 Officers' Superannuation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cottage Homes (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Canals and Second Reading of the Canals and Navigable Rivers (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) (Compulsory Purchase Powers) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 20th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Accountants Acts (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Food Goods (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 28th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Truck Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bicycles (Ireland) Bill;
The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Solicitors (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 Highways 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 Chaff-cutting Machines and Accidents 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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of May 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 this day.

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 Local Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 13th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 24th day of February last, That the Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Pensions and Service 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 Mersey Channels 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 Verminous Persons 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 24th day of March last, That the Court of Criminal Appeal 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 Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption of the Houses of Parliament Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

Friday, 30th April, 1897.

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.:—

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 not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Great Western Railway (Bristol Lines) 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, the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:—

Woodhouse and Conisbrough Railway Bill.
Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, that they have Power to make Provision therein accordingly.

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, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Glasgow and Renfrew District Railway Bill.
Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill, that they have Power to make Provision therein accordingly.

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.:—

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Motion
A Motion being made, That the Great Eastern Railway (Lowestoft Harbour) Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. James Laether, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And a verbal Amendment was made to the Bill.

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 Great North of Scotland Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follows:

An Act to confer further Powers on the Great North of Scotland Railway Company as to the Classification of their Ordinary Stocks and the Provision of an Hotel.

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

The Tafford and District Gas 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 Paisley and Barrhead District Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (For Protection of Postmaster General) 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.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Cirencester, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Urban District Council of Cirencester to purchase the Undertaking of the Cirencester Waterworks Company, Limited, and to supply Water throughout the District and the adjoining Parish of Stratten, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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 East India (Appointment of Natives), which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the North American Mail Service, which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfe 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 determinate in the Quarter ended 31st March 1897.

Mr. Gerald Balfe also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Returns from the City Marshal of Dublin of Pawnbrokers' Accounts, for the year ended 30th June 1896.

Copy of Returns from the City Marshal of Dublin of Divisional Auctioneers' Sales, for the half-years ended 31st December 1894, 30th June 1895, 31st December 1895, 30th June 1896, and 31st December 1896.

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

Mr. Brodick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Return of the Volunteer Corps of Great Britain, for the year 1896.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, being for the year 1896.

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

Mr. Haubury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Gross Public Income and Expenditure in the year ended 31st March 1897, together with the Balances in the Exchequer at the commencement and at the termination of the year, and the 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; and be printed.

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws, in Session 1896, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Register of Temporal Laws for the Third Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (60 Vic.), (1897).

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. James William Loverth reported the North Harbour (Extension of Time) Bill, without Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Loverth reported the Mumbles Railway and Pier (Extension of Time) Bill, without Amendment.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Circular (No. 394) of the Education Department to the Managers of Voluntary Schools relative to the carrying out of the Provisions of the Voluntary Schools Act,—(Mr. Corrwell Williams.)
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Berwick School Bill.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Berwick School Bill was committed; That they have 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.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

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

Private Bills (Group D.).

Mr. James Campbell reported from the Committee on Group D. of Private Bills; That, to suit the convenience of Members, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Selection (Standing Committees). Law, Ar.

Sir John Morebury reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, Officers of Justice, and Legal Procedure:—Mr. Ainsworth, Mr. Bolitho, Mr. Haldane, Mr. Harrison, Sir Frank Lockwood, Mr. Luttrell, Captain Norton, Mr. Stevenson, Sir James Woodhouse, and Mr. Woods; and had appointed in substitution:—Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, Mr. Colelle, Mr. Cramble, Colonel Denby, Sir John Kinloch, Sir Leonard Lyell, Mr. Muirhead, Captain Staircase, Mr. South, and Sir William Wedderburn.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Building Feus and Leases (Scotland) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Building Feus and Leases (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of May next.

Civil Services (Additional Estimate), 1897-98. No. 100.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the Additional Amount required in the year ending 31st March 1898 for certain Charges connected with South Africa.

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

Public Health Acts Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Health Acts: And that Sir Alfred Hickman, Sir Albert Rollitt, Mr. Storrs Hill, Sir Walter Fothergill, Mr. George Whiteley, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Ernest Spencer, and Mr. Heath do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Alfred Hickman accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Public Health Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Supply (Satd allotted Day.)

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services, 1897-98. Class III.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £43,172, 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 1898, 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;

Whence the Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item H (Salaries), be reduced by £100, in respect of the Salary of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Mr. Pickersgill):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £22,300, to complete the Sum for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses.

3. £204,451, to complete the Sum for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

4. £5,177, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Land Registry.

5. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £23,071, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the Court Counts:

Whence the Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item H. of £3,000, for Conveyance of Persons Connected to Prison, be omitted from the Proposed Vote—(Sir Charles Cameron):—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir Charles Cameron, Yeas, (Sir Robert Reid: 54.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Nays, (Mr. Anstruther: 133.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

6. £3,400, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Police Courts of London and Shrewsbury.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £41,107, 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 1898, 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:

Whence the Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries), be reduced by £100.—(Mr. Pickersgill):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

8. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £420,851, 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 1898, for the Expenses of the Prisons in England, Wales, and the Colonies:

Whence the Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries), be reduced by £125.—(Mr. Pickersgill):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

9. £29,264, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory, Industrial, and Day Industrial Schools in Great Britain, and of the Inspectors of Reformatories.

10. £21,934, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

11. £92,639, 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.
Monday, 3rd May, 1897.

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 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.:

London and South Western Railway (Various Powers) 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.:

London County Council (Money) 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.:

London County Council (General Powers) Bill.

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

The Lanarkshire and Ayrshire 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 London and North 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 London and North 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Callander and Oban 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 Hamilton Corporation Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway (Inverness Extension) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Title changed to Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Clyde Navigation (Extension of Time) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.
North Corporation Tramways
Bill [Lords.] The Neath Corporation Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Newhaven and Seaford Water Bill [Lords.]
The Newhaven and Seaford Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

North Pembroke-shire and Fishguard Railway Bill [Lords.]
The North Pembroke-shire and Fishguard Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Tynemouth Corporation Water Bill [Lords.]
The Tynemouth Corporation Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Bill [Lords.]
The Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

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

Public Petitions.

Vade Sixth Report.

Penal Servitude Acts (Conditional Licence.) Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of a Licence granted by Her Majesty, under the Penal Servitude Acts, to Annie Yates, a Convict under Detention in St. Albans Prison, permitting her to be at large on condition that she enters Saint Mary's Home, Chelsea.

Metropolitan Police.

Accounts showing the Sums received and expended for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police, the Police Pension fund, and the Metropolitan Police Courts, during the year ending 31st March 1897.

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

Mercantile Marine (Colour--Tests.) Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of the Board of Trade upon the Night Tests used in the Mercantile Marine for the year ending 31st December 1896 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper [C. 8098]).

Railways (Certificates of the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Company.) Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Certificate of the Board of Trade authorising the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Company to raise additional Capital.

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


Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Queen's College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on the 29th October 1896, adding to and amending Statutes II., XIII., and XXIII., (Annual Series.) of the Statutes of the College.

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

National School Teachers' (Ireland) Pension Fund (Departmental Committee.) Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of Committee appointed by the Treasury to advise as to the best means of securing the future solvency of the National School Teachers' (Ireland) Pension Fund, with Copy of Treasury Minute thereon, dated 30th April 1897.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 28th April 1897, declaring that Jane Elizabeth Stephens, Postmistress at Pershore, Post Office Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Head of her Department.

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


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The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Nineteenth Annual (Scotland.) Report of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland, dated 28th April last, for a Return relative to Prison (Scotland Financial Statement), 1897-98.

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. 1875 to 1879.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Mr. Hogswaig Brown reported from the Committee of the House of Commons on the Bill to amend the Law with respect to Compensation to Workmen for Accidental Injuries sustained in the course of their Employment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, tomorrow, the Police Appointment and Promotion Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the 11th day of this instant May.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Workmen's Bill to amend the Law with respect to Compensation to Workmen for Accidental Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment: And that Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring in the said Bill.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Compensation to Workmen for Accidental Injuries suffered in the course of their Employment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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The Merchant Shipping (Undertaking) 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Edinburgh University (Transfer of Patronage) Bill.

\[(\text{In the Committee.})\]

\[\text{CLASSES, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to.} \]

\[\text{Bill to be reported.} \]

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

\[\text{Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.} \]

\[\text{The Lord Advocate, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit. Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.} \]

\[\text{Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.} \]

\[\text{Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill.} \]

\[\text{The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill;} \]

\[\text{And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon:—And, if it be rising Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.} \]

\[\text{Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.} \]

\[\text{Volunteers Bill.} \]

\[\text{The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Volunteers Bill.} \]

\[\text{(In the Committee.)} \]

\[\text{Clause, No. 1.} \]

\[\text{To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.} \]

\[\text{Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.} \]

\[\text{Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.} \]

\[\text{Dangerous Performances Bill.} \]

\[\text{The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dangerous Performances Bill;} \]

\[\text{Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.} \]

\[\text{Supply [30th April] Report.} \]

\[\text{Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—} \]

\[\text{Civil Services, 1897-98.} \]

\[\text{Class III.} \]

\[\text{Law Officers (Legal Charges.)} \]

\[\text{1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 43,177, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries of the Law Officers' Department; the Salaries and Vol. 152.} \]

\[\text{Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury, Queen's Proctor, and Director of Public Prosecutions; the Costs of Proceedings, of other Legal Proceedings, and of Parliamentary Agency.} \]

\[\text{2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 22,906, be Miscellaneous Expenses granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for certain Miscellaneous Expenses.} \]

\[\text{3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 204,431, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature.} \]

\[\text{4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,177, be Land Registry granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Land Registry.} \]

\[\text{5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 23,071, be County Courts, granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.} \]

\[\text{6. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 3,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Police Courts of London and Sheerness.} \]

\[\text{7. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 41,107, be Metropolitan Police granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries of the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police, and of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, the Pay and Expenses of Officers of Metropolitan Police employed on special duties, and the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary.} \]

\[\text{8. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 290,531, be Education granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Expenses of the Prisons in England, Wales, and the Colonies.} \]

\[\text{9. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 126,130, be Reformatory granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Expenses of the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory, Industrial, and Day Industrial Schools in Great Britain, and of the Inspectors of Reformatories.} \]

\[\text{10. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 21,954, be Criminal Lunatic Asylums granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Expenses of the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.} \]

\[\text{11. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 62,630, be Law Charges granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum (Scotland) necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Lord Advocate's Department, and other Law Charges, and the Salaries and Expenses.} \]
Expenses of the Courts of Law and Justice in Scotland.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 28,961, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices in Her Majesty's General Register House, Edinburgh.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,550, 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 1898, for the Expenses of the Establishment of the Crofters' Commission.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 52,277, 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 1898, 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.

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

Appeal in Certain Civil Matters (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Appeal in Certain Civil Matters (Ireland) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Bicycles (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bicycles (Ireland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of April last, That the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill be now read a second time:
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of this instant May.

Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Agriculture and Industries (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture and Industries (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 Made Goods (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) 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 Elementary Education Act (1870 Amendment) Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Barrie School Third Reading of the Barrie School Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third 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 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 University Education Second Reading of the University Education (Ireland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Second Reading of the Registration of Firms Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday 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 Tuesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill (No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tithe Redemption Second Reading of the Tithe Redemption 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 Market Gardener's Compensation (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 Sale of Distress 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 Canals and Navigable Rivers (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 Truck Acts 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 Chaff-Cutting Machines Accidents 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 Authorities (Scotland) Loans 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 Service Franchise Bill.

In the Committee.

CLAUSE, No. 1.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jones William Latchert 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 30th day of June 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 24th day of March last, That the Court of Criminal Appeal 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of March last, That the Extraordinary Title Redemption Act, 1886; and that Mr. Walter Long and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Walter Long accordingly presented a Bill extraordinary to remove Doubts arising under the Extraordinary Title Redemption Act, 1886: And that the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
Tuesday, 4th May, 1897.

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, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Convey Harbour 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 following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

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 Bills, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

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

North Metropolitan Tramways (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, and committed.

North Metropolitan Tramways (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, and committed.

Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, and committed.

Glasgow and Renfrew District Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read, according to Order, a second time, and committed.

Central London Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the Second Reading of the Central London Railway Bill.

Fier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the 18th day of this instant May.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill 215.

Hunstanton, Killaloe, and Saint Andrew's: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examining Committee for Private Bills; and be printed.

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

Public Petitions. Vote Notice.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Metropolitan Police, which were presented upon Paper on the 3rd day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India India (Financial Statement), 1897-98, which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant May, may be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relative to the Closing of the Voual River Drifts by the Government of the South African Republic in October 1896.

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

Mr. Roddick presented, by Her Majesty's Army (Supplementary Estimates, 1897-98.)

No. 194.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, a Return showing the extent to which, and in the manner in which, Local Authorities in the United Kingdom have applied or are applying Funds to the purposes of Technical Education (including Science, Art, Technical, and Manual Instruction) during the years 1895-96 and 1896-97, under the following Acts: Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1889; Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891; Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889; Technical Schools (Scotland) Act, 1887; Technical Instruction Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1892; and Public Libraries Acts.—(Sir John Gorst.)

Mr. Seale-Hayne reported from the Committee on the Hull and South Yorkshire Extension Bill, that the Bill 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 Acts; 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. Moss reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That the Parties opposing the Glasgow Corporation Improvements Bill had stated that the Evidence of James Morrison, Askern, Great Western Railway, and Archibald Mitchell, 24th Great Western Road, Glasgow, 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 James Morrison, James 

Hunstanton, Killaloe, and Saint Andrew's: And the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examining Committee for Private Bills; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
The House met at Twelve of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mumbles Railway and Pier (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords.]

Ordeeed, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Neath Harbour (Extension of Time) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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

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 Orders (No. 6) 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.

Mr. Hornby presented,—Return to an Order of the House, dated the 22nd day of February last, for a Return relative to Members of the House of Commons in Receipt of Public Money.

Ordered, That the said Return 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' Foundation, for the year 1897-98.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Coal Exports, respectively the Foreign Export of Coal from each Port in the United Kingdom to each Country Abroad; and also showing the Quantity of Coal shipped at each Port for Ships use on Foreign Voyages during the same periods.—(Mr. David Thorne.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Metropolitain Water Companies (Accounts.)

Ordered, That the Return do lie upon the Table.

No. 195.

Mr. Hornsbee Brown reported from the Committee on Group E. of Private Bills; That the Kilpatrick Dock Bill had Kilpatrick Dock Bill.

Mr. Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on Group E. of Private Bills; That the Kilpatrick Dock Bill had Kilpatrick Dock Bill.

No. 195.

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

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords of the Committee of Selection, to give leave to the Duke of Fife, the Marquess of Abercorn, and the Lord Gifford to attend to be examined as Witnesses before the Select Committee on British South Africa.—(Mr. Jack-
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, School Boards a Return showing Scholars, Rates, and Loans of (Urban and School Boards in (1) Urban Districts, (2) School other Districts, other than Boroughs, in the following Board and Boro. 

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### Standing Orders

1. That, in the case of the National Provident Institution 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 East Warwickshire Water Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

3. That, in the case of the Harrow, Uxbridge, and High Wycombe Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

4. That, in the case of the Cirencester Water Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

5. That, in the case of the Victoria Embankment Extension and Saint John's Improvement, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

The first Four 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, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the National Provident Institution 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 East Warwickshire Water Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

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5. That, in the case of the Victoria Embankment Extension and Saint John's Improvement, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

The first Four 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 Cirencester Water Bill, might be read; and the same being read—(Dr. Farquharson).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of Cirencester to purchase the Undertaking of the Cirencester Waterworks Company, Limited, and to supply Water throughout the District and the adjoining Parish of Stroud: And that Mr. Bethell and Mr. Whitmore do prepare, and bring in the same.

The Order, made upon the 29th of April last, That the Parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

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 Working Men's Dwellings (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Borough Funds 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 of Libel Amendment 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 Boiler Inspection and 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 Borough Funds Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchants' Shipping Bill;
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 Wednesday the 2nd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teind Court (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 Coal Mines Regulation 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 Tuesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Restraint of Evictions (London) 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 Solicitors (Magistracy) 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 Solicitors (Magistracy) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 3rd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Health Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of June next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Pensions and Service 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 Fishing Trawlers Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of June 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 Friday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Elections (Ireland) Act (1881) 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 School Board Electorate Determination (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 3rd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops 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 Shops Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 28th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Repeal of the Customs and Excise Duty Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant May.

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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 Friday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Elections (Ireland) (Women) 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 Police Pensions and Service 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 Fishing Trawlers Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of June 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 Friday the 4th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Municipal Elections (Ireland) (Women) 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 Shops 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 Estates Tail Bill; **Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of this instant May.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bakehouses Bill; **Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant May.**

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That the Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) 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 Second Reading of the Sale of Distress 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 Canals and Navigable Rivers (Ireland) Bill; **Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.**

The Chaff-cutting Machines Accidents Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Mersey Channels Bill. **(In the Committee.)**

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 3, agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothor 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 Friday next.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Registers Bill; **Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant May.**

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 the 27th day of this instant May.**

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of March last, That the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill be committed to a Select Committee; **Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill; **Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.**

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Committee of Public Accounts; That they had made further progress in the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House; together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix. **Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.**

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman reported from the Chairmen's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. John Edward 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.**

Mr. James William Lothor reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) 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 To-morrow.**

Mr. James William Lothor 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, with Amendments, to the House. **Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.**

Mr. James William Lothor reported from the Committee on the Claymannaon (Allon and Tillicoultry) Water Supply 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, with Amendments, to the House. **Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.**

Mr. James William Lothor reported from the Committee on the Yorkshire Dales Railway (Skipton to Grassington) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the said Order, and decided 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 Lothor reported the London Gas Bill, without Amendments. **Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.**

Mr. James William Lothor reported the London Bank of Australia Bill, without Amendment. **Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.**

Mr.
Mr. James William Lowther reported the Mason’s Orphanage Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Cowes Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Stromness Harbour 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 Tynemouth Gas 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 Lowther reported the Bristol Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the London and South Western Railway (Meon Valley Railway) Bill, with an Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Loughborough Corporation 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 Bray and Enniskerry Railway (Extension of Time) 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 no further Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Assam Railways and Trading Company Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Torquay Corporation 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.

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

## Thursday, 6th May, 1897.

### The House met at Three of the clock.

#### PRAYERS.

A MOTION being made, That the Collinder and Oohoo Railway Bill be now read the third time:

Sir John Mooreby, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, VOL. 192.

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 Halifax Corporation 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Craigcrook Mortification Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Crichton Royal Institution Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of Cirencester to purchase the Undertaking of the Cirencester Water Works Company, Limited, and to supply Water throughout the District and the adjoining Parish of Stratton, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the London County Council (Sewerage and Drainage) Bill and the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, that they have power, if they think fit, to consolidate the said two Bills into one Bill.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Paisey Waterworks Provisional Order 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 Blackman and Tiltico Water Supply 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 Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (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 take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government (Ireland) Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Largan, Cloneal, and Thures; 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 a Provisional Order, under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, and the Acts amending the same, relating to Duntocher and Dalmeny Water Supply: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Austruther do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Lurgan, Clonalis, and Thurlies: 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 Lord Advocate presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, and the Acts amending the same, relating to Duntocher and Dalmeny Water Supply: 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 Members of the House of Commons in Receipt of Public Money, which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant May, be printed.


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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of February last, for a Return relative to Prisoners (United Kingdom).

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

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order dated the 26th day of March last, for a Return relative to British Ships stranded in the Red Sea.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of First Return of Estates prepared by the Registrar of the Land Judge's Court, pursuant to Rules dated 23rd January 1897, in relation to Provisions under the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896.

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. James William Leathber reported the Mason University College Bill, without Amendment.

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

Mr. Seale-Hayne reported from the Committee on the Dearne Valley Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, in order 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.

Mr. Seale-Hayne reported from the Committee on the Watford, Edgeware, and London 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 thereunto.

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

Mr. Seale-Hayne reported from the Committee on Railway Bills on Group 1. of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing (1) the Rates of 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 1897:—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 on each of the Ten Years ending the 31st day of March 1897:—And, Notes to show any Changes in the Taxes, Duties, and Imposts, consequent upon the acceptance of the Budget Proposals of 1897 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 361, of Session 1896).

—(Mr. Goddard.)

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

The Lords have agreed to the Huddersfield and Dumbries and Maxwelltown Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to theBOOTERFLY Huddersfield Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Ordinance to increase the Share Capital of the Cordoba Central Railway Company, Limited, and to vary its Regulations with regard to Division of Profits, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Ordinance to amend the Corporation of the City of Liverpool with respect to the Northern Hospital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Liverpool Corporation Loan Act, 1899, to confer further Powers on the Corporation of the City of Liverpool, with respect to the Annual and other Bills payable by the Corporation of the City of Liverpool, and by the Churchwardens of the Parish of Liverpool, in respect of certain Churches in the City; for the Investment and Application of the Commutation Moneys; for the Removal of the Churches of St. George, and...
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The Vale of Rhedol Light Railway Bill was read the first time.

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

The Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Bill was read the first time.

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

The Glasgow Harbour Tunnel Company Bill was read the first time.

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

The Carnarvon Corporation Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Vol. 152.

and Saint John, and re-uniting their respective districts to the Parish of Liverpool; and for making other provisions consequential on and relative to the above matters; 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 Aberystwyth and Dorrigo Bridge, in the County of Cardigan, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for incorporating the Linwood and East Coast Railway and Dock Company; to transfer to the Company some of the Powers of the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company; to construct and maintain Railways and Works, and to transfer to the Company certain portions of the Undertaking of the said Company, including the North Sea Fisheries (East Lancashire) Harbour and Dock, together with the Powers of the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Company in relation thereto; to confer additional Powers upon the Company with reference to the portions of the Undertaking transferred to them, 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 Powers upon the Corporation of Carnarvon in relation to the Ferry between Carnarvon and Anglesea, the construction of a Pier and other Works for the purposes thereof; and for the construction of a Swing-Bridge over the River Seiont, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Cordova Central Railway Company Bill was read the first time.

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

The Liverpool Corporation (Loans) Bill was read the first time.

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The Liverpool City Churches 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 Bill Metropolitan Police Courts to enable Metropolitan Police Courts to be closed on Special Bank Holidays: And that Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley and Mr. Jesse Collings do prepare, and bring it in.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Poor Relief (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 Bicycles (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 Poisonous Drug Act (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Tithe Redemption 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 Foreign Prison Made Goods 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 Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the County Government (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 Merchant Shipping Acts Amendment Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 18th day of this instant May,

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Employers' Liability (Foreign Shipping) Amendment 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 Tithe Redemption Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Steam Engines and Lightning Orders until Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last, That the Steam Engines and Lightning Orders (Persons in Charge) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That the Market Gardener's Compensation (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;  
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of March last, That the Court of Criminal Appeal 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 Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

The Clockman (Alba and Tithicounty) Ordered, That Standing Order 235 be suspended, and that the Liverpool Corporation Tramways Bill be now read a second time.—(Dr. Forsythson.)

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

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders 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.

Ordered, That Standing Order 235 be sus-
Mr. James William Lowther reported from 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 the Sheffield District Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Bournemouth Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. T. W. Russell reported from the Select Committee on the Industries Committee (Ireland) 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.

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 Thursday next; and be printed.

Mr. Abers-Douglas reported from the Select Public Office Committee on the Public Offices (Whitehall) (Site) Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill; and found the same 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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next; and be printed.

Mr. Abers-Douglas reported from the Select Patent Office Committee on the Patent Office Extension Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same 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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next; and be printed.

Mr. James Campbell reported from the Committee on Group D. of Private Bills; That, to Group D. meet the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That, in the case of the Crookhurst, Sidley, Crowhurst, and Icknill Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, on condition that...
that Clause 48 is struck out of 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 London County Council (General Powers) Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

3. That, in the case of the Harrogate Water Bill, Petition of "Six Henry Day, Ripinly, Baronet," for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of his Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

4. That, in the case of the Caledonian Railway Bill, Petition of the "Trustees of the late Henry Atkins," for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

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

Sir John Mowbray 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. Davenport; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Austin.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

(In the Committee.

Civil Services Estimates, 1897–98.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 40,705, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries), be reduced by £ 500, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;—(Mr. Robson):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Gibson Bowles,]
Yea, 46.
Mr. MacNeill; 167.
Tellers for the [Sir William Wallace,]
Noes, 49.
Mr. Anstruther; 168.

Original Question again proposed;—Question put accordingly:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. MacNeill,]
Yea, 43.
Captain Donelan; 169.
Tellers for the [Sir William Wallace,]
Noes, 49.
Mr. Anstruther: 168.

Mr. Hanbury claimed, That the Original Question be now put:—And the Original Question being put accordingly,—The Committee proceeded to a Division. of Debate.)

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Tellers for the [Mr. William Wallace,]
Yea, 109.
Mr. Anstruther: 39.
Tellers for the [Mr. Gibson Bowles,]
Noes, 39.
Mr. Anstruther: 168.

And, it being after 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 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 Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of July next.
Monday, 10th May, 1897.

The House met at Three o'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 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.:

- Cordoba Central Railway Company Bill.
- Glasgow Harbour Tunnel Company Bill.
- Liverpool City Churches Bill.
- Liverpool Corporation (Loans) 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, no Standing Orders were twice read, and accorded to:

- National Provident Institution Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and accorded 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 Assam Railways and Trading Company 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 Crichton Royal Institution 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 Crichton Royal Institution 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 Bank of Australia 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 Mason's Orphanage Bill was read the Mason's 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 Mason University College Bill was read the Mason University College Bill 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 Mumbles Railway and Pier (Extension Number 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 Neath Harbour (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 Torquay Corporation Water 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 Bill and South Yorkshire Extension South York-
shire Extension Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
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 Counties of Bedford, Denbigh, Flint, Hereford, Hertford, and Worcestershire; 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 Counties of Bath, Bedford, Denbigh, Flint, Hereford, Hertford, and Worcestershire; 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 Boroughs of Hartlepoo, Totnes, and West Hartlepoo; 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 Counties of Derby, Parts of Holland, Leicester, and Norfolk, and to the Borough of Margate; 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 Cheshire, and the Boroughs of Chester, Southport, Widnes, and Wirral; and 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 Yorkshire and the Boroughs of Bradford, Harrogate, Skipton, and Wakefield; 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 Boroughs of Chelmsford, Nelson, Southend-on-Sea, and West Bromwich; 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 Boroughs of Sidmouth, and the Boroughs of Exeter, Lee, Torquay, and Westbury; 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 Boroughs of Newquay, St. Ives, Truro, and West Looe; 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 West Bromwich, and the Boroughs of Birmingham, Smethwick, and West Bromwich; 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 Boroughs of Chelmsford, Nelson, Southend-on-Sea, and West Bromwich; 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 Chelmsford, Nelson, Southend-on-Sea, and West Bromwich; 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 Counties of Bedford, Chesham, and St. Albans: 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 Counties of Bristol, Devizes, Gloucester, and Trowbridge: 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 Boroughs of Ashton-under-Lyne, Hindley, and Marsden: 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 Boroughs of Altrincham, Audley, Hale, and Prestwich: 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 Boroughs of Basingstoke, Bracknell, and Wokingham: 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 Boroughs of Bath (two), Bideford, Bridport, Bournemouth, Bury St. Edmunds, Chippenham, and Wilt: 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 Boroughs of Birmingham, Droitwich, Ewell, and Medway: 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 Counties of Cumbria, Dumfriesshire, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Roxburgh, Selkirk, and West Linton: 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 Counties of Edinburgh, Lanark, Selkirk, and Stirlingshire: 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 Boroughs of Barking, Chingford, Greenford, Harrow, and Wealdstone: 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 Boroughs of Bognor, Chichester, Epsom, and Surbiton: 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 Counties of Lancashire, Merseyside, West Riding of Yorkshire, and West Lancashire: 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 Boroughs of Blackpool, Catterick, Darlington, and Hexham: 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 Boroughs of Blackburn, Darwen, and Leyland: 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 Boroughs of Bournemouth, Weymouth, and Wimborne: 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 Counties of Bedford, Chesham, and St. Albans: 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 Counties of Bedford, Chesham, and St. Albans: 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 Lord Advocate presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, and the Acts amending the same, relating to Borrowstounness Water Supply: 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; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1880 to 1893.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1894 to 1903.

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


Copy of General Report by the Chief Inspector of the Scotch Education Department for the Western and Southern Divisions of Scotland for the year 1896.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Arklow Harbour Commissioners for the year ended 31st December 1896, and a Statement of Accounts for the same period.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Board of Trade, under Section 417 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, relating to the vessels engaged in collecting and carrying Fish to Port.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain also presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Report, No. 192 of the Mitigation of Acids, and for the Protection of Fish in the Waters of the River Thames, at Oxford; and the Acts relating to the Public Works of the Metropolitan Board of Works, under the Public Health Acts, 1871, 1875, and 1877, relating to the Water Supply of the Metropolis of London: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain also presented,—Copies of the series of Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General, under the Acts relating to the Public Works of the Metropolitan Board of Works, under the Public Health Acts, 1871, 1875, and 1877, relating to the Water Supply of the Metropolis of London: And the same was read the first time.

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

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also into the Niger Coast Protectorate and the Royal Niger Company's Territories, showing, as far as practicable, the quantities supplied and their declared Values from the several Countries exporting them, and similar information as to the British South Africa Company's Territories, British Central Africa, British East Africa, and the Zanzibar Protectorate.

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

East India (Ecclesiastical Charges.)

Resolved, That 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 Charges of the Ecclesiastical Establishment in India for the Year 1895-96 on Account of the Church of England, Church of Scotland, Church of Rome, and other Churches; and showing, as far as possible, in the several Provinces of British India, what Payments are made at Stations (a) where there are European Troops, and (b) where there are no European Troops.—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Coal Mines Regulation Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Coal Mines Regulation Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of this instant May.

Private Bills (Group B.)

Mr. Rankin reported from the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills; That Mr. Mintz, 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.

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, giving leave to the Duke of Fife, the Marquess of Abercorn (Duke of Abercorn), and the Lord Gifford to attend, in order to their being examined as Witnesses before the Select Committee appointed by this House on British South Africa, their Lordships (in their places) consenting.

British South Africa.

Resolved, That, unless the House otherwise order, the House do meet on Tuesdays at Two of the clock.-(Mr. Balfour.)

Elementary Education Act (1870) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Elementary Education Act (1870) Amendment Bill.

Preamble agreed to.

Ordered, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow, at Two of the clock; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Tea.

Motion made, and Question proposed, 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-seven, until the First day of August, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland (that is to say) :

Tea - - - the pound - Four Pence.

-(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).

Amendment proposed, in 1. 6, to leave out the words " Four Pence," in order to insert the words " Two Pence."—(Mr. Arthur O' Connor.)

Question put, That the words " Four Pence " stand part of the Question:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther:

Yea's, [Mr. Austruther] 093.

Noo's, [Sir Howard Vincent] 209.

Main Question put, and agreed to.

Resolved, 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-seven, until the First day of August, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland (that is to say) :

Tea - - - the pound - Four Pence.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow, at Two of the clock.

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 Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Relief (1897) Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Poor Relief (1897) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 3rd day of this instant May, That the Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tomorrow, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Relief Second Reading of the Poor Relief (Ireland) (Ireland) Bill.

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

The Metropolitan Police Courts (Holidays) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; Police Courts (Holidays) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 3rd day of this instant May, That the Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill be now read a second time; Police Courts (Holidays) Bill.

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

The Metropolitan Police Courts (Holidays) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; Police Courts (Holidays) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 3rd day of this instant May, That the Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill be now read a second time; Police Courts (Holidays) Bill.

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

The Metropolitan Police Courts (Holidays) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; Police Courts (Holidays) Bill.
Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Estimates, 1897-98.

Class II.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 6,485, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the House of Lords.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 7,074, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

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

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

(Read in the Committee.)

 Clause, N. 1 (Explanation of 26 & 27 Vic. c. 55, ss. 24, 27).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, after the word "power" to insert the words "and approved by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the "Home Department."—(Mr. Pickersgill.) Question, That those words be there inserted —put, and negatived.

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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 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, at Two of the clock, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) 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 Agriculture and Industries (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) 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 Extraordinary Tithe 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 the Appeal in Certain Civil Matters (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Volunteers Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Volonters 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 Post Office Consolidation Bill (Lands.)

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 Bicycle (Compensation for Accidents) 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 Foreign Prison Made Goods 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 Resuming Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and be now read, for the Foreign Prison Goods Bill, a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Burial Grounds Second Reading of the Burial Grounds Loans (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 Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Third Reading of the Berriew School Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day, at Two of the clock.

Second Reading of the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Second Reading of the Married Persons' Small Industrial Incomes (Tax Relief) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Relief Bill, upon Monday the 24th day of this instant May.

Second Reading of the Bicycles (Ireland) Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Scotland) Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Civil Services Estimates, 1897-98;

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

Second Reading of the Foreign Prison Goods Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Bicycles (Ireland) Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Married Persons' Small Industrial Incomes (Tax Relief) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Relief Bill, upon Monday the 24th day of this instant May.

Second Reading of the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Agriculture and Industries (Ireland) Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Scotland) Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Foreign Prison Goods Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Bicycles (Ireland) Bill;

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

Second Reading of the Married Persons' Small Industrial Incomes (Tax Relief) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Relief Bill, upon Monday the 24th day of this instant May.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last, That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

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 Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) 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 Canals Protection (London) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Mersey Channels 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 County Government (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 Canals and Navigable Rivers (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of March last, That the Court of Criminal Appeal 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 Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Select Committee on Money Lending was nominated of Mr. Ascroft, Mr. Thomas Bagley, Mr. Caldwell, Captain Chaloner, Mr. Garfit, Mr. Hasell, Mr. Jeffreys, Dr. M'Donnell, Mr. Price, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Warr, Mr. George Whiteley, and Mr. Yerburgh. Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee. —(Sir William Walrond.)

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. Mr. Bond accordingly 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 Monday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
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**Voluntary Schools Act, 1870 (Copy of Circular). No. 206.**

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 30th day of April last, for a Return relative to Voluntary Schools Act, 1870 (Copy of Circular). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

**Army (Special Pensions).**

Mr. Brougham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return, for the year ended 31st March 1897, of Pensions specially granted under Articles 730, 731, and 1207 of the Army Pay Warrant. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

**Prosecution of Offences Acts, 1879 and 1884.**

Resolved, That 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 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 1886 to the 31st day of December 1896 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 232, of Session 1896).—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

**Shops (Early Closing) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill;

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

**Sunday Closing Bill.**

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Sunday Closing Bill, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of June next.

**Injuries to Workmen (Employers' Liability) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Injuries to Workmen (Employers' Liability) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of March last, That the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill be committed to a Select Committee;

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

**Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill;

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

**Smaller Dwellings (Scotland) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Smaller Dwellings (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 abolish the Veto of the Lord of the Manor on the Regulation of a Common under the Commons Act, 1876: And that Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Scale-Hayne, Sir John Brunner, and Sir Joseph Leese do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Luttrell accordingly presented a Bill to abolish the Veto of the Lord of the Manor on the Regulation of a Common under the Commons Act, 1876: 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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**Commons (Regulation).**

Bill 240.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Elementary Education Act (1870) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton reported Ways and Means. (Copy of Circular.)

Resolved, 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-seven, until the First day of August, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, on the Importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland (that is to say):

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-eight, until the First day of August, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, on the Importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland (that is to say):

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Gentlemen appointed to bring in a Bill upon the Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means on the 30th day of April last, and then agreed to by the House, that they do make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Finance Bill, to grant certain Duties of Customs and Inland Revenue: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant May, That the Metropolitan and other Police Courts 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 six months."—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

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, Yea, [Mr. Anstruther]; 183.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill, Noes, [Mr. Harrison]: 87.]

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 the Standing Committee Law, etc.; on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:

And the Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Gibson.)

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 a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

**Extravagant Tithe Bill.**

The Extraordinary Tithe Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

**Metropolitan Police Courts (Holidays) Bill.**

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Police Courts (Holidays) 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 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 Volunteers Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Explanation of 26 & 27 Vic. c. 65, ss. 24, 27), Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, at the end, to add the words "Provided that, notwithstanding anything contained in Section fifty-two of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879, the provisions of Section four of the said Act respecting the mitigation of penalties by the Court, and that the corresponding provisions of Section six of the Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland) Act, 1881, notwithstanding anything contained in the last named Section, shall respectively apply to proceedings taken under this Act." (Mr. Pickersgill.)

Question put, That those words be there added: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the : Mr. Pickersgill,  
Yeas,  
Mr. Whitaker,  
93. 
Mr. Wilbraham,  
Mr. Austerberry,  
201.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 2, agreed to. A Clause 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 tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Appeal in Certain Civil Matters (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.  
CLAUSE, No. 2, agreed to. Schedule 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 Thursday next.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, *An Act of Literature and Art (Dissolution) Bill* [Lords.]

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

The Guild of Literature and Art (Dissolution) Bill was read the first time.

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

Evening Sitting.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Motion for the adjournment of the House was made, that the Motion been put.

—Major Hall of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Robert Chisholm Robertson do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the left.

Tellers for the *Yeas,* [Mr. Radcliffe Cooke] 85.

Tellers for the *Noes,* [Mr. T. P. O'Connor] 24.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of next month.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the first time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vehicles (Lights) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. Robert Grant Webster rose in his place, Clasped and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declared then to put that Question:—Then assent.

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the left.

Tellers for the *Yeas,* [Mr. Gibson Bowles] 111.

Tellers for the *Noes,* [Mr. Buffett] 16.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the left.

Tellers for the *Yeas,* [Mr. Harrison] 85.

Tellers for the *Noes,* [Mr. T. Wilkie O'Connor] 24.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Assisted Counties (Dissolution) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Winding-up and Disposal of the Guild of Literature and Art, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, Bill was read the first time.

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

The Guild of Literature and Art (Dissolution) Bill was read the first time.

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

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

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the left.

Tellers for the *Yeas,* [Mr. Thoroton] 40.

Tellers for the *Noes,* [Mr. Jaffreys] 40.
Then the Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Memorandum.—[The Journal of the 12th day of this instant May contains the following entry;—"Mr. Thornton and Mr. Daly, the Tellers of the Yeas in the Division of Yesterday on the Second Reading of the Vehicles (Lights) Bill, came to the Table and stated that they had erroneously reported the number of the Yeas as 40, instead of 44, which was the proper number corresponding with the Division List. Ordered, That the Clerk do correct the said error in the Journal of this House by stating the number of the Yeas to be 44 instead of 40. (Mr. Thornton.)"]

In pursuance of the above Order the Clerk has placed upon the Journal this Statement:—The Yeas who voted on the 11th day of May, when the House divided upon the Question, that the Vehicles (Lights) Bill be now read a second time, were in number 44.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Appointment and Promotion 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 Midwives' Registration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 20th day of this instant May.

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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 21st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tinside Court (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trawlers' Licensing 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 Shops 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 County Government (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 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, 12th May, 1897.

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 Dumfries and Maxwelltown 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 Bray and Enniskerry Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bristol Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Deane Valley Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sheffield District Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Yorkshire Dales Railway (Skipton to Grassington) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

The Crouch, Sidley, and Bexhill Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Aberystwith, Barrow-in-Furness, Birmingham, Bootle, and Swansea: 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 a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to the Borough of Hastings: 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 Aberystwith, Barrow-in-Furness, Birmingham, Bootle, and Swansea: 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 a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to the Borough of Hastings: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Police and Criminal Law (Counties and Boroughs.), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant May, be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Order of the Board of Agriculture, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, dated 7th May 1897, entitled "The Importation of Dogs Order of 1897."
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eleventh Annual Report of the Tenders of Sea Fisheries in England and Wales, for the year 1896.

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—Richard Bridge Cash Account for the year 1896.

Mr. Thornton and Mr. Dalby, the Tellers of the Yeas in the Division yesterday on the Second Reading of the Vehicles (Lights) Bill, came to the Table, and stated that they had erroneously reported the number of the Yeas as 40, instead of 44, which was the proper number corresponding with the Division List.

Ordered, That the Clerk do correct the said error in the Journal of this House by stating the number of the Yeas to be 44 instead of 40. (Mr. Thornton.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords requesting that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl Spencer to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on Museums of the Science and Art Department. (Sir John Gorst.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl Spencer to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. (Mr. Johnson-Ferguson.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Dalby.)

And the Question being proposed That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Sir Thomas Lea 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. 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.

Sir Thomas Lea 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 [Mr. Maurice Healy.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Harrington.]

Sir Thomas Lea. 201.

Noes. [Mr. Duncombe.] 172.

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 To-morrow.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Colonial to provide for the Admission of Solicitors of Solicitors Bills Court of British Possessions to the Supreme Courts in the United Kingdom; And that Sir Albert Rollit and Mr. Hogan do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Local Government, to amend the Local Government Act, 1888; (1888) Amend- And that Mr. Bigwood and Mr. Howard do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Albert Rollit presented a Bill to provide Colonial Solicitors Bills for the Admission of Solicitors of Courts of Bill 244.

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. James Campbell reported from the Committee Local Government, on the Newark Corporation Water Bill; on the 24th day of March last, That the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture, Fishing, Shipping, and Manufactures).

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

Mr. James Campbell reported the Nottingham Corporation Water 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 Llandudno 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.

Sir John Kenyon reported from the Committee on the Local Government Act, 1888: And the same was read the first time upon Wednesday next; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

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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 Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to morrow.

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

The Hull and South Yorkshire Extension 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 Loughborough Corporation 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 Lordsships.

The Taunton Gas 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.

Ordered, That the Orders of the Day and private Notices of Motion relating to Provisional Orders Business, Bills have precedence this day of the remaining Private Business.—(Mr. Forster.)

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill (No. 6) 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 (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.

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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 Order relating to the Borough of Blackdown: (No. 18) Bill. 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 of the day being read, for taking consideration the Lochearnhead, Saint Fillans, and Comrie Railway 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 adding the words "re-committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House, and Two by the Committee of Selection."—(Mr. Bryce)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "now taken into consideration" stand part of the Question:
The House divided.

The Yeas and the Nays:

Tellers for the Yeas.—(Colonel Denzey):

[Names of tellers]

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "re-committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House, and Two by the Committee of Selection;" be added after the words "Bill be" in the Main Question:
The said proposed Amendment was amended, by adding at the end thereof the words "and that the Promoters of the Bill have leave to appear by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents."—(Mr. James William Loutcher.)

And the Question being put, That the words "re-committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House, and Two by the Committee of Selection, and that the Promoters of the Bill have leave to appear by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents," 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 to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House, and Two by the Committee of Selection, and that the Promoters of the Bill have leave to appear by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to inquire and report whether the railway proposed to be authorised by the Bill will, if constructed along the line mentioned in the Bill, so seriously injure the scenery of the valley and lake along which it is to pass as to make it inexpedient to pass the Bill, and that the Committee have power to call witnesses and receive evidence on the subject.—(Mr. Blythe).

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the East London Water Bill that they have power to insert a Clause providing that the term "the Annual Rateable Value of the Tenement supplied with Water" shall have the same meaning in the District outside the Metropolis supplied by the Company as the term now has within the Metropolitan area.—(Mr. Ernest Gray):—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the Gas Companies directions of several Acts of Parliament,—(Metropolitan) Accounts of the Metropolitan Gas Companies, for the year 1896.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Post Office Command,—Copy of Parcel Post Agreement, (Parcel Post with Detailed Regulations, between Great Britain and Austria-Hungary.)

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to Intermediate Education the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules and Programme of Examinations for 1899, made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, and approved by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

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 Parliament,—Estimate of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Government of India, for 1896-97, compared with the Results of 1895-96.

Copy of the Finance and Revenue Accounts of the Government of India for 1895-96.

Copy of the Home Accounts of the Government of India:—1. An Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Home Treasury of the Government of India, from 1st April 1895 to 31st March 1896:—2. Report of the Auditor upon the Indian Home Accounts from 1st April 1895 to 31st March 1896, 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 Stores Account, from 1st April 1895 to 31st March 1896, 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:—4. Summary of Payments in the year 1895-96, for Stores procured for Shipment to India, &c. :—5. Statement of the Net Expenditure and Charges and Receipts in respect of the Indian Railway Annuities on the 31st March 1897:—6. Account showing New or Increased Salaries, or Pensions granted or created in England between 1st April 1896 and 31st March 1897:—7. Statement showing the Total Amount of Indian Debt raised in England, the Annual Interest thereon, and the Indian Railway Annuities, on the 31st March 1896, the Debt and Interest created in the year ended 31st March 1896; the Debt and Interest reduced in that year; and the Total Amount of Debt, the Annual Interest thereon, and the Indian Railway Annuities on the 31st March 1897:—8. Estimated Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Home Treasury of the Government of India from 1st April 1896 to 31st March 1897:—9. Statement showing New or Increased Salaries, or Pensions granted or created in England between 1st April 1896 and 31st March 1897:—10. Account showing the Total Amount of Indian Debt raised in England, the Annual Interest thereon, and the Indian Railway Annuities, on the 31st March 1896, the Debt and Interest created in the year ended 31st March 1896; the Debt and Interest reduced in that year; and the Total Amount of Debt, the Annual Interest thereon, and the Indian Railway Annuities on the 31st March 1897:—11. List of the Establishment of the Secretary of State in Council, and Estimate of the Amount required in the year ending 31st March 1898 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.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Supplementary Commission for the Administration of the Patriotic Fund, dated 3rd April 1897.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Self-Governing Colonies respecting the Celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty the Queen.

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

Mr. James Stuart reported from the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; That the parties promoting the Harrowstounness Town and Harbour Bill had stated that the evidence they had been able to procure, that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Peter Benson and the said David Harrover do attend the said Committee on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Peter Benson and David Harrover do attend the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills upon Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Mr. James Stuart reported from the Committee on Group No. 8 of Railway Bills; That, there being no business before the Committee, they had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she would be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Military Prisoners punished, and the Number receiving Corporal Punishment, in the Military Prisons of the United Kingdom, in each of the Six years ending the 31st day of December 1896.—(Mr. Joseph A. Pease.)

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Peter Benson, Esq., C. M. W., Clerk of the Ordinary of Carlisle, and of David Harrover, Esq., Messrs. John Dohol and Company, Linen Contractors, 6, New Bond Street, London, 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 Peter Benson and the said David Harrover do attend the said Committee on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Peter Benson and David Harrover do attend the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills upon Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the Edinburgh Corporation, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Second Reading of the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; And 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." 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 Walbould, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther: ] 221. Tellers for the [Mr. Dalziel, Noes, [Mr. Whittaker: ] 90. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning; Friday, 14th May, 1897;

And the Main Question being put, Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;
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 Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures—(Mr. Ritchie)—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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Elementary Education Act (1870) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Extraordinary Tithe Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Volunteers Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Appeal in Certain Civil Matters (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dangerous Performances Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Offices (Whitehall) Site Bill (re-committed) 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 Finance 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 Patent Office Extension Bill (re-committed) 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 Finance 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 Post Office Consolidation Bill (Lords);

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Berriew School 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 Bicycles (Ireland) 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 11th day of this instant May, That the Bill be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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 Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery Suspensory Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Idiots Institutions (Exemption from Rates) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Petitions 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 Estates Tail 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 1st day of April last, That the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of this instant May, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

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Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Compulsory Purchase Powers Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Extraordinary Tithe 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 17th day of February last, That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of February last, That the Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon Thursday next, That the Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill be now read; and the same was read the second time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (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, upon Monday the 31st day of this instant May, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corn Sales Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Restraint of Evictions (London) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of March last, That the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill be committed to a Select Committee;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) 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 Police Appointment and Promotion Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Government (Ireland) 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.

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The House met at Three of the clock.

M. R. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, 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.:—

Vale of Rheidol Light 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 referred to, are applicable thereto, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Dunbocher and Dalnater Water Provisional Order Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have leave to sit this day till half-past Three of the clock during the Sitting of the House.—(Sir James Ferguson.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Watford, Edgware, and London Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Belfast: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland accordingly presented a Bill to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Gas Companies (Metropolis), which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant May, be printed.

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Trade Reports (Annual Series.)

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1904 to 1907.

Trade Reports (Miscellaneous Series.)

Copy of Reports on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, No. 426.

Nationality and Naturalization (Miscellaneous, No. 1, 1897.)

Copy of Convention between Great Britain and Mexico, supplementary to the Parcel Post Trade Reports, signed at Mexico, 25th February 1897.

Nationality and Naturalization (Miscellaneous Commercial Interest, No. 423.)

Copy of Report from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, respecting Nationality and Naturalization in the French Colonies.

Treaty Series (No. 1, 1897.)

Copy of Reports on the Province of Dongola. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Diplomatic and Consular Reports (No. 1.)

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Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Tables of the Dublin Metropolitan Police for the year 1896. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Fier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1.)

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Vide Supplementary to the Votes.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Fier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) 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 Fier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Vide Supplementary to the Votes.

Mr. Colonel Gunter reported the Swadlincote District Gas Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Private Bills (Group B.)

Mr. Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on Group B of Private 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.

Private Bills (Group B.)

Mr. Rankin reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Poor Law Officers' Superannuation.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing for the following Poor Law Unions, viz.: (1) Blackburn; (2) Bradford; (3) Burnley; (4) Cardiff; (5) Dewsbury; (6) Halifax; (7) Huddersfield; (8) Hunslet East; (9) Islington; (10) Kensington; London; (11) Middleton; (12) Oldham; (13) Pontefract; (14) Sheffield; (15) Salford; (16) Salford; (17) Swaithes.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Trusts (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Easton and Church Hope Railway Company to issue new Preference Shares in substitution for existing first and second Preference Shares, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Earl Spencer to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on Museums of the Science and Art Department, and Royal National Lifeboat Institution, his Lordship (in his place) consenting.

The Easton and Church Hope Railway 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 Bill to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act, 1877: And that Mr. Maurice Healy and Mr. Duncane do prepare, and bring in the said Bill.

Mr. Maurice Healy accordingly presented a Supreme Court Bill to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act, 1877. 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 the Committee of Supply.

(18) Thirsk; (19) Wakefield; (20) Wombaston and Burslem; and (21) York — Union.

List of Officers who avail themselves of provisions of Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896, and the Amount of Salary, and fixed Emoluments (if any) on which the Contributions will be calculated:—

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(For the Office of the Irish Land Commission)

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Flynn).
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Pugh; } 64.
Yea, (Captain Duncanson; Noes, (Mr. Austrander; } 119.

Original Question again proposed.

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Duncanson 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;

Saturday, 15th May, 1897:

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 Louchter 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.

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.

Vernicious Persons Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vernicious Persons Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday the 28th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Distress Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Distress Amendment Bill;

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

Canals Protection (London) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canals Protection (London) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant May.

Conveyed Districts Board (Ireland) (Compulsory Purchase Powers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Conveyed Districts Board (Ireland) (Compulsory Purchase Powers) Bill;

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

Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) Bill;

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

Industries (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Industries (Ireland) (Compulsory) 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 the Committee on the Restraint of Evictions (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 Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (House of Parliament) Bill;

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the procedure and practice on parliamentary election petitions, and to report to the House if any changes are desirable therein.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Henry David Greene, Mr. Maurice Healy, Mr. Hodderick, Mr. Wootton Isonson, Mr. Archie Loyd, Sir Robert Reid, and Mr. Solicitor General.

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

Ordered, That Three 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.

Monday, 17th May, 1897.

The House met a 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, the Standing Orders which are applicable therein have been compiled with, viz.:

Borrowenness Water Provisional Order Bill.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Order (Gas) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.

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 Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inspected into are applicable, viz.:

Guild of Literature and Art (Dissolution) Bill.

Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, 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, no Standing Orders not previously inspected into are applicable, viz.:

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill.

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

Ordered, That, during the Consideration of Public Health the Public Health (Scotland) Bill, the Standing (Scotland) Bill, Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Standing Legal Procedure, have leave to sit until Four of the clock during the Sitting and notwithstanding any adjournment of the House.—(Sir James Ferguson.)

The House proceeded to take into considera-
Edinburgh 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 Bray and Enniskerry Railway (Extension of Time) 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 Clyde Navigation (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 Dearne Valley 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 London and South Western Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and South Western Railway (Meon Valley Railway) Bill now read the third time;

Mr. Mundella, 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 therein as they shall think fit.

Then the 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 Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Liverpool, Saint Helena, and South Lancashire Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Tynemouth Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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

The Glasgow Harbour Tunnel Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, to whom the Market Gardeners' Compensation (Scotland) Bill was referred; 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 Thursday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Post Office (Sites) Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Mr. Abernethy-Douglas.)

Mr. Stuart reported from the Committee on the Birmingham City Tramways Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 5th day of March last, the consent of the local authorities to the purchase of Tramways Nos. 26 and 27, was proved to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Mr. Stuart further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preliminary of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting a recital with reference to the provisions of the Bill relating to the purchase of the Tramways by local authorities, 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.

Colonel Gower reported from the Committee on the Saint Neot's Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preliminary of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting a recital with reference to the provisions of the Bill relating to the purchase of the Tramways by local authorities, 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.

Colonel Gower reported from the Committee on Private F. of Private Bills; That Mr. Sheekey, 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.

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 Archdeaconry of Cornwall Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to revive, extend, and vary some of the Powers of the Hastings Harbour Commissioners; to confer further borrowing and other Powers upon them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Hastings Harbour Bill was read the first time.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Coal Mines Regulation Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant May.

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The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday the 3rd day of June next, the Truck Acts Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of June next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Pensions (Old Age) Bill, Wednesday the 28th day of this instant May, the Pensions (Old Age) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of June next.

The Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Resolved, That, whenever the Workmen's Compensation (Accidents) Bill is appointed for Tuesday, the House do meet at Three of the clock, and the proceedings on the Bill do have precedence of the Notices of Motions and the other Orders of the Day; and that the said Bill do have precedence on Wednesday whenever it is appointed for that day.—(Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for Expenses incurred by School Boards in relation to School Board Conferences: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to amend Poor Law Bill, to bring in a Bill to provide for Expenses incurred by School Boards in relation to School Board Conferences; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen's Compensation (Accidents) 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 no Bill dealing with Accidents to Workmen will be satisfactory to this House which does not provide for the prevention of Accidents as well as for Compensation in case of Injury,—(Mr. Douglas)—instead thereof. And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed in the House (Workmen's Compensation (Accidents) Bill)
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The Order of the day being read, for the Berriew School Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bicycles Second Reading of the Bicycles (Ireland) 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 (Abercorn and Farnborough) Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill. Second Reading of the Finance Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Elementary Education Act (1870) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agriculture Second Reading of the Agriculture and Industries (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 Local Authorities Officers' Superannuation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 28th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Highways Second Reading of the Highways Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Superannuation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for 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 Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

Tuesday, 18th May 1897.
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.:

Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock 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, viz.:

Railway Clearing House Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Norwich Electric Tramways Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, 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.:

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) 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 Orders (No. 15) 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 (Poor Law) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Llandudno Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee, but was not again taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

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Nottingham Corporation Water Bill.

Central London Railway Bill.

Highgate Woods Preservation Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Nottingham Corporation Water 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 Central London Railway Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 4th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders be suspended, and that leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the acquisition of Lands known as Churchyard Bottom Wood, Highgate, for the purposes of a Public Open Space: And that Mr. Stephens, Mr. Bigwood, and Mr. Leough do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time,—(Dr. Farquharson.)

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

Borrowstounness Water Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Order (Gas) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) 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 Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1876, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant May, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Army (Disease), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant May, be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of I. Three Contracts entered into by the Board of Agriculture with the Agents appointed for the Sale of Ordnance Survey Maps in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, viz.—(1.) With Mr. E. Stanford, in the County of London, dated 24th of December, 1896. (2.) With Messrs. J. Mawsey & Co., in the City of Edinburgh, dated 22nd of February, 1897. (3.) With Messrs. Hodges, Figg & Co., Limited, in the City of Dublin, dated 28th of January, 1897: II. Conditions upon which Agents are appointed in Provincial Towns; III. List of the Agents appointed in England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland; and IV. List of Post Offices at which Ordnance Survey Maps may be ordered.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the Additional Amount required in the year ending 31st March 1898, to pay the Expenses of maintaining certain Harbours, Lighthouses, &c., under the Board of Trade.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the Superannuation directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 12th May 1897, declaring that Charles Goble, Smith, Royal Gun Factory, War Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifth Report by the Board of Trade of Proceedings under Section 31 of "The Acts 1898 and 1899 relating to Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1889," including Proceedings upon Complaints made under Section 1 of "The Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1894."

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by Professor D' Arcy Thompson, on his Mission to Balting Sea in 1896, dated 4th March 1897.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, evidence of the Return giving Parts for the Legal Limitation, in various European Countries, of Vessels, for Flags, and other donations, resulting from Loss or Accident.—(Mr. Ritchie.)

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 Return of Net Public Income and Net Public Expenditure under certain specified Heads, as represented by Receipts into and issues out of the Exchequer from 1869-70 to 1896-97, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 344, of Session 1896).—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Law, and had appointed in substitution: Dr. Clark.

Sir John Mowbray further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and had appointed in substitution: Mr. John Morley.

Sir John Mowbray further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, and had appointed in their stead: Mr. Harvey, Mr. Coldwell, Mr. Klaiber, Mr. Lough, Captain Norton, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Charles, Mr. Jessop, Mr. Hortie, Mr. Ernest Grey, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Holbrook, Colonel Hughes, Mr. Kinior, Mr. Leough, Captain Norton, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Thomas Herbert Robertson, Mr. Schouwen, and Mr. James Stuart.

Sir John Mowbray further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing).
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Shipping and Manufacturers: Mr. Austin; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Doxett.

Sir John Monboddo further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, the following new Members, in respect of the Chaff-Cutting Machines (Accidents) Bill:—Mr. Ashton, Mr. Beaumont, Lord Alvery Compton, Earl of Dalbeath, Mr. Henry William Forster, Mr. J. F., Mr. Grandison, Mr. Lottrell, Mr. MacNeill, Mr. Alfred Peace, Captain Prytan, Mr. Robert Price, Mr. Quilter, and Mr. Frederick Wilson.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Mount reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; and the parties opposing the Glasgow Corporation Improvements Bill had stated that the Evidence of James McFarlane, of 8, Princess Gardens, Glasgow, 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 James McFarlane do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That James McFarlane do attend the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had stated that the Editha East India Company's Officers' Superannuation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments proposed to the Wigan Junction Railways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Act (1888) Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Plymouth Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 Loughborough Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Loughborough Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Eastbourne Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Channing presented a Bill to extend to Copyholders in certain cases the provisions of the Ground Game Act, 1880: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Colonel Cotton-Jodrell presented a Bill for giving Facilities for a pure Water Supply in Rural Districts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Brodhurst presented a Bill to amend Local Government Act (Extension of Act (Extension of Act) (Compensation for Accidents) Bill 259.; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed. Bill 259.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) 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 "no Bill dealing with Accidents to Workmen " will be satisfactory to this House which does not provide for the prevention of Accidents as the School thereof (all in the City of Bir-

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And
The Order of the day being read, for the Building Feus and Leases (Scotland) Bill :—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Second Reading of the Registration of Firms 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 Vehicles (Lights) Bill.

(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 Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bills:
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 under the Title of "Foreign Prison-Made Goods Bill" upon the 17th day of this instant May, That Bill.

Ordered, That the Foreign Prison-Made Goods Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Distress Goods 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 under the Title of "Vehicles (Lights) Bill" upon the 24th day of February last, That the (Additional Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) 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 Sale of Distress Goods Bill :—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Merchant Shipping 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 Stipendiary Magistrates (Scotland) 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 Registration of Firms Bill :—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Relief Bill :—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Volunteer Reading of the Volunteers Bill :—
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The
Burial Grounds Local (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of this instant May, That the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Title Redemption Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Title Redemption Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) 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 John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Committee of Council on Education of the Proceedings of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, under the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869 to 1889, for the year 1896. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Proceeding of Midway Board (England and Monmouthshire) Bill; and, at the end of the Question, the word "upon this day six months " be added to the end of the Question, as amended, being put; so it passed in the Negative.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Conservancy Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Conservators of the River Medway, for the year ending 25th March 1897.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tenure (Wales) (No. 15) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tenure (Wales) (No. 14) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be 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. Millan.) And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question: The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Amstruther; Mr. Herbert Roberts; 278. 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 agricultural Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings Holdings Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.
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 Wednesday the 2nd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jurors' Expenses 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 of Libel Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of June 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 Commons (Regulation) 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 Employers' Liability (Foreign Shipowners) 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 Commons (Regulation) 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 Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of June next.

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 Police Pensions and Service 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 Colonial Solicitors 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 Estates Tail Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 18th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law (Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill. 

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Saving as to female nurses). Question proposed, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill; Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again —put, and agreed to.

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.

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 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 Police Appointment and Promotion 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 Trawlers' Licensing 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 Smaller Dwellings (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act (1877) Amendment Bill. 

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Persons on whose recommendation rules of court are to be made). 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, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) (Compulsory Purchase Powers) 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 Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Married Women in Ireland: And that Mr. Maurice Healy and Mr. Dine do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Maurice Healy accordingly presented a Married Women in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr.
Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government 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, 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 Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton 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 thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Bolton Tramways and Improvement 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. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Glasgow and Renfrew District 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 thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Cowes, North, and Bexhill Railway Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 7th day of this instant May, Clause 48 has 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 by striking out the recital relating to working and other agreements between the Company and the South Eastern Railway Company 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. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Bill; That, 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. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Lancaster, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill; That, 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. James Stuart reported from the Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of the Committee, they had adjourned till Monday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on the Kilpatrick Dock 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.

Ordered, That the Report and Evidence of the Select Committee on Government Offices (Appropriation of Sites), in Session 1896, be referred to the Government Offices (Appropriation of Sites).—(Mr. Abercromby.)

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

Thursday, 20th May, 1897.

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 re-ferred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:-

Bolton Tramways and Improvement 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 Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:-

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) 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 Richmond District Lunatic Asylum 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 Liverpool, Saint Helens, and South Lancashire 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 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Newark 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.

The Tyneside Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords.
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.

North British Railway Bill.

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.

Llandudno Urban District Council Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Llandudno Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 5, by leaving out the words "any existing right to military user," and inserting the words "the military user in case of a national or local emergency"—(Mr. Brodrick), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas for the; Mr. A. Kremer, Year 96, Mr. Lewty: Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 194, Mr. Austruther:

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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.

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

Local Government Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Annual Statement of the Navigation and Shipping of the United Kingdom for the year 1896.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return to the Report of the North British Railway Bill; That the Lords desire the concurrence of the Lords.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Police Courts (Holidays) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Railway Assessor (Scotland) Superannuation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh University (Transfer of Patronage) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Hunsdon Water Company (Limited) and the Hunsdon Gas Company (Limited), and to re-incorporate the Proprietors therein as a new Company for the supply of Water and Gas to Hunsdon and adjoining Places in the County of Norfolk; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the North London Railway Company to improved the access to the Poplar Dock, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table Charitable by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to the Lords desire the concurrence of the Lords.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, for the year ended 15th day of May 1895 (being the last year of the Parochial Boards), and for the year ended 15th day of May 1896 (being the first year of the Parish Councils), the Amount of Parish Expenditure as audited, and the Cost of Audit, under the following Heads:

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and showing also—

(2) Number of Ratepayers, if any, who inspected the books of the Parish Council during the period they were open to inspection prior to the Audit for 1895-96.

(3) Average period for which the Account Books, &c., were in possession of the Parish Auditors for the purpose of the 1895-96 Audit.

(4) Cost, if any, of election of Members elected to serve on the late Parochial Boards during the year ended 15th day of May 1894.

(The Lord Advocate.)
The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to empower the Rathmines and Rathgar Improvement Commissioners to purchase and work certain Tramways of the Dublin United Tramways Company, and to confer further Powers on the Commissioners with respect to Street widenings, the Acquisition of Lands, the Borrowing of Money, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to enable the Barry Railway Company to construct New Railways, 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 Great Northern Railway (Ireland) to construct Tramways and Tramroads from Sutton to Howth; to acquire and maintain Hotels and Refreshment Rooms; to use a portion of the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to confer further Powers on the Manchester Ship Canal Company with respect to their Surplus Lands, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, 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 "in the opinion of this House, the existing fiscal system of the Country is unequal to the continually increasing demands of the Public Service, and that the time has arrived for recourse being had to more varied sources of Taxation"—(Mr. James Lowther), 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.

The main Question being put, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read and passed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The Order of the day being read, for the Volunteers Third Reading of the Volunteers Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House proceeded to a Division.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of this instant May, That the Foreign Prison Made Goods 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 Third Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Under-manning) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Berriew School 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 Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) 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 School Boards' Expenses 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 Transfer 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 Extraordinary Tithe Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Offices (Whitehall) Site 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 Patent Office Extension (re-committed) 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 Bicycles (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 11th day of this instant May, That the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) 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 Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) 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 11th day of this instant May, That the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) 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 Leaseholders (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 3rd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cottage Second Reading of the Cottage Homes Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Election Second Reading of the Election Petitions Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn Sales Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 3rd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of March last, That the Criminal Appeal 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 Local Government Act (1898) 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 Corn Sales Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 3rd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last, That the Market Gardeners' Compensation (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be read a second time; 
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 Local Government Act; 
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 12th day of April last, That the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last, That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) 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 24th day of February last, That the Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) 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 Colonial Second Reading of the Colonial Solicitors 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 24th day of February last, That the House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker went Bill, unresolved.
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, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz. —

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time on Monday next.

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 17th day of May, That in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. —

Post Office (Sites) Bill.

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. 

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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 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 desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Smaller Dwellings (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act (1877) Amendment 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 Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Select Committee on Burial Grounds was nominated of Mr. Griffith-Bowen, Mr. Robert Cameron, Viscount Cranborne, Mr. Bransley-Dunlop, Mr. Giddard, Mr. Greeton, Mr. Lawrence Hardy, Mr. Jebb, Sir George Osborne Morgan, Mr. Perks, Mr. Pym, Mr. Richards, Mr. Sichelton, Mr. Carruth Williams, and Mr. Wendall.

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charitable Endowments (London), which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant May, No. 92, be printed.

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Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill.

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

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The Colne 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 Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 6) 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.

Vide Seventh Report. Charitable Endowments (London.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charitable Endowments (London), which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant May, No. 92, be printed.

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Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports and Statistics relating to Training Colleges for the year 1896. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports and Statistics relating to Training Colleges for the year 1896. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorials presented upon the 20th day of this instant May, bearing for the year ended 15th April 1897. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports and Statistics addressed to the Secretary of State for India, on the subject of the Instructions contained in his Despatch of 26th March 1897, for improving the Health of British Troops in India. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports and Statistics addressed to the Secretary of State for India, on the subject of the Instructions contained in his Despatch of 26th March 1897, for improving the Health of British Troops in India. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Colne 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 Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant May, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Flint).

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 the Annual Report and General Account of the Commissioners of Arundel Port, for Period from 25th March 1896 to 25th March 1897.

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 1896 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 348, of Session 1896).

—(Mr. Provand.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, according to the Accounts (Equisation of Rates) Act, 1894, for the 12 months preceding the 31st day of March 1896, furnished to the Local Government Board under Section 1 (? of the London (Equisation of Rates) Act, 1894 ; No. 294.

1. The Sanitary Authorities to whom payments under the Act were made in the year by the London County Council:
2. The Total Amount of the Sums so paid to every such Authority;
3. The Total Amount of the Expenses incurred by every such Authority (a) under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891 (including Expenses of scavenging Streets); (b) in respect of Lighting; and (c) in respect of Streets (other than the Expenses of scavenging Streets); and
4. The Amount expended by each Authority under each of the above Headings out of the Sums paid to such Authority under the Act.—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

Mr. T. W. Russell accordingly presented the said Return.

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

Sir John Kennaway reported from the Committee on Group 4 of Railway Bills; that the said Committee had stated that the evidence of Leslie Robert Vigers, No. 4, Wycombe Railway Place, Old Jowry, 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 Leslie Robert Vigers do attend the said Committee upon Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Leslie Robert Vigers do attend the Committee on Group 4 of Railway Bills upon Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Parliamentary Committee, upon Wednesday the 23rd day of June next, on the Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(Class III.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £40,229, 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 1898, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland:—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

2. £1,245, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,880, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office in Ireland, and of the Keeper of State Papers in Dublin:—Debate arising;

Saturday, 22nd May, 1897:

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 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Customs and Inland Revenue.

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 Order of the day being read, for the Liquor Traffic (Local Veto) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rating of Machinery (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of June next.

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.

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Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

County Government (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Government (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Agricultural Holdings Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of June next.

Trawlers' Licensing Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trawlers' Licensing Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 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 Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act (1877) Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday 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, 24th May, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been compiled with,
viz.;—

Eastbourne Water 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, 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.;—

Manchester Ship Canal Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with,
viz.;—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 16) Bill.
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 Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders applicable;
Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Plymouth Lords to the Plymouth Corporation Bill be taken Corporation Bill into consideration To-morrow.

The Cowes Gas Bill was read the third time, Cowes Gas Bill [Lords] 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 East Warrickshire Water Bill was read East Warrickshire Water Bill as third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follows...

An Act to confirm an Agreement for the New Title.
Transfer of the Undertaking of the East Warrickshire Waterworks Company to the Urban District Council of Nuneaton and Chilvers Coton, and to enable the Council to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follows:

An Act to confer further Powers on the Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Company.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Llandudno Urban District Council 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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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 North British Railway Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Nottingham Corporation Water Bill.

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

Highland Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Highland Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Power to pay interest out of capital in respect of certain capital during construction of certain works) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

North Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Corporation Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lancashire, Derbyshire and East Coast Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Saint Neot's Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Saint Neot's Water Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Stromness Harbour Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stromness Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Seadlancote District Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Seadlancote District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Highgate Woods Preservation Bill.

The Highgate Woods Preservation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Bill [Lords.]

The Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin Bill [Lords.]

The Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liverpool City Churches Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, that the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Lawrance] 205.

Yea. [Mr. Willox]: 199.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Roberts, Mr. Carvell Williams] 95.

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.
Ordered, That the Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Flint), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant May, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Appendix to the Fifteenth Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts; Part IV. (MSS. of the Duke of Portland, preserved at Welbeck Abbey; Vol. IV.).

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Reports and Papers relating to the Training Colleges of Scotland, for the year 1896. The Lord Advocate also 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, with regard to the institution of Boards of Studies in the Faculty of Medicine (Ordinance, No. 157, Saint Andrew's, No. 24).

Copy of Ordinance, made by the Scottish Universities Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, with regard to Regulations for Degrees in Medicine, Supplementary to Ordinance, No. 45 (Ordinance, No. 155, Saint Andrew's, No. 25). Copy of Ordinance, made by the Scottish Universities Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, with regard to Regulations as to Fees, Supplementary to Ordinance, No. 50 (Ordinance, No. 159, Saint Andrew's, No. 26).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Universities (Scotland) Act (1889), be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Glasgow Harbour Tunnel Company Bill, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Cordoba Central Railway Company 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 Liverpool Corporation Loans 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 Table; and be printed.

Sixth John Kennaway reported from the Committee on Group 4 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of the Committee, they had adjourned till Wednesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Rankin reported from the Committee on the City of London Sewers 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 Table; and be printed.

Mr. Rankin reported from the Committee on Private Bills. Group B. of Private Bills; That Mr. Muntz, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present at the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Quarter reported from the Committee on Private Bills, for the Tynemouth Gas Company, Limited; That Mr. (Group F.) Sheekey, a Member of the said Committee, was not present at the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

A Motion being made, That this House will, Workmen To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any Expenses of and relating to Arbitration which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with respect to Compensation to Workmen for Accidental Injuries suffered in the course of their employment, and of any Compensation that may become payable in respect of Accidents to Workmen employed by or under the Crown in pursuance of such Act.—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley).

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by one of their Clerks, as followeth; The Lords have agreed to the Quarter Sessions Jurors (Ireland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Perth Improvements Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Birmingham, Tame, and Rea District Drainage Board Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Eastern Railway (New Lines) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Chichester Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Paisley Waterworks Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tynemouth Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the New Huastanton Urban District Council to supply Water and Gas, and to acquire the Undertakings of the Huastanton Water Company, Limited, and the Huastanton Gas Company, Limited; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to constitute and incorporate a Joint Board consisting of representatives from the Councils of the Metropolitan and Urban Districts of Fletwood, Lytham, and Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea, all in the County Palatine of Lancaster; and to transfer to and vest in such Board the Undertaking of the Fylde Waterworks Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The New Huntanton Water and Gas Bill was read the first time.

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

The Fylde Water (Transfer) Bill was read the first time.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next; the Coal Mines Regulation Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law respecting the Metropolitan Water Companies: And the same was read the first time.

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 Committee on the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill;
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to insert provisions to secure compensation to workmen for injuries to health arising out of and in the course of their employment—(Mr. Tennant);
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "through the failure of the employer to take reasonable precautions in employments injurious to health for the mitigation or removal of risk of injury to health in such employment."—(Sir Arthur Forwood).
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:—
The House divided.
The Yeas:—Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Seton-Karr, Mr. Anstruther, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Tomlinson.
The Noes:—Mr. Seton-Karr.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Question put, That the words " to which this Act applies" stand part of the Clause:
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Yeas:—[Sir William Walrond, Mr. Anstruther: 233.
Tellers for the Noes:—Mr. Seton-Karr: 155.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the words " to which this Act applies" in order to insert the words "in which a workman (as hereinafter defined) is engaged."—(Mr. Nussey.)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 2, 6, to leave out the words "arising out of" and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word " Act " to insert the words "notwithstanding the fact that any such workman may be at the same time in receipt of any "benefit from any registered friendly society."—(Mr. Galloway.)
Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

An Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed after the words inserted to insert the words: "Such compensation to have a like priority in payment in case of winding up or bankruptcy as have wages under the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Act, 1886, or any Act for the time being regulating the priority of wages in bankruptcy or winding up."—(Colonel Denyn.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, after the word " that," to insert the words "(a) The employer shall not be liable under this Act to pay compensation to any workman by whose wilful and wrongful act or default the accident arises in respect of which compensation for injury may become payable."—(Mr. Seton-Karr.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:
Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—Mr. Secretary Chamberlain—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leatham 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 Berriew School 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 again resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Shipping (Under-d Manning) Bill:
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Berriew School 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 Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Tuesday, 25th May, 1897:
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.
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24th—25th May.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Estimates, 1897-98.

Class II.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £114,389, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board in Ireland, including certain Grants in Aid of Local Taxation.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,243, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

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

Post Office (Sites) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill;

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

Post Office Consolidation Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Post Office Consolidation Bill;

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

Agriculture and Industries (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture and Industries (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill;

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

Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Finance Bill.

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

(In the Committee.)

CLASSES, No. 1 to No. 3, agreed to.

Whereupon Motion made, 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 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of this instant May, That the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Boards' Second Reading of the School Boards' Expenses Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Transfer Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Patent Office Extension Bill;

Ordered, That the Patent Office Extension Bill be now read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Extraordinary Committee on the Extraordinary Tithe Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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 Burial Grounds (Scotland) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of this instant May, That the Burial Grounds (Scotland) 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 Supply Committee of Supply;

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

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Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee on Ways and Means, a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to Customs and Inland Revenue.

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.)

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 Solicitors (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Boiler Inspection and Registration Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Scotland) Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tenants' Small Industrial Incomes (Tax Relief) 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;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Firms Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Registration of Firms Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts Boards (Ireland) (Compulsory Purchase Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 28th day of June 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evicted Tenants Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Market Gardeners' Compensation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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 (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 Access to Mountains (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of June next.

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 Friday the 25th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Access to Mountains Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of June next.

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 Monday the 28th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 28th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Married Women (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evicted Tenants Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) (Compulsory Purchase Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be 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 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 (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 Access to Mountains (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Solicitors Bill;

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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 Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act (1877) 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 Licensing Exception (Houses of Parliament) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Licensing (Scotland) Acts, 1828 to 1887: And that Mr. Provand, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Sir Charles Cameron, and Mr. Beird do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Provand presented a Bill to amend the Licensing (Scotland) Acts, 1828 to 1887: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday 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 upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

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

Tuesday, 25th May, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

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

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 1896.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Preliminary Return of the (Preliminary British Army, for the year 1896, with Abstract, &c.

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

Mr. Brodrick also presented,—Return to an Order (No. 17) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

Mr. Henbury presented,—Return to an Order, Telephonic dated the 21st day of this instant May, for Returns relative to Telephone Exchanges.

Mr. Henbury also presented, pursuant to the Sinking Funds, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—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 1897; also of the particular Application thereof, pursuant to Section 7 of the Acts 38 and 39 Geo. c. 45.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 18th May 1897, deferring that Thomas Parkinson, Postmaster, Workhop, Post Office Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 18th May 1897, under the Superannuation Act 1887, intimating the awarding a Retired Allowance to Mr. Jordan Evans, Examining Officer of the First Class in the Service of the Board of Customs at Liverpool.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Sinking Funds be printed.

Mr.
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 Ashford Urban District (Gas) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the London (Clare Market, Strand) Provisional Order Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the London (Clare Market, Strand) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law for the better Protection of Infant Life; 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 Deal and the Urban District Council of Walmer to acquire the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors of the Deal Waterworks to vest such Undertaking partly in a Joint Board and partly in each of the said Local Authorities; to authorise the said Authorities respectively to supply their own Districts and the Neighbourhoods thereof respectively, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Deal and Walmer Water Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Sir John Mowbray 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. Humphreys-Owen; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Lloyd Morgan.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution which was read, as follows: That, in the case of the Norwich Electric Tramways Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth: The Lords have agreed to the Appeal in Certain Civil Matters (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London and North Western Railway (Wales) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Arnold Gas Bill, with an Amendment; 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 London and North Western Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Beatrice Anna Caroline Isabella Peacocke, the Wife of Leslie Tufnell Peacocke, with the said Leslie Tufnell Peacocke, and to enable her to marry again, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the Nevery Navigation Company to consolidate and convert their Mortgage Debt, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to a Bill, intituled, An Bristol Extension Bill to extend the City and County of Bristol, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to vary the purposes of the Trust, Disposition, and Settlement of the late Robert Sattie, Writer in Edinburgh; to authorise the execution of the purposes as so varied, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Nevery Navigation Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Bristol Extension Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Peacocke's Divorce Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Sattie's Trust Estate 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 the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill.

Question proposed, That the words down to the end of the proposed Amendment be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment; put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, to leave out all the words after the word “thah,” to insert the words, “(a) the employer shall not be liable under this Act to pay compensation to any workman by whose wilful disregard of such workman the accident arises in respect of which compensation for injury may become payable,” etc.

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate resumed.

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Question proposed, That the words down to the end of the proposed Amendment be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment; put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, to leave out all the words after the word “thah,” to insert the words, “(a) the employer shall not be liable under this Act to pay compensation to any workman by whose wilful disregard of such workman the accident arises in respect of which compensation for injury may become payable,” etc.

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate resumed.

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Amendment proposed to the Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, after the word "that," to insert the words "a claim is lodged with the employer or his representative within three months after the accident causing the injury."—(Mr. John Wilson (Falkirk)).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, after the word "that," to insert the words "(a) notice of any accident to a workman shall be given by or on behalf of the workman to the employer or his agent as soon as possible, and in no case later than three months after the happening thereof."—(Mr. Harrison).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out the words "three months," in order to insert the words "twenty-four hours,"—(Colonel Denny).

Question proposed, That the words "three months" stand part of the proposed Amendment; Amendment to the proposed Amendment, and Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out Sub-section (a).—(Mr. Wilson.)

Question proposed, That the words of the subsection down to the word "two," in l. 15, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the word "two," in order to insert the word "four."—(Mr. Lawrence Hardy.)

Question, That the word "two" stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after the word "weeks," to insert the words "immediately subsequent to the inquiry."—(Mr. Renshaw.)

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

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after the word "full," to insert the words "time of."—(Colonel Denzey.)

Question proposed, That the words "time of" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, after the word "employed," to insert the words "the employer shall not be so liable if he shall be a member of a trade association in the management of which employers and workmen shall have equal representation, and shall have contributed to the funds of such association an amount not less than the amount contributed by his workmen to such funds."—(Mr. Bousfield.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out from the word "(b) when" to the word "nothing," in l. 18,—(Mr. Holdman.)

Question, That the words of the subsection down to the word "wilful," in l. 16, stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.


Wednesday, 26th May, 1897:

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 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 Workmen Committee on Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Expenses; [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 Labour Bureaux Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

upon Tuesday the 29th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Registers Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Parliamentary Voters Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 28th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shops 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 Trout Fishing Close Time (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Distress Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday (1896) Amendment next, resolve itself into the said Committee, meet.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trawlers' Licensing Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Isle of Man Building Acts Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Building Acts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shop Assistants (Half-Holiday) 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 Evicted Tenants (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 Land Law (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 Licensing Exemption (House of Parliament) 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 after Twelve o'clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 26th May, 1897.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Coventry Electric Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the House proceed to take into consideration the County Government (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the House proceed to take into consideration the Glasgow and Renshaw District Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Mr. Lewis Fry, Viscount Valentia, and Mr. Birrell were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Lochearnhead, Saint Fillian's, and Comrie Railway (re-committed) Bill.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Military Prisoners (United Kingdom), which was presented on the 26th day of this instant May, be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Committees do not meet To-morrow, being Ascension Day, until Two of the clock—(Mr. Balfour):—

The House divided.

The Yeas, for the Mr. Anstruther:—

Tellers for the Mr. Lloyd George, Noes, No. 162.

Tellers for the Mr. Joseph Albert Pose:—

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill. (In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Liability of certain employers to workmen for injuries).

Other Amendments made.

Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to insert the words:—"(c) If it is proved "that the accident is solely attributable to the "serious and wilful misconduct of a workman, "any compensation claimed in respect of injury "to that workman shall be disallowed"—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain);

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yes, Mr. Anstruther: 233.

Tellers for the Mr. Fenwick, Noes, Mr. Abraham (Rhuddlan): 123.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 25, to leave out from the word "whether" to the word "the" in p. 2, l. 2. Mr. Rentoul.

Question proposed, That the words "the injury "was caused by the" shall form part of the Clause:—

—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "or whether "loss or damage has resulted to the defendants "from k x k x subjected to the jurisdiction of the several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
“from the death of the workman.”—(Mr. Res- 

show.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, after l. 8, to insert, as a new sub-section, the words "(4) Proceedings for the recovery under this Act of compensation for an injury shall not be maintainable unless notice that injury has been sustained is given within six weeks and an arbitration is commenced within six months from the occurrence of the accident causing the injury, or in case of death within twelve months from the time of death. Provided always that in case of death the want of such notice shall be no bar to the maintenance of such proceedings if the arbitrator shall be of opinion that there was reasonable excuse for such want of notice. The notice shall be served in the manner provided by the Employers' Liability Act, 1880, section seven.”—(Mr. John Wilson (Fallirk.)) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 2 of the Amendment to leave out from the word “notice” to the word “within,” in l. 4, in order to insert the words “of the claim is given.”—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment: Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain)—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, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) [Expenses];

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 Ground Game Act (Extension to Copyholders) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Justices of the Peace Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (County Council Clerks) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for 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 Commons (Regulation) (Regulation) 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 Working Men’s Dwellings Bill [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Militia Bill Second Reading of the Militia Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education Acts 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 Education Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education Acts Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ground Game Act (Extension to Copyholders) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Jurors’ Expenses 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 Cemeteries Rating Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ground Game 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 Police Pensions and Service Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Working Men’s Dwellings Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Birmingham, Tame, and Rea District Drainage Board Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Chichester 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 Great Eastern Railway (New Lines) 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 Perth Improvements 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 Glasgow Harbour Tunnel Company 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 Highland Railway (Additional Powers) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East 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 same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Neath Corporation Tramways 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 Saint Neot’s 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 Swadlincote District Gas Bill was 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 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill, House of Commons: Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday the 5th day of July next.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Telephone Exchanges, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant May, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Telephone Exchanges, No. 231.

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, Trustee dated the 26th day of February last, for a Re-Savings Banks, turn relative to Trustee Savings Banks.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the Superannuation directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Inspectors of Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries for England and Wales, being for the year 1896.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Inspectors of Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries for England and Wales.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Telephone Exchanges, No. 231.

Mr. Seale-Hayne reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills:—Copy of Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Inspectors of Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries for England and Wales.

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

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of June next.

Mr. Street-Hoyne reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills:—Copy of Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Inspectors of Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries for England and Wales.

Ordered, That the same was read the first time, and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of July next.

Ordered, That another Clause (Orders, &c., of the Board of Trade) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

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Another Clause (Provisions as to motive power) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Bye-laws) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

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Another Clause (Orders, &c., of the Board of Trade) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Recovery of penalties) 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Railway Clearing House Bill; that they insert provisions requiring the Promoters to publish for the use of traders, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Trade may direct, any sectional or other Railway maps constructed for the Railway Clearing House, indicating the different lines of Railway and the distances along the same.—(Mr. Tomlinson):—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday the 28th day of June next.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any Expenses of and relating to Arbitration which may become payable under any
any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with respect to Compensation to Workmen for Accidental Injuries suffered in the course of their employment; and any Compensation that may become payable in respect of Accidents to Workmen employed by or under the Crown in pursuance of such Act.—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.)

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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Liability of certain employers to workmen for injuries).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, after l. 8, to insert, as a new sub-section, the words, "(4) Proceedings for the recovery under this Act of compensation for an injury shall not be "maintainable unless notice that injury has been "sustained is given within six weeks and an "arbitration is commenced within six months "from the occurrence of the accident causing "the injury, or in case of death within twelve "months from the time of death. Provided "always that in case of death the want of such "notice shall be no bar to the maintenance of "such proceedings if the arbitrator shall be of "opinion that there was reasonable excuse for "such want of notice. The notice shall be "served in the manner provided by the Em- "ployers' Liability Act, 1880, section seven."—(Mr. John Wilson, Falkirk.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 2, to leave out from the word "notice" to the word "within," in l. 4, in order to insert the words "of the claim is given."—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain.)

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment—Debate resumed.

Amendment to the proposed Amendment and proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out Sub-section (4) of Clause 1, in order to insert the words, "any agreement made "between an employer and workman for the "purpose of contracting themselves out of this "Act shall be void."—(Mr. Ascroft.)

Question put, That the words "If the Registrar of Friendly Societies" stand part of the Clause;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. McKenna, Yeas, 176. {Mr. Wood:\] 110.

Tellers for the [Mr. Perks, Noes, 97. 189.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, after the word "certifies," to insert the words "with the approval of a Secretary of State."—(Mr. Joseph A. Pease.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 10, after the word "insurance," to insert the words "whether mutual or otherwise."—(Colonel Denzey.)

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"contributions to be made by the employer under the scheme of compensation or insurance for the workmen in his employment shall be sufficient to secure the full amount and duration of the compensation payable under this Act."—(Mr. Holland.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last added, to add the words, "(e) If the contributions of the employer, as fixed by the scheme, shall prove in any event to be insufficient to meet any claim or claims to the full compensation payable under this Act, the deficiency may be recovered from the employer under the provisions of this Act."—(Mr. Holland.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last added, to add the words, "It shall be lawful for the employer at any time to substitute for his liability under this Act the engagement or guarantee of any insurance corporation or association previously approved by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and for such Secretary of State certifying that he is satisfied as to the sufficiency of the engagement or guarantee of such corporation or association, and that it has undertaken the liability of the employer, any liability of the employer under this Act so undertaken shall thereupon cease."—(Sir James Joicey.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Friday, 28th May, 1897:

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lomther 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 Extraordinary Tithe Bill;—Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Undermanning) 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 Question proposed upon the 24th day of this instant May, That the Bertrum School Bill be now read the third time;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisons 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 Police (Property) 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 Poor Law Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office Sites Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of this instant May, That the Foreign Prison Made Goods 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 School Boards' Second Reading of the School Boards' Expenses Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bicycles (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 1st day of April last, That the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) 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 Isle of Man Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) 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 (Ireland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Franchise (Ireland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the County Second Reading of the County Secretaries Superannuation (Ireland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Labourers' Second Reading of the Labourers' Cottages (Ireland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of June next. The
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (Ireland) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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FRIDAY, 28TH MAY, 1897.

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, ORIGINATING IN THE LORDS, AND REFERRED ON THE FIRST READING THEREOF, THE STANDING ORDERS NOT PREVIOUSLY INQUIRED INTO HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH, VIZ.:—

FOOTLE WATER (TRANSFER) BILL.

HUNSTANTON WATER AND GAS BILL.

NEW HUNSTANTON WATER AND GAS BILL.

NORTH LONDON RAILWAY BILL.

ORDERED, THAT THE BILLS BE READ A SECOND TIME.

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SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY (CONFIRMATION OF CATOR AGREEMENT).

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 FOLLOWING BILL, REFERRED ON THE FIRST READING THEREOF, NO STANDING ORDERS ARE APPLICABLE, VIZ.:—

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONAL ORDER (NO. 18) BILL.

ORDERED, THAT THE BILL BE READ A SECOND TIME UPON MONDAY NEXT.

THE HOUSE PROCEEDED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE LORDS TO THE ASHFORD URBAN DISTRICT GAS BILL; AND THE SAME WERE TWICE READ, AND AGREED TO.

ORDERED, THAT THE CLERK DO CARRY THE BILL TO THE LORDS; AND ACQUAINT THEM, THAT THIS HOUSE HATH AGREED TO THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THEIR LORDSHIPS.

THE HOUSE PROCEEDED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE LORDS TO THE LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY BILL; AND THE SAME WERE TWICE READ, AND AGREED TO.

ORDERED, THAT THE CLERK DO CARRY THE BILL TO THE LORDS; AND ACQUAINT THEM, THAT THIS HOUSE HATH AGREED TO THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THEIR LORDSHIPS.

THE HOUSE PROCEEDED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE LORDS TO THE MANCHESTER, 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 CIRENCESTER 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 CARDIFF CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY BILL [LORDS.]

ORDERED, THAT THE BILL BE READ THE THIRD TIME.

THE HOUSE PROCEEDED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE LORDS TO THE LIVERPOOL CORPORATION LOANS BILL, AS AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE.

ORDERED, THAT THE BILL BE READ THE THIRD TIME.

THE HOUSE PROCEEDED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE AMENDMENTS Made BY THE LORDS TO The WES orton-super-Mare GRAND PIER BILL, AS AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE.

ORDERED, THAT THE BILL BE READ THE THIRD TIME.

ORDERED, THAT THOS. VISCOUNT VAILIA BE DISCHARGED FROM THE SELECTION COMMITTEE ON THE LOCHARSHAND TO THE WEST, LEEDS, AND CONWAY RAILWAY BILL (RE-CONNECTED) BILL.

ORDERED, THAT MR. NICOL BE ADDED TO THE COMMITTEE.—[SIR WILLIAM WALDRON.]

A PETITION OF THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF SUFFOLK, corporation, praying that Provision may be made in the SUFFOLK CORPORATION BILL, for defining a drain used for the drainage of more than one building, whether belonging to the same or to different owners, as a private drain, was presented, and referred to the examiners of petitions for private bills.

Several public petitions were presented, and pabulum read; and ordered to lie upon the table.

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 1896.

ORDERED, THAT THE SAID PAPER DO LIE UPON THE TABLE.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an act of parliament.—Account of the seamen's fund. receipt and expenditure under the seamen's fund winding-up act, from 1st January to 31st December 1896.

ORDERED, THAT THE SAID PAPER DO LIE UPON THE TABLE; AND BE PRINTED.

Mr. Curzon presented, by her Majesty's com.-tnurkey minister, copy of reports on the situation in creto.

Copies of diplomatic and consular reports on trade reports trade and finance, nos. 1917 to 1920.

ORDERED, THAT THE SAID PAPERS DO LIE UPON THE TABLE.

Mr. Stuart reported the Borrowstounness town bordousie and harbour bill, with amendments.

ORDERED, THAT THE REPORT DO LIE UPON THE TABLE; AND BE PRINTED.

Mr. Stuart reported from the committee on the calcotons railway bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the pre-amble of the bill, and amended the same to make it
it agree 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, made Amendments thereto, considered.

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

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Mr. Chaplin.)

The Infant Life Protection Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday the 29th day of June next, the County Secretaries Superannuation (Ireland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill; That they had, pursuant to the Instruction of the House of the 17th May, divided the Bill into two Bills; that in the case of Bill No. 1, viz., a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Austruther, Deal, Hunstanton, and Saint Andrews, 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 further reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill; That they had, pursuant to the Instruction of the House of the 17th May, divided the Bill into two Bills; that, in the case of Bill No. 2, viz., a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Killala, 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 upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) 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, 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 Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) 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 Local Government (Ireland) 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, with Amendment, 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 Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) 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 Lowther reported from the 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, 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 Local Government (Ireland) 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 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 Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) 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 Amendment, 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 Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 1) 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 Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.
Mr. James William Lowther reported the Liverpool Corporation Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the London County Council (Money) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Lowestoft Water and Gas 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 Rhondda and Swansea Bay 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.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Vale of Rheidol Light 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 National Provident Institution Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir John Kennaway reported the Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Sir John Kennaway reported from the Committee on the Harrow, Uxbridge, and High Wycombe 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 thereunto.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Parliamentary Voters (Ireland) Registration Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of June next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

That they request that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament on the Industries (Ireland) Bill; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered, That the Printed Copy be communicated.

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 Manchester Ship Canal 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 London and Western Railway (Various Powers) Bill, Petition of "Tanheville Chamberlayne and the Trustees of the Netley Estate," for dispensing with an Standing Order 129 in the case of their Petition [Lords], against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought not to be dispensed with.

The first Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in Ship Canal respect of the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, might bill [Lords] be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Civil Services Estimates, 1897-98.

Class I.

1. £ 132,991, to complete the Sum for the Survey of the United Kingdom, and for minor Services connected therewith.
2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 24,037 (including an addition of £ 11,950), 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 1898, for maintaining certain Harbours, Lighthouses, &c., under the Board of Trade:—

Debate arising;

The Chairman called the attention of the Chairman to the fact of Mr. John Redmond for disregarding the authority of the Chairman.

Motion made, and Question put, That Mr. John Redmond be suspended from the Service of the House.—(Mr. Ritchie);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Anstruther: 233.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Field: 32.

The Chairman then left the Chair to report the Resolution to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported that Mr. Chairman resided on the north side of the House, had been named by him to the Committee, as disregarding the authority of the Chair, and that the Committee had resolved that Mr. John Redmond, Member for Waterford City, be suspended from the Service of the House; and had directed him to report the said Resolution to the House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker forthwith put the Member to the House, That Mr. John Redmond suspended, be suspended from the Service of the House; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Anstruther: 238.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Field: 52.

So
Mr. Speaker directed Member to withdraw.

Mr. Speaker then directed Mr. John Redmond to withdraw, and he withdrew accordingly.

Then the House again resolved itself into the Committee.

Question again proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 24,057 (including an additional Sum of £ 11,950), 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 1898, for maintaining certain Harbours, Lighthouses, &c., under the Board of Trade;—Question again proposed.

The Chairman directed Mr. William Redmond, Member for Dublin City, Northern Division, and directed him to discontinue his speech, but Mr. William Redmond persisted in addressing the Committee. Whereupon the Chairman, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 27, relating to disorderly conduct, directed him to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's sitting. Mr. Redmond declined to obey the order of the Chair, Who removed Mr. William Redmond from the House.

Question again proposed;—Debate resumed.

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Clancy, Member for East Clare, and directed him to discontinue his speech, but Mr. William Redmond persisted in addressing the Committee. Whereupon the Chairman, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 27, relating to disorderly conduct, directed him to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's sitting. Mr. William Redmond declined to obey the order of the Chair, who removed Mr. William Redmond from the House.

Question again proposed;—Debate resumed.

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. William Field, Member for Dublin City (St. Patrick's Division), and directed him to discontinue his speech, but Mr. William Field persisted in addressing the Committee. Whereupon the Chairman, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 27, relating to disorderly conduct, directed him to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day's sitting; and he withdrew accordingly.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 18,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for constructing a new Harbour of Refuge at Peterhead.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item B (Salaries) be reduced by £ 300, in respect of the Salary of the Chief Engineer.—(Mr. Weir)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond]: [Mr. Anstruther: 147.

Tellers for the [Captain Douglas]: [Mr. John Roche: 32.

4. £ 189,507, 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, and for a Contribution towards the Expense of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

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Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley reported Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) [Expenses], 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 of and relating to Arbitration which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with respect to Compensation to Workmen for Accidental Injuries suffered in the course of their employment, and of any Compensation that may become...
become payable in respect of Accidents to Workmen employed by or under the Crown in pursuance of such Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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.

Land Tenure Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tenure Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of July next.

Tenant Right to Towns (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tenant Right to Towns (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of June next.

Land Law (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Law (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of June next.

London Water Companies Amalgamation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Water Companies Amalgamation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Saturday, 29th May, 1897:

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 7th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Boards of Guardians and Labourers (Ireland) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 1st day of July next.

Sale of Food and Drugs Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of June next.

County Councils (Qualification of Women) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councils (Qualification of Women) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of July next.

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

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.
CLAUSE, N° 3, disagreed to.
CLAUSE, N° 4, 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.

Sale of Distress Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Distress Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Second Reading of the Municipal Franchise (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Franchise (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Second Reading of the Parish Registers Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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 the 1st day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the County Government Second Reading of the County Government (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st 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.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Woodhouse and Conisbrough Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

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

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

The Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Kingston and Kingsbridge Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Midland and South Western Junction Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Peacocke's Divorce Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, 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 case of Peacocke'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 Peacocke'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.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

The Bathmores and Rathgar Township Tramways and Improvement Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Local Government (Ireland) 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 Local Government (Ireland) 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 desire their concurrence.

The Local Government (Ireland) 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.

The Local Government (Ireland) 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.

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Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Supplement to the Fifty-fifth Annual Report of the Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in England (Part II.).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, pursuant to the direction of the Army (Military Operations in India) for Military Prisons, 1897.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India (Famine and Relief Operations in India) during the years 1896-97.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Kenanway reported from the Committee on the Great Northern and City 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 thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon the Coal Mines Wednesday next, the Coal Mines Regulation Bill was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second upon the Wednesday the 30th day of June next.

Mr. Rankin reported from the Committee on the Private Bills Group B. of Private Bills; that the Parties opposing the East London Water Bill had stated that the Evidence of Alexander Richardson Binnie, Chief Engineer of the London County Council, 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 Burgess Delano do attend the said Committee tomorrow, at Eleven of the clock.
Ordered, That Alexander Richardson Binnie do attend the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills tomorrow, at Eleven of the clock.

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Ordered, That William Burgess Delano do attend the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills tomorrow, at Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:—
The Lords have agreed to the Second Reading of the (Allan and Tillooty) Water Supply Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment. 

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) 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 Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Local Government Provisional Order (No. 18) Bill.
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 Ilfracombe, Llandudno, and Scrabster: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hawbury 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 Ilfracombe, Llandudno, and Scrabster: 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.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) 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 Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) 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 Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) 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 taking into consideration the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Local Government Provisional Order (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 6) 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 (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 (Poor 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. 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 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.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) 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. 7) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) 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 taking into consideration the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Local Government Provisional Order (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 6) 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 Local Government Provisional 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 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.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) 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 Lords have agreed to the Epsom Downs Extension Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Weymouth Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Devonport Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cowes Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled An Act for empowering the Bute Docks Company to construct certain Railways; for conferring upon that Company certain running Powers; for changing the Name of the Company, and for authorising the Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Bute Docks, Cardiff, Bill was read the first time.

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

Weymouth Water Bill.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the Weymouth Water Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same in order to agree with a special Provision required 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.

Private Bills (Group F.)

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills; that, for the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday the 26th June next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Epsom Downs Extension Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Question proposed, That the word "ship" be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to add the words "while in any port or harbour of the United Kingdom."—(Sir Seymour King.)

Question proposed, That those words be added to the proposed Amendment; Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the word "ship" be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Francis Evans, Yea's, 117.]

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, 209.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, after the word "quarry," to insert the word "lift."—(Sir Charles Dike.)

Question, That the word "lift" be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, after the word "quarry," to insert the word "tramway."—(Mr. Harrison.)

Question put, That the word "tramway" be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Harrison, Yea's, 99.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther, Noes, 185.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, after the word "quarry," to insert the words "in any place where material is being prepared for buildings, works, or where any building is in course of construction."—(Mr. Broadhurst.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted: Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, after the word "quarry," to insert the word "shipyard."—(Mr. Joseph A. Pease.)

Question proposed, That the word "shipyard" be there inserted:—Debate arising;

Tuesday, 1st June, 1897:

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 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 the Public Offices Committee on the Public Offices (Whitehall) (Whitehall) 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 Patent Office Committee on the Patent Office Extension (re-committed) Bill;

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

The Merchant Shipping (Undermanning) 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 Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill;

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
The said Resolutions, being read a second time;
The first Five Resolutions were agreed to.
The Sixth Resolution was postponed.
The subsequent Resolutions were agreed to.
Ordered, That the postponed Resolution be taken into consideration upon Monday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) 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 Transfer 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 Transfer Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the police Second Reading of the Police (Property) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the post Office Consolidation Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday the 24th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill.
Ordered, That the House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prison Made Goods Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 21st day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the metropolitan Water Companies 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 Water Companies Bill.
Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Boards' Expenses 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 Bicycles (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of April last, That the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of May last, That the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) 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 Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) 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 Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on 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 Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (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 Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Restraint of Evictions (London) Bill.

(Restrain of Evictions (London) 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.

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 Congested Districts Board (Ireland) (Compulsory Purchase Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report of the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Scotland) Act (1880) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of March last, That the Court of Criminal Appeal 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 Employers' Liability Act (1880) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last, That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment (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 Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for finishing the Committee on the Vehicles (Lights) Bill;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.
The Cotton Cloth and other Factories Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday the 26th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Appointment and Promotion 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 Labour Bureaux 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 Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) 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 London Water Companies Amalgamation Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Vermibus Persons Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relating to Postmen's Pay, &c., in the year 1885, as fixed in August 1891, and as fixed in April 1897, in the following Form:

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(Mr. Provost.)

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.

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**Tuesday, 1st June, 1897.**

The House met at Three of the clock.

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Mr. Speaker layed upon the Table,—Reports 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.:—

**Taff Vale 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 Petition for additional Provision in the following Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:—

**Salford Corporation Bill.**

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Bill.

**Arundel Gas Bill;** and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Cordoba Central Railway Company 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 Liverpool Corporation Loans 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 National Provident Institution 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 Westo-m-super-Mark Grand Pier 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.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (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 County Council (Improvements) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Thames Subway (Greenwich to Millwall) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Lochend, Saint Fillans, and Comrie Railway (re-committed) Bill presented five clear days before the meeting of the Committee on the Bill be referred to the said Committee; that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard against the said Bill, upon the matters referred to the said Committee by the Instruction of the House of the 13th day of May last. (Mr. Benton.)
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.

Local Government 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.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) 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.

Pier and Harbour 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.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pilotage Provisional Order Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of May last, for Returns relative to Post Office (Postmen’s Pay).

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of I. Return (in pursuance of Act 32 & 33 Vict. c. 65, as amended, up to the 31st March 1897:—(I.) The Amount of Consolidated Stock; (II.) The Application of the Money raised by such Stock; (III.) The Sums carried to the Consolidated Loans Fund; (IV.) The Application of the Consolidated Loans Fund; and (V.) An Estimate of the Expenditure of the London County Council, for the year ending 31st March 1898.—And, II. Return showing up to 31st March 1897:—(I.) All Moneys raised by the Metropolitan Board of Works and the London County Council, for the year ending 31st March 1898; 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.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of April last, for a Return relative to Experiments on Living Animals.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Tully presented a Bill to amend the Electric Lighting Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill.

Mr. Tully presented a Bill to amend the Electric Lighting Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Tennant: 115.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austruther: 191.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, after the word "quarry," to insert the word "shipyard."—(Mr. Joseph A. Pease.)

Question again proposed, That the word "shipyard" be there inserted:—Debate resumed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, after the word "quarry," to insert the word "canal."—(Mr. Peake.)

Question proposed, That the word "canal" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, after the word "workshop," to insert the word "workhouse."—(Mr. Tennant.)

Question put, That the word "workshop" be there inserted.

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Question put, That the word "workshop" be there inserted.
The Committee divided.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1, 32, to leave out "1887," in order to insert "1872."

Question proposed, That "1887" stand part of the Clause : Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, 1, 34, to leave out the words "a quarry under the "Quarries Act, 1894," in order to insert the words "every place (not being a mine) in which persons work in getting slate, stone, coprolites, or other minerals." (Mr. Bousfield.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause : Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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Question proposed, That the word " shall " to the word " apply " in 1. 7.

Question proposed, That there be inserted : Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

"whether made before or after the passing of this Act."(Mr. Harrison.)

Question proposed, That the word " street " be there inserted : Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

"whether under the age of twenty-one years or above that age."(Mr. Harrison.)

Question, That those words be there inserted : Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1, 3, after the word "agreement," to insert the words "whether made before or after the passing of this Act."(Mr. Harrison.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted : Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 3 (Application to workmen in employment of Crown).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1, 6, to leave out the word "shall" to the word "apply" in 1. 7.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause : Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 4, agreed to.

Clause, No. 5 (Commencement of Act and Short Title).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1, 21, to leave out the words "ninety-eight," in order to insert the words "ninety-nine." (Mr. Seton-Karr.)

Question proposed, That the words "ninety-eight" stand part of the Clause : Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, 1, 21, after the words "ninety-eight" to insert the words "and shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and two, provided that any cases remaining unsettled at that date shall continue as if this Act had not expired."(Mr. Wolff.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted : Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause (Sub-contracting)—brought up, and read a first and second time, amended, and added.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating (Places of Worship and Schools) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Warehousemen's Certificates Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 6th day of July 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 Tuesday the 6th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Appointment Second Reading of the Appointment of High Sheriff (Ireland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant June.
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 29th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Accountants 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 Accountants (Scotland) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Feus and Leases (Scotland) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leaseholders (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 29th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Half-Holiday) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Men's Dwellings Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 21st day of this instant June.

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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment 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 Sale of Distress Amendment Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.
Wednesday, 2nd June, 1897.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Citreester Water Bill was read a second time; and the Bill was passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan District Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (For the protection of the Science and Art Department) was twice read, and made part of the Bill; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

The Manchester Ship Canal Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The Pier and Harbour 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.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Post Office (Postmen's Pay), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the London County Council, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Experiments on Living Animals, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Smaller Dwellings (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday the 2nd day of July next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the 28th day of this instant June.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill.

(Proceedings in Committee.)

Schedule 1.

An Amendment again proposed, in p. 4, l. 7, to leave out from the word "leaves," to the end of the paragraph, in order to insert the words "a widow, the sum of ten shillings per week during her life and widowhood, and, if he leaves children under the age of sixteen, the sum of one shilling and six pence per week for each such child until he or she attains that age. If the workman leaves no widow or children, but leaves dependants, the sum of ten shillings per week during the life of such dependants, to be divided amongst such dependants, if more than one, in such proportions as the County Court Judge, or Arbitrator, as provided by the Second Schedule of this Act, shall direct; and"—(Sir Alfred Hickman.) Question again proposed, That the word "dependants" stand part of the Schedule— Debate resumed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 7, to leave out the words "if the workman leaves dependants."—(Mr. Provand.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 7, to leave out from the word "dependants," to the word "or," in l. 8, in order to insert the words "such sum as may be found to be equivalent to the estimated earnings during the three years preceding the injury of a person in the same grade employed during those years, in the like employment, and in the district in which the workman is employed at the time of the injury."—(Mr. Reaugh.) Question, That the words "a sum," stand part of the Schedule—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 7, to leave out the words "equal to," in order to insert the words "not exceeding;"—(Mr. Parker Smith.) Question proposed, That the words "equal to" stand part of the Schedule;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 7, after the word "his," to insert the word "net."—(Sir Francis Sharp Powell.) Question, That the word "net" be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 10, to leave out from the word "pounds" to the word "and" in l. 12.—(Mr. Pickersgill.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 12, after the word "sum," to insert the words "to an apprentice a sum equal to four and a-half years' wages at the rate of payment he was receiving at the time of the accident."—(Mr. Provand.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 12, after the word "sum," to insert the words "such sum shall be paid in the form of annuities of the same grade employed during those years, in the like employment, and in the district in which the workman is employed at the time of the injury."—(Mr. Provand.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 14, to leave out sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 1, in order to insert the words "in the event of permanent injury including injury to or loss of sight, or hearing, or limb, or organ of the body, or any mental derangement," a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds, provided that the amount of any weekly payments made under this Act, shall be deducted from such sum;"—(Mr. Nasmyth.) Question, That the words "in case of" stand part of the Schedule—put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 15, after
after the words last inserted, to insert the words "a sum as provided in the proceeding Sub-section (a) (1), or in the option of the em-
ployer."—(Mr. Renshaw.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 15, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "as sufficient to provide for the reasonable 
medical expenses of such injury, together with."—(Mr. McKenna.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 16, to leave out the words "after the second week."—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Question, That the words "after the second "week stand part of the Schedule.—put, and agreed to.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 17, after the word "payment," to insert the words "and not less than ten shillings."—(Mr. Woods.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted ;

An Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, after the word "and," to insert the words "in case of total incapacity."—(Mr. McKenna.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment.—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That the words "and not less than ten shillings" be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 18, to leave out the words "one pound," in order to insert the words "ten shillings."—(Mr. Bain-
bridge.)

Question, That the words "one pound" stand part of the Schedule—put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "Provided that 
he obtains from the medical officer of health 
for the district in which he resides, or from the 
medical officer appointed by his employer for 
that purpose, weekly a certificate of such dis-
ability."—(Sir Alfred Hickman.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 18, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "Provided always that the total amount of such 
payments shall not exceed the sum payable if 
dead at has resulted from the injury."—(Colonel Milward.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 22, after the word "due," to insert the words "The employer shall not be liable to pay any 
sum of money for compensation under this Act 
which shall not have been applied for within 
three months after the time when the same 
became payable."—(Mr. Tomlinson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 22, after the word "due," to insert the words "the 
sum so payable shall be paid to two nominees 
of the beneficiary or the beneficiaries, to be 
approved by the county court judge, and shall 
be invested or expended by the said nominees 
for the benefit of the said beneficiary or 
beneficiaries."—(Colonel Milward.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 23, to leave out from the word "means" to the word "and," in l. 25, in order to insert the words "the wife, husband, parent, grandparent, step-
father, stepmother, child, grandchild, stepson, 
stepdaughter, brother, and sister of the work-
man."—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

Question put, That the words "such members of 
the workman's family stand part of the Schedule ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 208.] 
Yeas, [Mr. Austruther : 278.] 
Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill. 89.]

Noes, [Mr. Provand :]

And, it being 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 Lothore 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, To-morrow, 
again resume its said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Street Noises Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Wednesday the 30th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Places of Worship (Lease-
hold Enfranchisement) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
on Wednesday the 16th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police (Scotland Law Amendment Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
upon Thursday the 1st day of July next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Industrial Provident and Incorporated Building Societies (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
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The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health Acts Amendment Bill ;
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of July next.

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 Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 28th day of this instant June.

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 To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Benefits (No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant June.

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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 Thursday the 24th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1896) Amendment (No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ground Game Act (Extension to Copyholders) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jurors' Expenses Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commons (Regulation) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 28th day of this instant June.

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 Monday the 28th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Pensions and Service Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant June.

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 the 30th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Infant Life Protection Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police Appointment and Promotion Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

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 Wednesday the 30th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Committee of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Second Reading of the Parish Registers Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Act (1898) Amendment (No. 2) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Labour Second Reading of the Labour Bureaux Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Parish Councils Bill to make better provision for filling up Casual Vacancies in Parish Councils in Scotland:
And that Sir William Wedderburn, Mr. Reauch, and Thomas Gibson-Carmichael do prepare, and bring in it.
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 To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Guild of Literature and Art (Dissolution) Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time. [Lords.]

Sir Charles Dilwyn Llewellin reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, and 31st days of May last; and that they had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

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

Thursday, 3rd June, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

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1897.

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

Baldock and Bygrave Benefices Union.

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

The Bournemouth Corporation Bill was read Bournemouth, the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton 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 Vale of Glamorgan Railway Bill was Vale of Glamorgan, the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Woodhouse and Conisbrough Railway Bill was Conisbrough Railway, 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 the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Neath Corporation Towns Bill [Lords.]

Sir William Wedderburn accordingly presented a Bill to make better provision for filling up Casual Vacancies in Parish Councils in Scotland; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

A Motion being made, That this House will To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment of a Sum, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, for the Improvement of Congested Districts in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland—(Sir William Walrond); Mr. Balfour, 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.

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an Increase to the Grant payable to School Boards out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an An Act for reducing the Expenditure of the Public Education (Scotland)visional 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, with Amendments, to the Lords; and desire their concurrence.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the
Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill, without any 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 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. Trusts (Sotland) Act, 1897.
2. Archdeaconry of Cornwall Act, 1897.
3. East India Company's Officers' Superannuation Act, 1897.
4. Regular and Elders' Widows' Funds Act, 1897.
5. Metropolitan Police Courts (Holidays) Act, 1897.
6. Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Act, 1897.
7. Edinburgh University (Transfer of Patrons) Act, 1897.
9. Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act, 1897.
10. Elementary Education Act, 1897.
11. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1897.
12. Paisley Waterworks Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1897.
13. London (Clare Market, Strand) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1897.
15. Aberluthnich Harbour Finance Act, 1897.
17. Great Western Railway (Truro and Newquay Railway) Act, 1897.
18. Provident Life Office Act, 1897.
22. Assam Railways and Trading Company's Act, 1897.
24. Mason's Orphanage Act, 1897.
25. Moss University College Act, 1897.
26. Mumbles Railway and Pier Act, 1897.
27. Neath Harbour Act, 1897.
29. Croydon Mortification Act, 1897.
30. Crickton Royal Institution Act, 1897.
31. Huddersfield Corporation Act, 1897.
32. Dunsfries and Maxwelton Waterworks (Additional Powers) Act, 1897.
33. Longborough Corporation Act, 1897.
34. Tomton Gas Act, 1897.
35. Wigan Junction Railways (Capital) Act, 1897.
36. Clyde Navigation Act, 1897.
37. Edinburgh Corporation Act, 1897.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) 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 Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 16) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Pilotage Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Pilotage Provisional Order Bill to inquire whether any, and, if any, how much Compensation ought to be awarded to the Pilots of the Pilotage District of Wexford, in consideration of the provisions of the Bill.—(Mr. Dillon.)

The Order made upon the 22nd day of February last, That the Central London Railway 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.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, being part of the Dominion of Canada.

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

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Report of the Commissioners of the Patriotic Fund, 1897.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copies of several Bills made by the Governing Body of the University of Oxford and Cambridge, for the regulation of the Management of the Foundation consisting of the Share, determined by the Charity Commissioners to be applicable for the benefit of the County of Devon, of Howells' Charity for Girls' Schools in Wales, regulated by Act 15 and 16 Vic. c. 14, and by a Scheme or Schemes of the High Court of Chancery established under that Act.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 18th May 1897, applying the provisions of the Colonial Probates Act, 1892, to the North West Territories, being part of the Dominion of Canada.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 18th May 1897, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, fixing the Salary to be paid to the Assistant Superintendent in the Establishment of the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 18th May 1897, under the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act, 1865, amending the Regulations relating to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Greenwich Hospital Act, 1895, dated 18th May 1897, approving a Memorial of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty praying the sanction of Her Majesty to a Contribution out of Greenwich Hospital Funds towards the Cost of additional Buildings at Trurock Schools, and to an Increase in the Salary of the Head Master of the Royal Hospital School at Greenwich.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table: and that the Papers relative to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, and the Endowed Schools Act, 1869, and Amending Acts, and Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1897, be printed.

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

Mr. Brougham presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, being for the year 1896 (Part III., Commercial, No. 4, 1896).
Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Highgate Woods Preservation 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 Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Whitechapel and Bow 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 Norwich Electric 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 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 from the Committee on the North Metropolitan Tramways (No. 1) Bill and North Metropolitan Tramways (No. 2) Bill (consolidated into "North Metropolitan Tramways Bill").

Mr. James William Lowther further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill so consolidated, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the Preamble, so consolidated and 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 from the Committee on the Cornerstone Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations 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 Lowther reported the Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table, Vol. 152.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Police' Thursday the 1st day of July next, the Police (Scotland) Law Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Act (1885) Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration. The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and 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 Quarter Sessions Jurors (Ireland) Bill be now taken into consideration. The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration. The Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 2, being read a second time, were agreed to. The Amendment in p. 2, new Clause (Expenses of Sheriffs and Clerks of the Peace), (and it appearing that the object of the new Clause was to supply an omission in the Bill), being read a second time, was agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Juries' Lords to the Juries' Detention 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.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, Committees and Legal Procedure, to whom the Public Health (Scotland) 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. Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June, and be printed.

Mr. Rankin reported the New River Company Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, in pursuance of a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Halifax Corporation Tramways Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Luton Water Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Tower Subway Company Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Dublin, Wicklow, and Westford Railway Company to construct Railways between Dublin, Wicklow, and Westford (New Ross and Waterford, in the Counties of Kilkenny and Waterford, 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 Dublin, Wicklow, and Westford Railway Company to construct new Railways, Widening, and other Works; to confer further Powers with reference to the general Undertaking of the Company, and with reference to the separate Undertaking of the City of Dublin Junction Railways, 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 Belfast Gas, City and District Water Commissioners; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to constitute a Conservancy Board for the Port and Harbour of King's Lynn relating to the Port and Harbour, and all the Powers and Property of the Harbour Mooring or Pilot Commissioners of the Port and Harbour of King's Lynn; to transfer to and vest in such Board the Powers of the Corporation of King's Lynn relating to the Port and Harbour, and all the Powers and Property of the Harbour Mooring or Pilot Commissioners of the Port and Harbour of King's Lynn; to vest in the Body known as Selectors, Trustees appointed under the Eastern Counties Water Bill, 1831, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Education Department under the Elementary Education Act, 1870, to enable the School Board for London to put in force the Land Charges Acts; 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 Education Department under the Elementary Education Act, 1870, to enable the School Boards for East Barnet, Littlewick, Pembroke, Swansea United District, and Willesden, to put in force the Land Charges Acts; 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 Tramways Act, 1870, relating to Blackpool Corporation Tramways, Manchester Carriage and Tramways Company's Tramways, Manchester Corporation Tramways, Moss Side Tramways, and Withington District Tramways; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the surrender of the Lease of the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Company's Undertaking to the Newport (Alexandra) Dock Company (Limited); and to authorise the transfer to the Company of the Pontypool, Croftphilly, and Newport 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 conferring further Powers on the South Eastern 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 for conferring further Powers upon the Swansea Improvements and Tramways Company with respect to their Tramways Undertaking, and with respect to the Electric Lighting Undertaking of the Corporation of Swansea, 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 sale of or other dealing with certain Allotments, under an award made by the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Company's Undertaking to the Newport (Alexandra) Dock Company (Limited); and to authorise the transfer to the Company of the Pontypool, Croftphilly, and Newport Railway, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway (New Ross and Waterford Extension) Bill was read the first time.

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

Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway (Shillelagh Extension, &c.) Bill was read the first time.

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

The Belfast Water Bill was read the first time.

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

The King's Lynn Corporation Bill was read the first time.

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

Great Yarmouth Corporation Bill

Mr. Mowat reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulation Bills: 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 therein.

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

Resolved, That, To-morrow, this House do meet at Twelve of the clock, and at its rising do adjourn till Thursday the 17th day of this instant June, and that so soon as Government Business is disposed of Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put.—(Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That the other Government Business have precedence To-morrow of the Committee of Supply.—(Mr. Balfour.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Schedule 1.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "Provided that the word 'child' shall, if the arbitrator thinks fit, be construed to include an illegitimate child, and the word 'parent' to include the unmarried mother of the workman, who was or were at the time of the workman's death living in the house of the deceased."—(Mr. Crombie.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Crombie),

Yea, Sir John Anstruther; 106.

Nooes, Sir William Walrond; 203.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "no case be construed to include a person of unsound mind."—(Sir John Brunner.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, after the word "Act," in p. 4, l. 27, to insert the words "Provided that in any case in which such dependents are only in part dependent upon such weekly earnings, the minimum of £ 150 mentioned in paragraph (1) (a) of this schedule shall not apply, but the arbitrator shall decide what part thereof should be paid to such dependants."—(Mr. Seton-Karr.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 34, at the end, to insert the words, "Where any weekly payment has been continued for not less than twelve months the liability therefore may, on the application of either the workman or the employer, be redeemed by the payment of a lump sum, to be settled by arbitration under this Act, but not exceeding three hundred and twelve times the weekly payment payable at the date of the application."—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, to leave out from the word "payment," to the words "the liability," in l. 2, and insert the words "is current."—(Mr. Parker Smith.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, to leave out the word "twelve," and insert the word "six."—(Mr. Bainbridge.)

Question proposed, That the word "twelve:" stand part of the proposed Amendment—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, to leave out all the words after the word "Act," in l. 4, to the end of the proposed Amendment.—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

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, Smith),

Yea, Mr. Anstruther; 164.

Noes, Mr. Pickersgill; 77.

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Year),

Yea, Mr. Anstruther; 172.

Noes, Mr. Pickersgill; 78.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "if the incapacity or the continuance of the incapacity to the workman is wholly or partially due to ill-health or to any excess or misconduct on his part, the weekly payment may be ended or diminished."—(Mr. Bainbridge.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 36, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "Any workman claiming compensation under this Act shall, if so required by the employer, from time to time submit himself for examination by a duly qualified medical practitioner appointed and paid by the employer. If the workman refuses without sufficient cause to submit himself to such examination or otherwise obstructs the same, his right to such weekly payment shall be suspended until such examination has taken place."—(Sir Francis Sharp Powell.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 10, to leave out the word "be" to the end of paragraph (2), in order to insert the words "determined by suit in the county court of the district in which the injury complained of was occasioned." (Mr. Walton).

Question proposed, That the words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 15, after the word "judge," to insert the words "authorised to undertake arbitrations under this Act." (Sir John Lubbock).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Gibson Bowles, Mr. John Barry, Mr. John Wilson (Dundee)] : 144.

Tellers for the Nays, [Mr. George Whiteley] : 79.

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 Finance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Sale of tobacco in omnibuses and tramway cars)—[Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer]—added.

Another Clause (Explanation as to bills charged on local rate)—[Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer]—added.

Another Clause (Exemption of income of married women)—[Mr. Bartley]—added.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leather 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 17th day of May last, That the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Offices Committee on the Public Offices (Whitehall) Site (re-committed) 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 Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill: (Stead) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Extraordinary Tithe Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause, 52. 1.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leather reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Transfer Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Weights and Second Reading of the Weights and Measures (Metric System) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Transfer (Cases) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Case of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 24th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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Barrow School Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of May last, That the Barrow School Bill be now read the third time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

Prisons Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisons Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

Police (Property) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Property) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

School Boards' Expenses Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Boards' Expenses Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

Bicycles (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bicycles (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of April last, That the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of May last, That the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

Poor Law Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

Congested Districts (Scotland) [Grant.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Congested Districts (Scotland) [Grant.];
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Education (Scotland) [Grants.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Education (Scotland) [Grants.];
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Manhood Suffrage (Ire. Suffrage [Ireland]) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors (Scotland) Act (1888) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors (Magistracy) (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Sweden the 24th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisoners' Personal Correction Prohibition Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corn Sales Second Reading of the Corn Sales Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act (1877) Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Second Reading of the Licensing (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

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 Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vehicles (Lights) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Betting Act (1853) Repeal Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) (Compulsory Purchase Powers) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of February last, That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Verrinous Persons Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Return Tickets Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

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 Friday the 18th day of this instant June.

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 29th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

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 Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill be now read a second time; 
And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; 
and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill. 
upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Vacci- nation Bill to amend the Vaccination Laws, by providing a compulsory supply of Calf Lymph under Government Control, and for other purposes:—And that Mr. Carville, Sir Cameron Galli, Mr. Benson, Mr. Howlett, and Mr. Wanklyn do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Yorkshire Bill to constitute the Ridings of Yorkshire Co. Persons separate Counties for all the purposes of the Coroners' Acts:—And that Mr. John Hutton, Mr. James Lowther, Commander Bethell, Mr. Brigg, Mr. Pickard, and Mr. Wilson-Todd do prepare, and bring it in.

The Select Committee on Agricultural Produce (Marks) Bill was nominated of Mr. Briggs, Colonel Cotton-Jodrell, Mr. Wigram-Digby, Mr. Doughty, Sir William Holdsworth, Mr. Hecker, Mr. Heywood Johnstone, Mr. Kearsley, Mr. Kilbride, Sir John Kiddock, Sir Elliott Lees, Mr. MacAuley, Mr. Mildmay, Mr. Abel Henry Smith, and Mr. Parker Smith. 
Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records. 
Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.—(Sir William Walbrook.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a County Bill to enable County Councils in England and Wales to advance Money to Local Authori- ties:—And that Mr. Hobhouse, Sir John D正确ington, Mr. Humphreys-Owen, Sir William Holdsworth, Mr. Channing, Mr. Bill, Mr. Briggs, and Mr. Lloyd-George do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Carville presented a Bill to amend the Vaccination Laws, by providing a compulsory supply of Calf Lymph under Government Control.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment 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 Com-
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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 infringed into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Bute Docks, Cardiff, Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bute Docks Town and Harbour Bill (Lords.), as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Northern and City Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. A Clause (As to payment of interest out of capital) 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 Harrow, Uxbridge, and High Wycombe Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Vale of Rhedol Light Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Fylde Water (Transfer) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The New Hunstanton Water and Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed. 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 Pro-

The Order made upon the 1st day of March last, That the Ealing and South Harrow Railway Bill be committed, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfoort presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Agricultural Statistics of Ireland, with detailed Report on Agriculture, for the year 1896. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

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

County of Derby (First Minute), dated 6th February 1897;

City of Cork (Second Minute), dated 12th March 1897;

County Borough of Croydon (Second Minute), dated 15th March 1897;

City of Dublin (Third Minute), dated 19th March 1897;

Claremorris Union (County Mayo) (Third Minute), dated 23rd March 1897;

County of the West Riding of Yorkshire (Sixth Minute), dated 25th March 1897;

County of Glamorgan (Sixth Minute), dated 9th April 1897. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented, pursuant to the Public Health directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Acts Amendment Act, 1890.

Regulations made by the Local Government Board, amending the Regulations applying to the creation, issue, transfer, and redemption and other dealings with any stock created by Local Authorities under the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Rankin reported from the Committee on East London Water Bill; that, in pursuance of the Instruction of the House of the 26th day of February last, they had inserted such provisions in the Bill as would ensure the acquisition by the Local Authority of such a suitable area of open space as in the judgment of the Committee ought fairly to be substituted for any common rights which might be extinguished under the Bill. Mr. Rankin 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.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Schedule 2.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "a workman shall be entitled to defend every such appeal as a pauper."—(Mr. Keenan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 24, to leave out paragraph (5), in order to insert the words "(5) each party shall bear his own costs of the arbitration."—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 35, to insert, as a new paragraph, the words "(5) The arbitrator shall state briefly in writing the probable cause of the accident, the nature of the employment in which it took place, and the defects, if any, in the premises, machinery, appliances, plant, precautions, or arrangements which, in his opinion, contributed to the accident. A copy of such statement shall be sent by the arbitrator to the Home Secretary, and a summary of such statements shall be annually published."—(Mr. Eiimund Robertson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Second 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, 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 Patent Office Extension Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLASSES, N° 1 to N° 11, agreed to.

Preamble 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 Extraordinary Tithe Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLASSES, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.

Preamble 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 Supply Committee of Ways and Means; Resolution, That this House will, upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means; Resolution, That this House will, upon Friday the 18th day of this instant June, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 3rd day of this instant June, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then half an hour after One of the clock, till Thursday the 17th day of this instant June.

Thursday, 17th June, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Halifax Corporation Tramways 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.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Eastern Railway (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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Luton 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 Tower Subway 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 Guild of Literature and Art (Dissolution) 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 Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Liverpool Corporation Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Luton Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
Explosions (Nobel's Factory at Ardeer.)

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by Colonel Ford, C.B., Her Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, attending an Explosion of Nitro-glycerine, which occurred on the 24th February 1897 in the Final Washing-house at Nobel's Explosives Company's Factory at Ardeer, Ayrshire.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Twenty-second Annual Report of the Public Works Loan Board, 1896-97, with Appendices.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting Diplomatic and Consular Assistance to British Trade Abroad.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of April last, for a Return relative to Secondary Education (Commission).

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Acts, 1865, for the year ending 31st December 1896.

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

An Abstract of the Accounts of all Fines and other Penal Sums accounted 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 1895.

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

Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland appointing the Places at which Examinations shall be held for 1897.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education, dated 15th June 1897, defining "Town School" and "Country School," and fixing Rates of Aid Grant for such Schools (Voluntary Schools Act, 1897).

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

Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education, dated 16th June 1897, defining "Town School" and "Country School," and fixing Rates of Aid Grant for such Schools (Voluntary Schools Act, 1897).

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

Mr. T. W. Russell presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Regulations made by the Local Government Board amending the Regulations applying to the Creation, Issue, Transfer, Redemption, and other Dealings with any Stock created by County Councils under the Local Government Act, 1888.

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

Mr. Goschen presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Accounts of Deposits in Naval Savings Banks and the Payments thereof, and of Interest thereon, of all Investments under "The Naval Savings Banks Act, 1896," and the application of the Interest and Dividends accruing in respect thereof; and of the Proceeds of any Sale of any Stocks, Annuities, or Securities during the Financial Year 1895-96.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Ad-ministration Report on the Railways in India, for the year 1896-97; by Colonel T. Gracey, R.E., Director General of Railways in India.

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

Mr. Curzon also presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Gas Orders a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 5) 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 Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 5) 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 Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 5) 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 Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Bill.

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

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The Order for reading a second time, this day, the District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Tithe Redemption Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of July next.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Rating of Machinery Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 30th day of July next.
The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Sale of Distress Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant June.

The Order for reading the third time, this day, the Verminous Persons Bill, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday the 7th day of July next.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Employers' Liability Act (1880) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of July next.

Resolved, That, in celebration of the Sixtieth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, this House will attend at the Church of Saint Margaret, Westminster, on Sunday next, the 20th day of this instant June.-(Mr. Balfour.)

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

Civil Service Estimates, 1897-98. Class IV.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,306,910, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for Public Education in England and Wales, including Expenses of the Education Office in London.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,306,810, be granted for the said Service.-(Mr. Carroll Williams)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed :

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,305,910, be granted for the said Service.-(Mr. Lloyd-George);

The Committee divided):

Tellers for the Mr. Ellis Griffith, } 37.

{ Mr. William Jones;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond. } 114.

Original Question again proposed :

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,306,820, be granted for the said Service.-(Lord Hugh Cecil)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,349,992, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Science and Art, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid.—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

2. £7,434, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

3. £5,613, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Portraits.

4. £5, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the University of London. Resolutions to be reported.  

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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, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee on Congested Districts (Scotland) Grant, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of a Sum not exceeding £20,000, for the Improvement of Congested Districts in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and to make Provision for the Administration and Application of the Sums available for such purpose. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Congested Districts (Scotland) Grant, a Resolution; and Mr. Anstruther do prepare, and bring it in. The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the Administration of Sums available for the improvement of Congested Districts in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. Bill 289. 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 Finance Bill. 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 resuming the Foreign Prison Made Goods Companies Bill. The adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 17th day of May last, That the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Second Reading of the Police (Property) Bill; (Property) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Public Health into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) (Scotland) Bill. 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 Post Office Second Reading of the Post Office (Sites) Bill; (Sites) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dangerous Committee on the Dangerous Performances Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Land Transfer Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Transfer Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Weights and Measures (Metric System) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weights and Measures (Metric System) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Berrow School Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of May last, That the Berrow School Bill be now read the third time ;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Prisons Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisons Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

School Boards' Expenses Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Boards' Expenses Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Bicycles (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bicycles (Ireland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of April last, That the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill be now read a second time ;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of May last, That the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time ;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Life of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Life of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Poor Law Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Education (Scotland) (Grants) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Education (Scotland) (Grants) ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill, as amended in the Committee ;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

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Friday, 18th June, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills [Lords] (Standing Orders not previously inquired into and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. :-)

Aberdour (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Bill.

Belfast Water Bill.

Docks, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway (Shillelagh Extension, &c.) Bill.

South Eastern Railway Bill.

Seacombe Improvements and Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Orders Bills which are applicable thereto, the Standing Orders 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.

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 applied to the Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, have been complied with, viz. :-

Christchurch Inclosure Allotments Bill.

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

A Motion being made, That the Borrowstounness Town and Harbour Bill be now read the third time ;
Six Charles Dikie, 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 ; and which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Great Northern and City Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as followeth:

The Harron, Uxbridge, and High Wycombe Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as followeth:

An Railway Bill.
An Act for incorporating the Harrow and Uxbridge Railway Company, and authorising them to construct a Railway in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes.

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

The Bute Docks, Cardiff, Bill was read a second time: and committed.

Glasgow Corporation Improvements Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Glasgow Corporation Improvements 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 a new Title, as followeth:

An Act to enable the Corporation of Glasgow to effect further Improvements within the City; to lease and work the Vale of Clyde or Govan Tramways, and the Glasgow and Dray Tramway; to construct new Tramways, and for other purposes.

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

Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, Standing Order included in the Tramways Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Whitechapel and Bow Railway Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Whitechapel and Bow 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.

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

Public Petitions.

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

Vide Eighth Report.

Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881-96, Judicial Rents (Second Statutory Term), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Fines, &c. (Ireland), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Coal Exports, &c., which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Secondary Education (Commission), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Public Works Loan Board, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Naval Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the Application to and Proceedings of the Board under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1896, during the past year.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-Second Annual Report by the Accountant for Scotland to the Scotch Education Department.

The Lord Advocate also 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, with regard to Regulations for Degrees in Arts, supplementary to Ordinances, Nos. 11, 46, and 148 (Ordinance, No. 160, General No. 39).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, 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 Tables showing the Progress of British Shipping, 1806. Merchant Shipping.

No. 257.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Sir John Lubbock reported from the Committee on the Lochearnhead, Saint Fillans, and Comrie Railway (re-committed) Bill; That the said Paper do attend the Committee on the Lochearnhead, Saint Fillans, and Comrie Railway (re-committed) Bill, on Monday the 28th June, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That John Smart, Benjamin Hall Blyth, David Moiro Westland, and Charles Forman do attend the said Committee on Monday 28th June, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Tables showing the Progress of British Shipping.

No. 258.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. James William Lomther reported the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lomther reported from the Committee on the Eaton and Church Hope 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
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 Copy of Contracts, dated 25th May 1897, which have been entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company and the Oriental Steam Navigation Company respectively for (1) the Eastern and part of the Australian Mail Service; and (2) the other part of the Australian Mail Service, together with Copy of the Treasury Minute thereon.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Message from the Lords.


1. £ 273,781, to complete the Sum for Superannuation, Retired, and Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities under Sundry Statutes, and for Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities awarded by the Treasury, and for the Salaries of Medical Referees.

2. £2,350, to complete the Sum for certain Pensions to Masters and Seamen of the Merchant Service, and to their Widows and Children.

3. £815, to complete the Sum for certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in Great Britain.

Class VII.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £19,923, 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 1898, for the Salaries and other Expenses of Temporary Commissions and Committees, including Special Inquiries:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries), be reduced by £100, in respect of the Historical Manuscripts Commission—(Mr. Lloyd-George);

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the (Mr. Lloyd-George, Yes, (Mr. Lough) 81.

Tellers for the 8 Sir William Walrond, Noes, (Mr. Asaether) 138.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

5. £3,279, to complete the Sum for certain Miscellaneous Expenses, Class II.

6. £60,672, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

7. £83,566, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.

8. £40,810, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

9. £5,497, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registry of Friendly Societies.

10. £9,725, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in England.

11. £42, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including the Expenses of Coinage.

12. £9,139, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office.

13. £14,464, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office.

14. £4,591, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment under the Public Works Loan Commissioners.

15. £27,167, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar-General of Births, &c. in England.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lauder reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lauder also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Services Estimates, 1897-98.

Class IV.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 4,205,910, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for Public Education in England and Wales, including Expenses of the Education Office in London.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 7,434, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery, including a Grant in Aid for the Purchase of Pictures.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,613, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery, including a Grant in Aid for the Purchase of Portraits.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the University of London.

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

Adjournment.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes to Eight of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Sunday, 20th June, 1897.

This being the day on which the House had Resolved in celebration of the Sixtieth Year of Her Majesty’s Reign to attend Divine Service at the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster, Mr. Speaker and the Members assembled in the House and proceeded thence to the Church, where a Sermon was preached before the House by the Very Reverend the Dean of Canterbury.

Monday, 21st June, 1897.

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 not been complied with, viz.:—

King’s Lynn Corporation Bill.

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

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The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the

Bristol and West Kirby Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Bristol Corporation (Docks) Bill be now read the third time, and passed:

Sir John Moubray, 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 Highgate Woods Preservation Bill was Highgate Woods Preservation Bill read the third time, and passed.

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

The Liverpool Corporation Tramways Bill Liverpool Corporation Tramways 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 Lowestoft Water and Gas Bill be now read the third time,

Sir John Moubray, 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 Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway Bill Rhondda and Swansea Bay 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 Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, 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 Caledonian Railway Bill, Caledonian Railway Bill as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Carnarvon Corporation 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 East London 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Yarmouth 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.—Sir John Moulton, 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.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Norwich Electric Tramways 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Metropolitan 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 Weymouth 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional 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.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) 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.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of List of Exceptions to the Queen's Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective 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 1896-97.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of Imperial Defence Act, 1888, of all Monies issued from the Consolidated Fund and of Sums borrowed, and of Transactions in relation to Sums so borrowed up to the 31st March 1897, in pursuance of "The Imperial Defence Act, 1888."
Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom for the Financial Year 1896-97, ended 31st March 1897.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Corson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Abolition of the Legal Status 1897 of Slavery in Zanzibar and Pemba.
Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports Trade Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1941 to 1943.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table Charitable Endowments by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of August 1894, of the County for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (West Riding of the County of York).
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Naval a Return showing (a) Aggregate Naval Ex- penditure on Seagoing Force; (b) Aggregate Revenue; (c) Aggregate Tonnage on Mercantile Marine; (d) Annual Clearances of Shipping in the Foreign Trade; (e) Annual Clearances of Shipping in the Coast Trade; (f) Annual Value of Imports by Sea, including Bullion and Specie, and Transhipment Trade; and (g) Annual Value of Exports by Sea, including Bullion and Specie and Transhipment Trade of various Countries, including British Self-governing Colonies, for the year 1896.—(Sir John Colomb.)
The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities Bill, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of July next.
The Order for reading a second time, this Highways Bill day, the Highways Bill, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

William Graham Nicholson, Esquire, for the New Member of the County of Huntingdon (Eastern or Petersfield Division), was sworn.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, Occupying the Occupying Tenants' Enfranchisement (Purchase of Fee Simple) Bill, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Tuesday the 27th day of July next.
The Order for reading a second time, this day, Old Age Pensions Bill, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of July next.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, Old Age Provident Pensions Bill, was read, and discharged.
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Outdoor President Relief Bill.
The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Outdoor Provident Relief Bill, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of July next.

Labour Bureaux Bill.
The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Labour Bureaux Bill; was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Building Fens and Leases (Scotland) Bill.
The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Building Fens and Leases (Scotland) Bill; was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Congratulation Address of Reign.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty to congratulate Her Majesty on the auspicious completion of the Sixtieth Year of Her happy Reign, and to assure Her Majesty that this House profoundly shares the great joy with which Her people celebrate the longest, the most prosperous, and the most illustrious Reign in their history, joining with them in praying earnestly for the continuance during many years of Her Majesty’s life and health.—(Mr. Dal.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words “but this House represents to Her Ma-

Aye, (Mr. William Redmond: )

Noes, (Mr. Austruther: )

So it was passed in the Negative.

The Main Question being put, The House divided.

The Yeas voted:—
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Patrick O’Brien: )

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond: )

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty to congratulate Her Majesty on the auspicious completion of the Sixtieth Year of Her happy Reign, and to assure Her Majesty that this House profoundly shares the great joy with which Her people celebrate the longest, the most prosperous, and the most illustrious Reign in their history, joining with them in praying earnestly for the continuance during many years of Her Majesty’s life and health.—(Mr. Dal.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by the whole House.—(Mr. Balfour):—

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr. Speaker named Tellers for 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 directed the Noes to stand up in their places, and several Members having Vol. 152. stood up, Mr. Speaker named Tellers for a Division:

Divisions frivolously claimed.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond: )

Tellers for the (Mr. Austruther: )

Tellers for the (Mr. Patrick O’Brien: )

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by the whole House.

Resolved, That the House at rising do adjourn till Wednesday next; that on Wednesday of the House, the House do meet at a quarter past Two of the clock; and that Mr. Speaker, so soon as he has reported Her Majesty’s gracious Answer to the Address, do adjourn the House without Question put.—(Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That, for the remainder of the Session, Government Business do have precedence on Tuesday and Wednesday except on Wednesday 30th June and Wednesday 7th July, and that the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 be extended to the other days of the week.—(Mr. Balfour.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Education (Scotland) Grants. (In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament of an addition to the Grant payable to School Boards in Scotland, under the proviso to Section Sixty-seven of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, by increasing the Sum of Seven shillings and sixpence therein mentioned by Fourpence for every complete penny by which the School Rate therein mentioned exceeds Threepence; Provided that the said Sum as so increased shall not exceed Sixteen shillings and sixpence; (b) of an Aid Grant to Voluntary Schools in Scotland not exceeding Three shillings per child for the whole number of children in average attendance in those Schools.—(The Lord Advocate.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resolved the Chair; and Mr. James William Longthorpe reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Police (Property) Bill was, according to Police Order, read a second time; and committed to a (Property) Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Weights and Measures (Metric System) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee (Scotland) Bill on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Trade, Act.

The Post Office (Sites) Bill was, according to Post Office Order, read a second time; and committed to a (Sites) Bill.
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 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 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. Hanbury.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Fifth of the Resolutions which, upon the 31st day of May last, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and on which Resolution was then postponed; and the same was again read, as followeth:

That a Sum, not exceeding £132,659, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Estimates, 1897-98.

Class VI.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £273,781, 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 1898, for Superannuation, Retired, and Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities under sundry Statutes, and for Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities awarded by the Treasury, and for the Salaries of Medical Referees.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,330, 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 1898, for certain Pensions to Masters and Seamen of the Merchant Service, and to their Widows and Children.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £813, 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 1898, for certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in Great Britain.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £19,923, 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 1898, for the Salaries and other Expenses of Temporary Commissions and Committees, including Special Inquiries.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,279, 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 1898, for certain Miscellaneous Expenses.

Class II.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £60,672, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £83,566, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £40,810, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,407, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,725, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Register of Friendly Societies in England.

11. 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Register of Friendly Societies in England.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,139, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £14,464, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,591, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £27,167, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registrar General of Births, &c., in England.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registrar General of Births, &c., in England.

Ordered, That the postponed Resolution be taken into consideration upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dangerous Performances Bill;

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit until a quarter of an hour after Eight of the clock, adjourned till Wednesday next.

**Wednesday, 23rd June, 1897.**

The House met at a quarter after Two of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

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

Mr. Balfour reported to the House, That Her Majesty having been waited upon (pursuant to the Order of the House of the 21st day of this instant June), humbly to know Her Majesty's pleasure when She will be attended by this House, had been pleased to appoint to be attended this day at half-past Three of the clock at Buckingham Palace.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received the following communication from the Italian Ambassador in London:—

To the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Sir,

Mr. Speaker,

The Government of His Majesty the King directs me to communicate to you the enclosed telegram, which contains the proceedings taken in the Chamber of Deputies to demonstrate the lively share which the Italian Parliament and Nation take in the manifestation of the feelings entertained by this great people for its great Sovereign.

In performing this pleasing duty I beg your Excellency to accept the assurance of my high consideration.

General A. Ferrero,

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Italy.

**[Enclosure.]**

Telegram, dated 22nd June, from the Marquis Visconti Venosta, Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Kingdom of Italy, to the Italian Ambassador in London.

In accordance with the desire of the Chamber of Deputies, I beg Your Excellency to be good enough to forward to the Speaker of the House of Commons without delay the following extract from the Proceedings of their Sitting of yesterday:—

The President.—The Hon. Sonnino is authorised to speak.

Sydney Sonnino.—Hon. Colleagues, To-day the British Nation rejoices, celebrating in the Mother Country and in the Colonies scattered in all the corners of the earth the 60th anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of the Gracious Queen Victoria.

I am certain that I express the feelings of the whole House, without distinction of party, when I ask our President, upon this solemn occasion, to make himself the interpreter to the Speaker of the House of Commons of the warm wishes of this Assembly for the long and prosperous continuation of that glorious reign, and to give assurance of the share which the Italian people takes in the events which cause the rejoicings of the great English people, the teacher of Liberty, of Tolerance, and Civil and Ordered Progress.

(Applause.)

Brin.—I cannot do otherwise than express in the name of the Government the most lively approbation of the proposal of the Hon. Sonnino that our President should express to the President of the English House of Commons the warm wishes which we, in interpreting the desire of all Italians, express for the happiness and prosperity of the reign of Queen Victoria, who with so much success and glory has guided the destinies of that great and free England, which has over been the friend of Italy, and for which our country entertains the like feelings of sympathy and friendship.

Imbrani Paviro.—In associating myself with this proposal I send my respectful greeting to Her who finds Herself placed at the head of a free people, which has always and in every direction sought to cultivate liberty according to justice.

The President.—I accept very heartily the directions of the House, and will make it my duty to carry them out.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received the following communication from the President of the Senate of the Argentine Republic:—

Telegram from Señor Julio a Roca, President of the Senate of the Argentine Republic, to the President of the House of Commons, handed in at Buenos Ayres at 4.15 p.m. on the 22nd June.

I have the satisfaction of communicating to your Excellency that the Senate of the Argentine Nation has this day risen from its Session in homage to the English people and to Her Majesty the honoured Queen and Empress Victoria.

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

Mr. Speaker reported to the House, That the Answer to House had this day attended Her Majesty with Address.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 21st day of this instant June, adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty minutes after Four of the clock, till To-morrow.
Thursday, 24th June, 1897.

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.:

Hastings Harbour District 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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 28th day of May last, That, in the case of the following Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Metropolitan Water Companies Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Water Companies 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 Southwark and Vauxhall Water 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 inserting the words "re-committed to the former Committee.

—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration. The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report No. 91 as fixes Five as the Quorum of the House of Commons for the 24th June, 1897.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 16) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 2nd day of July next.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Charitable Endowments (West Riding of the County of York), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing (1) the Aggregate 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 1896-7, 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 No. 344, of Session 1896).

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return to Public Income and Expenditure (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper No. 293, of Session 1896).

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Caledonian Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway (Shillelagh Extension, &c.) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the South Eastern Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Swansea Improvements and Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Grocers' Wednesday next, the Grocers' Certificates (Scotland) Abolition Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of July next.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Archdeaconry of London, London (Additional Endowments) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, this day, Cottage the Cottage Homes Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of July next.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, Yorkshire the Yorkshire Coroners Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order for reading a second time, this day, the District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment (No. 2) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of July next.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Railway Return Tickets Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Parish Registers Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Education Acts Amendment Bill ; Ordered, That the said Order be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Chairman's Panel : That they had appointed Mr. Stuart-Wortley to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee 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. James William Lothert reported from the Committee on the Local Government 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, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow, 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 Lothert reported from the Committee on the Rathmines and Rathgar Town- ship Tramways and Improvement 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 Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1897-98.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 238,212, 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 1898, 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 : Whereupon Motion made, and Question put; That Item A (Salaries), be reduced by £. 1,000, in respect of the Salary of the British Agent in Egypt—(Mr. Dillon).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Dillon: 36.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Original Question put again proposed; Whereupon Motion made, and Question put; That Items P and Q (Salaries and Allowances), be reduced by £. 100, in respect of the Salary of the Agent and Consul General at Zanzibar—(Mr. Joseph A. Pease).

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Joseph A. Pease: 72.

Tellers for the Mr. Maclean: 124.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £.1,128, to complete the Sum for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the British Protectorates in Uganda and in Central and East Africa, and under the Uganda Railway Act, 1896.

3. £. 64,876 (including an additional Sum of £.1,950), to complete the Sum for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid, and Expenses incurred under “The Pacific Islanders’ Protection Act, 1875,” and certain Charges connected with South Africa.

4. £. 1,128, to complete the Sum for Expenses in connection with the Suppression of the Slave Trade, and the Maintenance of certain Liberated Africans.

5. £. 34,100, to complete the Sum for the Subsidies to certain Telegraph Companies.

6. £. 771,000, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department.

7. £. 1,721,272, to complete the Sum 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 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.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee on Education (Scotland) [Grants], a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament (a), of an addition to the Grant payable to School Boards in Scotland, under the proviso to Section sixty-seven of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, by increasing the sum of seven shillings and sixpence therein mentioned by fourpence for every complete penny by which the School Rate therein mentioned exceeds threepence; provided that the said sum as so increased shall not exceed sixteen shillings and sixpence; (b) of an Aid Grant to Voluntary Schools in Scotland not exceeding three shillings per child for the whole number of children in average attendance in those schools.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Austen, do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to amend the provisions of Section sixty-seven of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, in regard to the additional Grant to School Boards, and to provide out of the Exchequer an Aid Grant for Voluntary Schools 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.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Ten of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The North Metropolitan 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 Weymouth Water Bill be now read the third time; Mr. James Lowther, 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 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, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

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 Twenty-first Annual Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives, being for the year 1896.

Copy of Second Interim Report of the Factory and Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department to inquire into and report upon certain Miscellaneous Committee.

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

Mr. Corrin presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1944 to 1948.

Copy of Reports on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, No. 428.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council, dated 17th June 1897, under "The Pharmacy Acts (Ireland)," 1875 and 1890, approving of a Regulation made by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 17th June 1897, giving effect to a Rule of Court under "The Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland)" 1877.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence between the Home Office and the Treasury, as below stated, with respect to the incidence of the Cost of the Police employed within the Precincts of the Houses of Parliament, ciz.: Home Office to Treasury, 29th May 1897; Treasury to Home Office, 9th June 1897.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said paper.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported Suttie's Suttie's Trust Estate Bill, without Amendment.

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

The Order for reading a second time, this day, Highways Bill, the Highways Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of July next.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Sums payable by the Postmaster General under any Act of the present Session to enable Her Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire Lands.
Lands for the Public Service, and of all expenses incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of such Act. (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, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Sale of Distress Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 26th day of July next.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Committee on Standing Orders, being read a second time, be now printed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 604,933, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board for Scotland, and for Expenditure under the Public Health Acts, Infections Diseases Notification Act, Vaccination Act, Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, and Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894: Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,951, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Dillon);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther : ) 49.

Tellers for the [Mr. Daly, Noes, (Mr. Anstruther : ) 97. Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class IV.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 604,833, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. John Wilson, Falkirk);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. John Wilson (Falkirk), Yeas, (Mr. Colville : ) 29.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, (Mr. Anstruther : ) 55. Original Question put, and agreed to.

7. £. 2,000, 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.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 17,500, 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 1898, for Expenditure in connection with certain Public Works, and for improved Communications, and other purposes, within the Highlands and Islands of Scotland: Whereupon Motion made, and Question put,
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Class V.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £338,212, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of Her Majesty's Emambis and Missions Abroad, and of the Consular Establishments Abroad and other Expenditure chargeable on the Consular Vote.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £177,463, 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 1898, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the British Protectorates in Uganda and in Central and East Africa, and under the Uganda Railway Act, 1896.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £64,876 (including an additional Sum of £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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses incurred under the "The Pacific Islanders' Protection Act, 1875," and certain Charges connected with South Africa.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,128, 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 1898, for Expenses in connection with the Suppression of the Slave Trade, and the Maintenance of certain Liberated Africans.

5. 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 1898, for the Subsidies to certain Telegraph Companies.

Revenue Departments.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £771,900, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,721,272, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.
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 Southwark and Vauxhall Water 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 Stromness Harbour Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. James Lunthor, 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 considerations the Crowhurst, Sidley, and Bexhill Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 27th day of May last, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Railway Clearing House Bill, that they insert provisions requiring the Promoters to publish for the use of Traders, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Trade may direct, any Sectional or other Railway Maps constructed for the Railway Clearing House, indicating the different Lines of Railway and the distances along the same—(Mr. Tomlinson);

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Local Government 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 desire their concurrence.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fortieth Annual Report of the Trustees of the National Portrait Gallery to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, being for 1897.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 2nd day of March last, for a Return relative to Local Government (Registered Electors).

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

Mr. Solicitor General reported from the Select Committee on Divorce Bills; that they had examined the allegations of Peacocke's Divorce Bill 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.
And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of May last, That the Berriew School Bill be now read the third time;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Police (Property) Bill.

Clause, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, Nos. 2 and 3, agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Aufrunther]: 52.

Tellers for the [Mr. Dalziel, Noes, [Mr. Lloyd-George]: 65.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Aufrunther]: 58.

Tellers for the [Mr. Dalziel, Noes, [Mr. Lloyd-George]: 64.

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Post Office Consolidation Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 12th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Fourth of the Resolutions which, upon the 21st day of this instant June, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Post Office (Sites) [Expenses];

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

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 Second Reading of the Land Transfer Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisons 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 Prisons 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 Bicycles (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) 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 Question proposed upon the 1st day of April last, That the Local Government (Aldershot and Farnborough) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of May last, That the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) 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 Stipendiary Second Reading of the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill; (Scotland) Bill

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Dangerous Committee on the Dangerous Performances Bill; (Scotland) Bill

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

The Order of the day being read, for the School Boards' Second Reading of the School Boards' Expenses Bill;

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

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 Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) 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 Public Health 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 Finance Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) 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 Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act (1885) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vehicles (Lights) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act (1885) Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Vehicles (Lights) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, 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, next Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act (1885) Amendment Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That this House do now adjourn (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, next Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act (1885) Amendment Bill.

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 New River Company 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 have agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hastings Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Hastings Harbour District Railway Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Local Government (Registered Electors), which was presented upon the 28th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade, on an application made by the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Company during the year 1896, under the Railway Companies' Powers Act, 1884, and of the Proceedings of the Board of Trade with respect thereto.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of April last, for a Return relative to Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland).

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Seventy-fourth Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, dated 28th June 1897.

Copy of Inland Post Warrant, 1897, dated 16th June 1897.

Copy of List of all Pensions granted during the year ended 29th June 1897, and charged upon the Civil List.

Account of all Deposits received and paid under the authority of the Act 24 Vic. c. 14, during the year ended 31st December 1896, and of the Expenses incurred from the commencement of the Business on 16th September 1891 to 31st December 1896, together with a Statement of the Total Amount due at the close of the year 1896 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 Bank per Act 24 Vic. c. 14.
29th June, 1897.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland), to Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues to Civil List Pensions, and to Post Office Savings Banks, be printed.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command, copies of Papers respecting the interpretation of Article II. of the Treaty between Great Britain and Portugal, signed on 11th June 1891 (Macao Arbitration).

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1894 to 1951.

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

Local Government Provisional Order (No. 10) Bill [Provisional Order confirmed.]

Mr. James William Lothlorer reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 18) 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.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

Mr. James William Lothlorer reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour 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, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

Mr. James William Lothlorer reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour 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, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Dundee Corporation Bill.

Mr. James William Lothlorer reported from the Committee on the Dundee Corporation Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

New Hunstanton Water and Gas Bill [Lords.]

Mr. James William Lothlorer reported from the Committee on the New Hunstanton Water and Gas Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Southampton Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords.]

Mr. James William Lothlorer reported from the Committee on the Southampton Corporation Tramways 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 Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lothlorer reported from the Committee on the Eastbourne Water 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. Scale Haye reported from the Committee on the North Eastern Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the reference to the proposed Dock Works at Hull 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 James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee on Law, Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill was committed; 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.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

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

Colonel Guster reported from the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills; that the parties opposing the Newport Corporation Bill had stated that the evidence of Baldwin Latham, of 43, Victoria Street, Westminster, Civil Engineer, 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 Baldwin Latham do attend the said Committee upon Thursday, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Baldwin Latham do attend the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills upon Thursday, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Sir William Codlingston reported from the Committee on Group G. of Private Bills; that the parties opposing the Borrowstounness Water Provisional Ordin neckes Bill had stated that the Evidence of William Thorburn, of 13, Victoria Street, Westminster, Civil Engineer, 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 Thorburn do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That William Thorburn do attend the Committee on Group G. of Private Bills to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Sir John Moubray reported from the Committee on 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 Weights and Measures (Metric System) Bill:—Mr. A. H. Dye Acland, Mr. Arnold Forster, Mr. Gibson Bowles, Mr. Croome, Mr. Alban.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of July.

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

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Tobacco duties) (Mr. Dillon),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Thomas Esmonde, Yea, (Captain Donelan);]

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, (Mr. Anstruther);

Another Clause (Limitation of property passing at death to property in which the deceased had an interest at the time of his death)—(Captain Pretiavan)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time :—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

A Clause (Drawback on exported coffee) (Mr. Lough)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Power to executor to recover part of Estate Duties from legatees or beneficiaries, 57 & 58 Vic. c. 39, s. 2, sub-sec. 2) (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 duty on property situate out of the United Kingdom, 57 & 58 Vic. c. 39, s. 2, sub-sec. 3) (Mr. Gibson Bowles)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, 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 & 58 Vic. c. 30, s. 2, sub-sec. 3) (Mr. Gibson Bowles)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time ;—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of Sec. 20 of the Finance Act, 1896)—(Mr. Lough)—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 (Estate duty only to be payable once in the same settlement)—(Captain Pretiavan)—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 (Declaration as to effect of 18 & 17 Vic. c. 67, s. 2) (The Lord Advocate)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and 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,
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Mr. Haubury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Service Estimates, 1897-98.

Class II.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 8,111, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland and Subordinate Offices.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 27,323, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board in Scotland, and for Grants in Aid of Piers or Quays.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,422, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Registrar General of Births, etc., in Scotland.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,129, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General for Scotland, and for Expenses under the Public Health Acts and other Acts, Infectious Diseases Notification Act, Vaccination Act, Local Government (Scotland) Act, and Local Government (Scotland) Bill.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 7,931, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board for Scotland, and for Expenses under the Public Health Acts and other Acts, Infectious Diseases Notification Act, Vaccination Act, Local Government (Scotland) Act, and Local Government (Scotland) Bill.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 604,933, 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 1898, for Public Education in Scotland.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,000, 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 1898, 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.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 17,500, 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 1898, for the Expenses of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

The said Resolutions being read a second time:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Sixth Resolution; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,
Yea, [Mr. Austruther: ] 127.
Tellers for the Mr. Weir,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Resolutions were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Fourth of the Resolutions, which upon the 21st day of this instant June were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of May last, That the Berriew School Bill be now read the third time;

And the Question being again proposed:

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,
Yea, [Mr. Austruther: ] 129.
Tellers for the Mr. Ellis Griffith,

So 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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill.

(CLASS, N° 1 (Appointment of Congested Districts (Scotland) Commissioners).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1, 12, after the word “Commission” to insert the words “the Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh and the Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow.”

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1, 12, after the word “Commission,” to insert the words “two other persons to be elected by the members of the county councils of the counties in which the congested districts are situated under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary for Scotland”—(Mr. Weir);

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Weir,
Yea, [Mr. Hedderwick: ] 53.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1, 13, to leave out the word “two,” in order to insert the word “four.”—(Mr. Weir).

Question proposed, That the word “two” stand part of the Clause—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 2 (Secretary and officers to be appointed from existing officers of Government departments,
WEDNESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1897.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE HOUSE proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Money) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

WEDNESDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1897.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Money) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time, and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Order (No. 18) 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) 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 Railways (Certificates) (Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Company), which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant June, be printed.


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 Regulations made by the Board of Trade under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, respecting the conveyance of Fish from Trawlers to Vessels in the employ of Messrs. Hagerup, Daughtey, and Company, Limited, engaged in collecting and carrying Fish to Port.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Water Orders a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Water Orders Confirmation Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

The Order for taking into consideration, To Supply, the Fourth of the Resolutions which, upon the 21st day of this instant June, were reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Factory Acts (Fishing Trade) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(General Laurie.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Parliam-

The Order of the day being read, for the Pensions Second Reading of the Pensions (Old Age) 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 Cemeteries 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 Police Second Reading of the Police Pensions and Service Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Appointment and Promotion Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1894) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Wednesday 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 Wednesday next.

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 House, according to Order, proceeded to Police take into consideration the Police (Property) 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 Land Transfer Second Reading of the Land Transfer Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bicycles Second Reading of the Bicycles (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Burial Grounds Loan (Scotland) 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 Second Reading of the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dangerous Performances Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Boards' Expenses Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Return Tickets Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act (1885) Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Archdeaconry (Additional Endowments) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Return Tickets Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Boards' Expenses Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Franchise (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 Princes' Personal Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Men's Dwellings 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 Solicitors 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 Ground Game Act (Extension to Copyholders) 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 Evicted Tenants (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 Licensing (Scotland) Acts 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 Congested Districts Board (Ireland) (Compulsory Purchase Powers) 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 Infant Life Protection 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 Licensing (Scotland) Acts 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 County Councils (Advances) 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 Employers' Liability Act (1890) Amendment (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 Registration of Firms 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 Parliamentary Voters (Ireland) 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 Journeymen's Expenses Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

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

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

Order the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

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

Mr. de Pauw's, Mr. Croust, Mr. Sidley, and Mr. Backhurst 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 Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

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

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Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, that they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

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Caledonian Railway Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Caledonian Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Hunstanton Water and Gas Bill (Lords).

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hunstanton Water and Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Belfast Water Bill (Lords).

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

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

The Pier and Harbour 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 desire their concurrence.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

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.

Public Petitions.

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

Votes. 

Vide Eighth Report. 

Probation of First Offenders.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 1st day of February last, for Returns relating to Probation of First Offenders.

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

West India (Loans raised in India.)

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Returns of all Loans raised in India charged upon the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the Half-year ending on the 31st March 1897, 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.

Superannuation Act, 1897.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minutes under the Superannuation Act, 1897, dated 18th June 1897, granting a Retired Allowance under the Act to Mr. John Hacker, Civilian Clerk in the Home District Pay Office.

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

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) 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 To-morrow.

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Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour 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, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. James William Louther reported the Railway Clearing House Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Louther reported the Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Louther reported the Liverpool City Churches Bill, without Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the London and South Western Railway (Various Powers) 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 the Liverpool, Great Western, and Westford Railway (Skeltock Extension, &c.) 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 Barry 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 from the Committee on the Barry Railway Bill; that they had amended the said Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the South Western Railway (Various Powers) 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.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Caledonian Railway Bill; that they had agreed to the same, without Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Kingstown and Kingsbridge Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill, without Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the London and South Western Railway (Various Powers) 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.

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Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour 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, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour 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, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour 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 To-morrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 9) 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 To-morrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour 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, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour 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, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour 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, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 13) 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 To-morrow.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 14) 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 To-morrow.
subject, the Committee had agreed to the following report:

The Committee have considered the Evidence, and, subject to certain alterations which they proposed, and to the Promoters agreed to, they are unanimously of opinion that the Bill would not so seriously injure the scenery of the Valley and the Lake along which it is to pass as to make it inexpedient to pass the Bill.

Sir John Lubbock further reported from the Committee; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

The Chairman of Ways and Means, in pursuance of Standing Order 83 relating to Private Bills, informed the House that, in his opinion, the Pilotage Provisional Order Bill, though unopposed, ought to be treated as an opposed Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Thomas Shaw.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Chairman of Ways and Means informed the House that, in his opinion, the Bill, when amended, ought to be treated as an opposed Bill.

The Chairman of Ways and Means then rose, and, at the end of the Question, added the words "parliamentary business otherwise than by agreement"

(a) "Upon such confirmation the Order, and the Order shall become law without further inquiry.

(b) An Order made under this section shall be served by the Commissioners in the manner in which and upon the persons upon whom notices in respect of such land are hereinbefore required to be served, together with a statement that the Order shall become law without further inquiry.

(3.) The Order shall be deposited with the Board, who shall inquire whether the provisions of this section have been in all respects complied with; and, if the Board are satisfied that this has been done, then, after the expiration of the said period of one month—

(a) if no memorial has been presented, or

(b) if a memorial has been presented to the Board, praying that the Order shall not become law without further inquiry.

Clause 5 (Acquisition, adaptation, and disposal of land).

An Amendment was proposed in p. 3, l. 15, to leave out from the word "agreement," to the end of Sub-section (1), in order to insert the words:

"(2) If the Commissioners are satisfied that suitable land for the purposes of this Act cannot be acquired on reasonable terms by voluntary agreement, and that the circumstances of the case are such as to make it proper that the Commissioners should proceed under this section, they shall publish, once at least, in each of two consecutive weeks in some newspaper circulating in the locality, an advertisement stating shortly the purpose for which the land is proposed to be taken, mentioning a place at which a plan of the proposed works (if any) may be seen at reasonable hours, and stating the quantity of land that is required. Thereafter they shall cause public inquiry to be held in the parish or district, and notice to be given both publicly in the parish or district, and severally to the owners, lessees, and occupiers of the land proposed to be taken either by delivery at, or by post in a registered letter addressed to the usual or last-known place of abode of such owners, lessees, and occupiers, and all persons whose interests would be affected shall be permitted to attend at the inquiry, and to support or oppose the taking of the land.

"(3.) After the completion of the inquiry, and after considering all objections made by any person whose interests would be affected, the Commissioners may make an order for putting in force, with respect to the said land or any part thereof, the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts with respect to the purchase and taking of land otherwise than by agreement.

(4.) A copy of any Order made under this section shall be served by the Commissioners in the manner in which and upon the persons upon whom notices in respect of such land are hereinbefore required to be served, and the Board shall either confirm the Order or disallow the Order; and if every such memorial has been with such confirmation the Order shall become final, and have the effect of an Act of Parliament unless within the period of one month after such service a memorial by some person whose interests would be affected is presented to the Local Government Board for Scotland (in this Act referred to as "the Board").

"(5.) The Order shall be deposited with the Board, who shall inquire whether the provisions of this section have been in all respects

"(a) if no memorial has been presented, or

"(b) if a memorial has been presented to the Board, praying that the Order shall not become law without further inquiry.

Clause 4, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses Acts with respect to the purchase and disposal of land.

An Amendment was proposed in p. 3, l. 5, to leave out "suitable land for the purposes of this Act cannot be acquired on reasonable terms by voluntary agreement," and to insert the words:

"suitable land for the purposes of this Act cannot be acquired on reasonable terms by voluntary agreement, and that the circumstances of the case are such as to make it proper that the Commissioners should proceed under this section, they shall publish, once at least, in each of two consecutive weeks in some newspaper circulating in the locality, an advertisement stating shortly the purpose for which the land is proposed to be taken, mentioning a place at which a plan of the proposed works (if any) may be seen at reasonable hours, and stating the quantity of land that is required. Thereafter they shall cause public inquiry to be held in the parish or district, and notice to be given both publicly in the parish or district, and severally to the owners, lessees, and occupiers of the land proposed to be taken either by delivery at, or by post in a registered letter addressed to the usual or last-known place of abode of such owners, lessees, and occupiers, and all persons whose interests would be affected shall be permitted to attend at the inquiry, and to support or oppose the taking of the land.

Provided always that the Board may, and when required within the said period of one month by any party interested who has presented a memorial against the Order, may make inquiries under this section, they may cause such inquiry to be made by any inspector or officer of the Board, or by any other person specially nominated in writing by the Board, and such inspector or officer so appointed shall be entitled to summon witnesses and examine them on oath, and to call
call for the production of books, documents, and accounts. The costs incurred in relation to such inquiry, including the remuneration of any person specially nominated to hold the same, not exceeding three guineas a day, shall be paid by the Commissioners out of any money or other consideration as may be required for the extension of a railway or a public work. A copy of the Act shall be placed at their disposal, and the Board may certify the amount of the costs incurred, and any sum so certified shall be a debt to the Board from the Commissioners who made the payment.

(7.) Any order made under this section for the purpose of the purchase of land otherwise than by agreement, shall incorporate the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts and section six and sections seventy to seventy-eight (both inclusive) of the Railway Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845, with the purposes of this section on behalf of the Commissioners, the Board, or any other person, and may receive remuneration not exceeding the amounts ascertained as may be mutually agreed upon, and the sums by this Act placed at their disposal, shall be paid by the Commissioners out of the same.

(8.) At any inquiry or arbitration under this section the person or persons holding the inquiry or arbitration shall hear counsel or expert witnesses, or parties whose interests would be affected, or parties whose interests would be affected, and may receive remuneration not exceeding the amount of the expenses ascertained as may be mutually agreed upon, and the Commissioners may sell or transfer such land to the Board for that purpose either without payment of any purchase money or compensation, or at a price less than the real value, and may so convey it free of all incumbrances. Provided that if the land proposed to be conveyed is subject to incumbrances, the Board of Agriculture before giving their sanction to the purchase of land otherwise than by agreement, shall incorporate the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts, and the provisions of these Acts with respect to any other person to be occupied as a separate holding, but subject in all cases to the right and interest to an occupier of a neighbouring holding held of the same landlord, and the Commissioners may sell or transfer such right and interest to any other person to be occupied as a separate holding, but subject in all cases to the same terms and conditions upon which the crofter held the same at the date of such sale or transfer, and to such further terms and conditions as the Commissioners may determine.

(10.) The Commissioners or Board, as the case may be, shall make and shall jointly with the proprietor maintain sufficient fences for separating the land taken from the same, not taken.

(11.) The Commissioners or Board, as the case may be, shall in making an order for purchasing the whole or any part of any park, garden, pleasure ground, or other land required for the amenity or convenience of any dwelling-house, or any land the property of a railway company or canal company, which is or may be required for the purposes of that undertaking, may, including the remuneration of the Commissioners or Board being held, and may be required for the extension of a factory or public work.

(12.) Any land acquired under this section shall be vested in the Commissioners. (Mr. Caldwell.)

Question put, That the words "and the provisions of this act stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed in p. 3, l. 15, to leave out the words "subsection (4) of section 3 of the Allotments (Scotland) Act, 1892," in order to insert the words "Section 26 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894." (Dr. Clark.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 22, to leave out from the word "or" to the end of the section, and to insert the words "in the arbitration, and such determination shall be final; and the arbitrators shall be appointed by the Board of Agriculture before giving their sanction to the purchase of land otherwise than by agreement, shall incorporate the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts, and the provisions of these Acts with respect to any other person to be occupied as a separate holding, but subject in all cases to the same terms and conditions upon which the crofter held the same at the date of such sale or transfer, and to such further terms and conditions as the Commissioners may determine. Provided that no existing holding shall be increased by any sale or transfer under this section so that in the opinion of the Commissioners, the rateable value will exceed twenty pounds." (Mr. Caldwell.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, p. 3, l. 32, to leave out the words "and cannot be made by " crofters or cottars or fishermen." (Mr. Caldwell.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.
The House met at Three of the clock.

A Motion being made, That the Hastings (Hastings Harbour Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Akers-Douglas, 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Easton and Church Hope Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Transfer 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; A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Brodie Howie;)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Original 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; law, &c. and committed to the Standing Committee on Law and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

A Motion was made, and the Question being adjournment, proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr. Balfour;)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Eleven of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Friday, 2nd July, 1897.

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 Liverpool, Saint Helens, and South Lancia-

shire 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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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.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Dundee Corporation 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.

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:

[New Title.]

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.

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

Ordered, That the House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) 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 Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 16) 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 Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) 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 one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, relating to Lands in Green Street, in the Parish of Saint George-the-Martyr, Southwark: and that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Standing Order 193a be suspended, and that the Bill be read the first time.

Mr. Jesse Collings, accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, relating to Lands in Green Street, in the Parish of Saint George-the-Martyr, Southwark: 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 Paper relative to East India (Loans raised in India), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Probation of First Offenders, which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant July, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of List of School (Scotland.) Boards giving particulars of the Estimated Grants payable under the Bill to amend Section 67 of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, Personal dated the 32nd day of March last, for Returns relative to Personal Clerks.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Prisons pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order dated 28th June 1897, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Prisons Act, 1877, consolidating the existing Orders as to the constitution of the Visiting Committees of Local Prisons.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Army Command,—Copy of Report on the Discipline (Military and Management of the Military Prisons for the year 1896.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Progress of the Mombasa-Victoria (Uganda) Railway, 1896-97.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports Trade Reports on Trade and Finance, No. 1532.

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 further Provision, out of the Consolidated Fund, for the construction of Works in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purposes of the Royal Navy—(Mr. Austen Chamberlain);

Mr. Akers-Douglas, 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. Referred, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, Land Transfer upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the Payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of any deficiency in the Insurance Fund which may be established under any Act of the present Session to establish a Real Representative and to amend the Land Transfer Act, 1875.—(Mr. Jesse Collings);
Mr. Jesse Collings, 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.

Colonel Gaster reported the Newport Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowncher reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 17) 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 upon Monday next.

Sir John Mowbray further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Legal Procedure the following Members, in respect of the Land Transfer Bill; Mr. Athelney-Jones, Mr. Attorney General, Commander Bethell, Mr. Billing, Viscount Folkestone, Sir Henry Fowler, Mr. Scale-Hayne, Mr. Brodie Hoare, Sir James Kitson, Mr. Lambert, Colonel Loyd, Sir John Lubbock, Captain Prystian, Mr. Tomlinson, and Mr. Wayman.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Six John Mowbray reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, in the case of the Christchurch Enclosure Allotments Bill, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

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 Cranborough Cranborough District Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of the House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bristol Corporation (Docks) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Liverpool Corporation Tramways Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for ascertaining and determining the Estates, Rights, and Interests of the several Persons interested in the Residency, Real, and Personal Estate of Charles Gonne, Esquire, in Saint Margaret’s, and for modifying certain possible Interests thereby given to unascertained and (at present) unascertainable Persons; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Gonne Estate Bill was read the first time.

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

Resolved, That the Thanks of this House be Communicated to the Very Reverend Frederick William Farrar, D.D., Dean of Canterbury, for the Sermon preached to the Very Reverend Frederick William Farrar, D.D., Dean of Canterbury, for the Sermon preached by Her Majesty’s Command, to the Very Reverend Frederick William Farrar, D.D., Dean of Canterbury, for the Sermon preached by Her Majesty’s Command, to the Very Reverend Frederick William Farrar, D.D., Dean of Canterbury, for the Sermon preached by Her Majesty’s Command, to the Very Reverend Frederick William Farrar, D.D., Dean of Canterbury, for the Sermon preached by Her Majesty’s Command.

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

Civil Services Estimates, 1897-98.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 137,137, 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 1898, 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.

Thereafter Motion made, and Question put, That Item B. be reduced by £. 100, in respect of the Charge for the Boundary Wall and Railing in the Queen’s College, Belfast, deceased, and released by an Act of Parliament, intituled, An Act for the Erection, Repairs, and Maintenance of certain Parks and Public Works, and for Drainage Works on the River Shannon.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bristol Corporation (Docks) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Liverpool Corporation Tramways Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway Bill, without any Amendment.
Thereafter Motion made, and Question put, That Item D. (Model Schools), be reduced by £4,000.---(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.) The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Timothy M. Healy] Yes, [Mr. Daly : Tellers for the [Sir William Walbran] Noes, [Mr. Austruther.]

Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. £2,771, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery of Ireland, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the School Boards' Second Reading of the School Boards' Expenses Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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, accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 5th July, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That leave be given to the Standing Committee on Trade (including committee on Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, to sit this day during the Sitting of the House.—(Mr. Stuart-Wortley.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for [Lords]. (Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been compiled with, viz.:—

Dublin United Tramways (Electrical Powers) Bill.
Dublin United Tramways (New Lines) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for [Lords]. (Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been compiled with, viz.:—

Gravesend and Milton Water Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Hunstanton Water and Gas Bill was read Hunstanton Water and Gas Bill [Lords.]
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 County Council (Money) Bill London County Council (Money) Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Liverpool City Churches Bill was read Liverpool City Churches Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the
the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Rathmines and Rathgar Township Tramways and Improvement 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 Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board 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 words "now "read the third time," and adding the words "re-committed to the former Committee." — (Mr. T. P. O'Connor.)

And the Question being put, That the words "re-committed to the former Committee" 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 to the former Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they do strike out of the Bill all powers in relation to the proposed pier or jetty and other works described in Clause 3, sub-section (e), of the Bill, and to the passage or runaway described in Clause 5 of the Bill, and to the taking of lands and the raising of money for those purposes.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit and proceed forthwith. — (Mr. T. P. O'Connor.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Eastbourne Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the New Hunstanton Water and Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southampton Corporation Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Dublin, Wicklow, and Waterford Railway (New Ross and Waterford Extension) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Hastings Harbour District Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) 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 Duntocher and Dalvaston Water Provisional Order 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, for taking Local Government Provisional Order (No. 17) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being, for taking Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 16) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Pilotage Provisional Order Bill, presented Three clear days before the meeting of the Committee on the 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. — (The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

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

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

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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, for taking Local Government Provisional Order (No. 17) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Names of present Members of the House of Commons who are in Receipt of Public Money from the Revenues of India, whether in the form of Salary, Pay, Pension, or Allowance of any kind, or who have received Commutation in respect thereof, under the Commutation Acts; the Amount they receive or have commuted, with the Amount of the Commutation Money; and the Name of the Office or Nature of the Service for which the Money is or has been paid (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 197, of Session 1897).—(Mr. Gibson Bootes.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Quantity of Wines, at the various degrees of Strength, which were imported into England from Spain, Portugal, Madeira, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Australasia, and other Countries, in the years 1892, 1893, and 1894, 1895, 1896.—(Sir Frederick Seager Hunt.)

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cranbrook, Selsey, and Bexhill Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Manchester Ship Canal Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Fisheries Acts, without any Amendment.

Mr. Stuart Wortley reported from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, to which the Locomotives on Highways Bill was referred; that they had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment, to the House.

Mr. T. W. Russell accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

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The Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill was read the first time.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill Lords.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Naval Works (Money).

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in l. 5, by leaving out the word "not," and inserting the words "may not re-"cover." (Sir Robert Reid.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "not" stand part of the Clause:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, by adding, at the end thereof, the words, "The employer may in any such action " avail himself of any defence of which such other "person might avail himself."—(Mr. Sydney Gedge.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:—The said proposed Amendment would deprive a large class of persons raised Amendment out of order.

It is expedient—

(a) 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; (b) to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sums, not exceeding in the whole £654,000, as may be required for such purposes; and (c) to authorise the application of the Surplus set apart under Section four of the Naval Works Act, 1896, to the payment of the Expenses of such Works.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The Lords have added a Lord to the Joint Committee appointed by both Houses on Statute Law Revision Bills, and Consolidation Bills, for the consideration of the "Excise Licences Bill," and request this House to add one of its Members to the said Joint Committee for the consideration of the said Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, by adding, at the end thereof, the words, "Such other person shall not be allowed to avail himself of any defence which would not be open to the employer."—(Mr. Renshaw.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added:

But, it appearing to Mr. Speaker that the Mr. Speaker Amendment would deprive a large class of persons raised Amendment out of order, he ruled that the Amendment was out of order.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, by adding, at the end thereof, the words, "to the extent of such damages and costs "as the workman might have recovered against " such person in an independent action."—(Mr. Walton.)

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

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Abolition of doctrine of common employment)—(Mr. Haldane):—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.

And the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time;

The House divided.

And the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Haldane,)

Tellers for the (Mr. Austen Chamberlain,)

Tellers for the (Mr. Renshaw,)

Tellers for the (Mr. Austruther,)

So it passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 1, by leaving out paragraph (b) of Sub-section (2) of Clause 1, and inserting the words "(b) An employer shall not be liable to be proceeded against independently "of this Act in the case of any injury to which "the procedure of this Act applies, but when it "is decided by arbitration that any injury has "been caused by the serious and wilful mis- "conduct of the employer, or of some person "for whose act or default the employer is re- "sponsible, nothing in the First Schedule to "this Act shall limit the amount of compen-
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out from the word "same" to the end thereof, and adding the words: "...but if such penalties, or any part thereof, are applied for to the benefit of any person injured, such amount shall be taken into account in estimating the amount of compensation under this Act"—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

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

The Motion made, and Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Sums payable by the Postmaster General under any Act of the present Session to enable Her Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire Lands for the Public Service, and of all expenses incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of such Act—(Mr. Hanbury); Question put, and agreed to.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Sums payable by the Postmaster General under any Act of the present Session to enable Her Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire Lands for the Public Service, and of all expenses incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of such Act.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, [2nd July] Report.

Civil Services Estimates, 1897-98.

Class I.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £137,137, be Public granted 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 1898, 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.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £19,928, be Light Railways granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum (Ireland).

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out from the word "same" to the end thereof, and adding the words: "...but if such penalties, or any part thereof, are applied for to the benefit..."—(Mr. Tennant).

The Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

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

The Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—(Mr. Asquith).

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 11, by inserting, after the word "personal," the words "Provided that when..."

And the Question being put, That the words "personal" stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Asquith, 160.

Tellers for the Noes—Sir Robert Reid, 126.

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. 2, l. 12, by leaving out the words "pay compensation," and inserting the words "be proceeded against"—(Mr. Renshaw), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That those words 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. 13, by inserting the word "Act," the words "Provided that when..."

And the Question being put, That the word "Act" stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Asquith, 209.

Tellers for the Noes—Mr. McArthur, 123.

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 inserting the word "personal," the words "Provided that when..."

And the Question being put, That the words "personal" stand part of the Bill; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Asquith, 150.

Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Cripps, 126.

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. 2, l. 15, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "Provided that nothing in this Act shall affect the right of any of Her Majesty's inspectors of factories to recover penalties under section eighty-two of the forty-first and forty-second Victoria, chapter sixty-six, and Acts amending the same, and that the recovery of such penalties shall not be taken into account in estimating compensation under this Act"—(Mr. Teasdale).

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, by inserting, after the words last inserted the words "Provided that nothing in this Act shall affect the right of any of Her Majesty's inspectors of factories to recover penalties under section eighty-two of the forty-first and forty-second Victoria, chapter sixty-six, and Acts amending the same, and that the recovery of such penalties shall not be taken into account in estimating compensation under this Act"—(Mr. Asquith).

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

The Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) 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.

Tuesday, 6th July, 1897:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Post Office (Sites) Expenses.

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Sums payable by the Postmaster General under any Act of the present Session to enable Her Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire Lands for the Public Service, and of all expenses incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of such Act—(Mr. Hanbury);

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Sums payable by the Postmaster General under any Act of the present Session to enable Her Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire Lands for the Public Service, and of all expenses incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of such Act.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Land Transfer (Consolidated Fund).

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of any deficiency in the Insurance Fund which may be established under any Act of the present Session to establish a Real Representative and to amend "The Land Transfer Act, 1875."—(Mr. Attorney General.)

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 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 Supply Committee.

Ordered, That the 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 Bicycles Second Reading of the Bicycles (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of May last, That the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) 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 Stipendiary Magistrates' Second Reading of the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Bill.

Second Reading of the Poor Law Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dangerous Performances Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Boards' Second Reading of the School Boards' Expenses 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 Health (Scotland) 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 Committee on the Education (Scotland) 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 Congested Districts ('Scotland') Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature ('Ireland') Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

Clause, No. 1 (Persons on whose recommendation rules of Court are to be made).
Question proposed, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill;
To report Progress, and ask 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 Educational Endowments ('Ireland') Act (1885) Amendment Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the question proposed, upon the 17th day of February last, That the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill, be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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 Tithe Redemption 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 Working Men's Dwellings Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jurors' Expenses 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 Police Pensions and Promotion 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 Railway Return Tickets 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 Parish Registers 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 Licensing (Scotland) Acts 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 Congested Districts Board ('Ireland') (Compulsory Purchase Powers) 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 Infant Life Protection 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 Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) 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 Crofters' Holdings ('Scotland') Act (1888) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant July.

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 the 21st day of this instant July.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration.

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Order, without Question put, upon Thursday the 14th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Order, without Question put, upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Order, without Question put, upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Standing Order, without Question put, upon Tuesday next.

And, it being One of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till this day.
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The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills (No Standing Orders 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 Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Gower Estate Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Provisional Order Bills (No Standing Orders 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 Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

London (Green Street, Southwark) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Provisional Order Bills (Standing Orders applicable thereto omitted.)

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.:

Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill.

Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (East Barnet, &c.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

Crowborough District Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Crowborough District Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Caledonian Railway Bill [Lords.]

A Motion being made, That the Caledonian Railway Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Courtney, 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 Bill be read the third time.--(Dr. Farquharson.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That, Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.--(Dr. Farquharson.)

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Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.--(Dr. Farquharson.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

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 Locksedgehead, Lochsfoils, and Cowrie Railway (re-committed) Saint Fillans, and Cowrie Railway 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.

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 Bill be now read the third time.--(Dr. Farquharson.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Borrowstounness Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Education Command,—Copy of Reports from University Colleges participating in the Grant of £15,000, made
made by Parliament for "University Colleges in Great Britain" (1887).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie 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. 210, of Session 1896) (as furnished by the various Pilotage Authorities), for the year ended 31st December 1896.

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, 1895," down to, and inclusive of, the 31st day of March 1897; 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.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Stationery Office Contracts.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of Contracts, as below stated, entered into by the Controller of Her Majesty’s Stationery Office for printing Books and Pamphlets, &c., for Departments of Her Majesty’s Government, including Orders in Council and Judgments of the Judicial Committee, Specifications of Patents, Calendars of Bills, and Orders of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, viz.:—

- Messrs. Darling and Sons — 6 Contracts — 13th February.
- The "Northwich Chromo" Company — 1 — 30th March.
- Messrs. Wynn and Sons — 1 — 1st January.
- Midland and Company — 1 — 1st March.
- Mr. W. — 4 Contracts — 31st March.
- Mr. Hanbury — 1 — 27th April.
- John Quennell and Sons — 1 — 27th April.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Foreshores (Sales, Acc.) No. 206.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement of the particulars of all cases in which the rights and interests of the Crown over the Shores and Bed of the Sea and Tidal Rivers have been sold, leased, or otherwise dealt with by the Board of Trade under the Crown Lands Act, 1866, from the 1st day of January 1892 to the 31st day of December 1896 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 118, of Session 1892).

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill, No. 208.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of the Provisions contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Selection (Standing Committees.)

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal

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Procedure; Sir Frank Lockwood and Mr. Tomlinson; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Cozens-Hardy and Mr. Bond.

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 Amendments made by this House to the Carnarvon Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Lowestoft Water and Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the House to the Money Channels Money Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the House to the Money Channels Money Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, without any Amendment.

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 Border, Eskdale, Eyam, Galway and Northwich, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the Period for the Completion of the Waterworks authorised by the Ryhymney Valley Gas and Water Bill, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Rhymney Valley Gas and Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the County Councils (Advances) County Bills be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Inclusion Acts: And that Colonel Robert Williams, Mr. Channing, Sir Walter Foster, and Mr. Munro do prepare, and bring in it.

Colonel Robert Williams accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Inclusion Acts: 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 5th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Amendment which, upon the 5th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Supplementary Compensation (For Accidents) Bill (on consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Committee); And which Amendment was, in p. 2, l. 15, after
after the words last inserted, to insert the words
"Provided that nothing in this Act shall affect
the right of any of Her Majesty's inspectors
of factories to recover penalties under section
eighty-first and forty-second of the Victoria, chapter sixteen, and Acts amending the
same, and that the recovery of such penalties
shall not be taken into account in estimating
compensation under this Act."—(Mr. Ten-
nant):
And which Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, to leave out from the word
"same," to the end of the said proposed Amend-
ment, in order to add the words: "but if such
penalties, or any part thereof, are applied for
or to the benefit of any person injured, such
amount shall be taken into account in estimat-
ing the amount of compensation under this
"Act."—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain), instead thereof;
And the Question being again proposed, That the
words 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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out from the word "same," of the proposed Amendment to the end, and adding the words: "but if such
penalty, or any part thereof, has been applied
for the benefit of the person injured, the amount
so applied shall be taken into account in esti-
mating the compensation under this Act."—(Mr. Ten-
nant);
And the Question being put, That the words
proposed to be left out stand part of the said
proposed Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words
"but if such penalty, or any part thereof, has
been applied for the benefit of the person in-
jured, the amount so applied shall be taken
into account in estimating the compensation
under this Act," be added after the word
"suffer," of the said proposed Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words
"Provided that nothing in this Act shall affect
the right of any of Her Majesty's inspectors of
factories to recover penalties under section
eighty-two of the forty-first and forty-second
of the Victoria, chapter sixteen, and Acts amending
the same, but if such penalty, or any part thereof, has been applied for the benefit of the person
injured, the amount so applied shall be taken
into account in estimating the compensation
under this Act," be added after the words last inserted in the Bill:—It was re-
solved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 16, by leaving out para-
graph (c), of subsection (2), of Clause 1—
(Mr. David Thomas,
And the Question being put, That the words
"If it is proved that the accident is, "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, 201.
Tellers for the: Mr. Astruther,
Noes, Mr. Fenwick, 119.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 17, by inserting, after the word "workman," the words "or workers."—
(Colonel Denzey,
And the Question being proposed, That the words "or workmen," 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. 17, by inserting, after the word "workman," the words "or to his non-
observance of any rule or regulation contained
in or established under any Act of Parliament
which it was the duty of the workman to
observe, unless the arbitrator should be of
opinion that the breach of such rules was so
trivial that it ought not to deprive the work-
man of his right to compensation."—(Mr. Seton-Ker)

And the Question being proposed, That these
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. 19, by inserting, after the word
"disallowed," the words "but a workman shall
not be disentitled to compensation if the acci-
dent is solely attributable to the workman
disobeying a rule respecting the cleaning of
"machinery whilst in motion, and such cleaning
has been systematically allowed by the em-
ployer." (Mr. Acroft.)

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. 2, l. 33, by inserting, after the word
"Act," the words "it shall be lawful for
the employer at any time to substitute for his
liability under this Act the engagement or
"guarantee of an insurance corporation or asso-
ciation, previously approved by the Secretary
of State for the Home Department, and on
which Secretory of State certifying that he is
satisfied as to the sufficiency of the engagement
or guarantee of such corporation or association,
and that it has undertaken the liability of the
employer, any liability of the employer under
this Act so undertaken shallthereupon cease."—
(Sir James Jo key.

And the Question being put, That these words
be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 35, by inserting, after the word
"practicable," the words "and not more
than six weeks."—(Mr. John Wilson, Falkirk,)

And the Question being proposed, That these
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. 36, by inserting, after the word
"thereof," the words "and before the work-
man has left the employment."—(Mr. Parker
Smith.)

And the Question being proposed, That these words
be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was amended, by inserting, after the word
"has," the word "voluntarily."—(Mr. Secretary
Chamberlain.)

And the Question being put, That the words
"before the workman has voluntarily left
the employment" be there inserted;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the: Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 196.
Tellers for the: Mr. Astruther;
Noes, Mr. Fenwick, 121.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 39, by leaving out the word
"twelve," and inserting the word "six":—
(Mr. Wolff), instead thereof.

And
And the Question being put, That the word 
"twelve," stand part of the Bill; 
The House divided. 
The Yeas to the Right; 
The Noes to the Left. 

Tellers for the Mr. Bainesbridge, 
Yea's, [Mr. Woods] 84. 
Noes, [Mr. Austruther] 158. 

So it passed in the Negative. 
And the Question being put, That the word 
"six" be there inserted:—It was resolved in 
the Affirmative. 

Another Amendment was proposed to be made 
to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 39, by leaving out the 
words from the word "death," to the word 
"notices," in p. 3, l. 2. 
(Mr. Harry Foster.) 
And the Question being proposed, That the words from the word 
"death," to the word "employers," in l. 42, 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. 42, by leaving out the 
words from the words "that the," to the word 
"or," in p. 3, l. 1, and inserting the words 
"omission to give such notice did not arise from 
any intention to prejudice the employer in his 
defence," (Mr. Ascroft), instead thereof. 

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:— 
It was resolved in the Affirmative. 

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill. 
Another Amendment was proposed to be made 
to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 6, by inserting, after the word 
"certifies," the words "with the approval 
of a Secretary of State." (Mr. Jonathan Samuel.) 
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. 17, by inserting, after the word 
"living," the words "No scheme shall be 
so certified unless the said scheme has been 
approved of, as ascertained by ballot vote of 
a majority of the workmen under that employer, 
and under rules made by the registrar as to 
how, when, and where the said ballot vote 
shall be taken." (Mr. Woods.) 
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. Woods, 
Yea's, [Mr. John Wilson (Durham)] 108. 
Noes, [Mr. Ascroft] 163. 

So it passed in the Negative. 
Another Amendment was proposed to be made 
to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 17, by inserting, after the word 
"living," the words "No scheme shall be 
saier to any intention to prejudice the employer in his 
defence," (Mr. Ascroft), instead thereof. 
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. Ascroft, 
Yea's, [Mr. Strachey] 108. 
Noes, [Mr. Austruther] 177. 

And the Question being put, That those words 
be there inserted:—The said Resolution, being read a second time, 
was agreed to. 

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon 
Thursday next. 

The House, according to Order, resolved itself 
into a Committee on Land Transfer [Consolidated 
Fund]. 

(In the Committee.) 

Question again proposed, That it is expedient 
to authorise the payment, out of the Consolidated 
Fund, of any deficiency in the Insurance Fund, 
which may be established under any Act of the 
present Session to establish a Real Representative 
and to amend the Land Transfer Act, 1875. (Mr. Attorney General.) 

Question put, and agreed to. 

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the 
payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of any 
deficiency in the Insurance Fund which may be 
bevailed under any Act of the present Session to 
establish a Real Representative and to amend the 
Land Transfer Act, 1875. 

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 this 
day. 

The Order of the day being read, for re- 
suming the adjourned Debate on the Question 
propounded upon the 5th day of this instant July, 
That the Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) 
Bill be now read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next. 

Mr. Hambury reported from the Committee on Naval Works 
on Naval Works (Money), a Resolution; which (Money) 
was read, as followeth; 

That it is expedient— 
(a) 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; 
(b) to authorise the issue, out of the Con- 
solidated Fund, of such sums, not ex- 
ceding in the whole £654,000, as may be 
required for such purposes; and 
(c) to authorise the application of the sur- 
plus set apart. under Section 4 of the 
Naval Works Act, 1896, to the payment 
of the expenses of such works. 
The said Resolution, being read a second time, 
was agreed to. 

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Naval Works, 
said Resolution: And that Mr. Goschen, Mr. 
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Maccartney, 
and Mr. Austen Chamberlain do prepare, and 
bring it in. 

Mr. Austen Chamberlain accordingly pre-

sentt a Bill to make further Provision for the 
Construction of Works in the United King- 
and elsewhere for the purposes of the Royal 
and a second time upon 
Monday next; and to be printed. 

Mr.
Mr. Halsbury reported from the Committee on Post Office (Sites) [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 all sums payable by the Postmaster General under any Act of the present Session to enable Her Majesty's Postmaster General to acquire lands for the Public Service, and of all expenses incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of such Act.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Post Office (Accidents Bill).

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Second Reading of the Warehousemen's Certificates Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Mariners' Votes) 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 Justices of the Peace Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 20th day of this instant July.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Solicitors Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of this instant July.

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Wednesday, 7th July, 1897.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Railway Clearing House Bill [Lords.]

The Railway Clearing House Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clock do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Malvern Link Urban District Gas Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Malvern Link Urban District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (East Barnet, &c.) Bill [Lords.]

The London (Green-street, Southwark) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Public Petitions.

Vide Eighth Report, No. 288.

Prisons (England and Wales) (Offences and Punishments), No. 289.

Pilotage, No. 290.

Harwich Harbour, No. 291.

Factory and Workshop Acts, 1878 to 1897 (Overtime in Bottles for Aerated Water Bottles are made), Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Order, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and dated 30th June 1897, extending the exception in Section 53 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878, to Factories and Workshops in which Boxes for Acrated Water Bottles are made.

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 Order, dated 3rd June 1897, under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, relating to the conveyance of Animals by the Steamship "Wilhelmina."

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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 1898, in addition to the Sums included in the original Estimates for that Year.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Vol. 152.
Then the House resumed the Debate. And the Main Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Hazell,
Mr. Fortescue Flantery: 135.

Tellers for the Mr. Ducombe,
Mr. Llewellyn: 82.

So 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Plumbers' Registration Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 12, by inserting, after the word "established," the words "in each county and borough council area in England, Wales, and Scotland," (Mr. Briggs.)

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. Briggs,
Mr. Whittaker: 70.

Tellers for the Mr. Lees Knowles,
Mr. Farquharson: 166.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 12, by leaving out from the word "established," to the end of Clause 3, and inserting the words "under rules to be made by the Local Government Board," (Mr. Courtenay Warner), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words from the word "say," in l. 15, inclusive, stand part of the Bill.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Lees Knowles,
Mr. Farquharson: 199.

Tellers for the Mr. Courtenay Warner,
Mr. John Burns: 99.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 15, by leaving out from the word "say," to the end of Clause 3, and inserting the words "Provided that—"

(1) One representative nominated before the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and consisting of those master plumbers and operative plumbers who have been, at the time of the selection, duly registered under the provisions of this Act, (Mr. Whittaker), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words from the word "say," to the word "master," in l. 18, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 To-morrow.

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 Committee on the Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, (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 Vehicular Lighting Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Factories Acts (Fishing Trade) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 18th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Service Franchise 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 Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1—

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Wadhouse 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of March last, That the Court of
of Criminal Appeal 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 Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Law of Libel Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law of Libel Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Merchant Shipping Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Pensions (Old Age) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensions (Old Age) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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 Wednesday next.

Supply.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The 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.

Jurors' Expenses Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jurors' Expenses Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Railway Return Tickets Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railway Return Tickets Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Parish Registers Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Registers Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Land Transfer (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Land Transfer (Consolidated Fund); Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Congested Districts Board (Ireland) (Compulsory Purchase Powers) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) (Compulsory Purchase Powers) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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 1897; 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 1897; together with the Number of Horses, Engines, and Cars at that date (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 331, of Session 1896).—(Mr. Ritchie.)

Mr. Bond, Mr. Humfrey, and Mr. Jutland were nominated Members of the Select Committee on Post Office (Sites) Bill.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That the Message from the Lords on Statute Law Revision Bills, &c., 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, &c., do consist of Eight Members.

Ordered, That Mr. Wharton be added to the Committee for the consideration of the Excise Licences 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, &c., for the consideration of the Excise Licences Bill, as requested by their Lordships; And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Sir William Walrond.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till five and twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 8th July, 1897.

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.)

Ordered, That the Committee on Group 9 of Railway Bills Railway and Canal Bills have leave to sit on (Group 6.)

Saturday, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House.—(Mr. de Trafford Egerton.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, have leave to sit this day during the Sitting of the House.—(Mr. de Trafford Egerton.)

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Dublin 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 Eastern 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 Midland and South Western Junction 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 New Houghton and South Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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The Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund 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 Southamton Corporation Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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, with regard to the Patronage of Chairs in University College, Dundee (Ordinance, No. 161, Saint Andrews, No. 27).

Copy of Ordinance made by the Scottish Universities Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, respecting Regulations with regard to Matriculated Students, Supplementary to Ordinance No. 147 (Ordinance, No. 162, Saint Andrews, No. 39).

Copy of Ordinance made by the Scottish Universities Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, with regard to Professorships and Lectureships in University College, Dundee (Ordinance, No. 163, Saint Andrews, No. 29).

Copy of Ordinance made by the Scottish Universities Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, respecting Regulations as to University Meetings (Ordinance, No. 164, Saint Andrews, No. 30).

Copy of Ordinance made by the Scottish Universities Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, with regard to the Foundation of Lectureships in Forensic Medicine and Public Health in University College, Dundee (Ordinance, No. 165, Saint Andrews, No. 31).

Copy of Ordinance made by the Scottish Universities Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, with regard to the Regulations for Degrees in Arts and Science, Supplementary to Ordinance No. 62 (Ordinance, No. 167, General, No. 40).

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Copy of Ordinance made by the Scottish Universities Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, with regard to the Foundation of a Chair of Public Health in the University of Edinburgh (Ordinance, No. 169, Edinburgh, No. 29).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence 10, 1897, respecting the Affairs of Crete, in continuation of "Turkey (No. 8, 1897)," and in continuation of "Turkey (No. 9, 1897)."


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bradbrook presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of List of Exceptions to the New Effective Army Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned during the year ending 31st March 1897, by the Secretary of State for War, with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, pursuant to Royal Warrant of 27th October 1884.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Second Report of the Commissioners on Manual and Practical Instruction in Primary Schools under the Board of National Education in Ireland, together with Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of the Chamber of Accounts of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Annual Accounts of the Chamberlain of London for the year ended 31st December 1896.

Mr. James William Lomnor reported from the Nottingham Improvement Commission on the Nottingham Improvement 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.
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 Lovelore reported the Deal and Walmer Water Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Franchise and Removal of Women's Disabilities Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth: The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Stromness Harbour Bill, without any Amendment; and have disagreed to some other of the Amendments, for which disagreement they assign their Reason; and have made some consequential Amendments to the Bill; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hastings Harbour Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bathmen and bargain Township Tramways and Improvement Bill, without any 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

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 Den- ton, Droitwich, Levenshulme, Moss Side, Stretford, and Withington; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) 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. 10) Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate Military Manoeuvres; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas. Mr. Anstruther ;] 215. Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, Noes. Mr. Long; 39. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. Vol. 152.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendments made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Dention, Droitwich, Levenshulme, Moss Side, Stretford, and Withington; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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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. 4, l. 29, by leaving out the words "by means of a scaffolding." — (Mr. Ten- nant.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "by means of a scaffolding" 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. 32, by inserting, after the word "thenceforth," the words "Provided that it shall be lawful for any employer engaged in an employment to which this Act does not apply to elect that it shall thenceforward apply to the workmen in his employment in the same manner as if it had been expressly made applicable thereto, but no right to damages which may have accrued to any workman before such election has been made shall be in any way affected thereby. Such election on the part of any employer shall be signified by contract in writing, signed by the employer, or an agent on his behalf, and the workman, or by notice kept constantly affixed in such place or places open to the workman, and in such position that it may be easily seen, and read, and copied by any workman affected thereby. Such election shall be also forthwith notified by the employer to the Registrar of Friendly Societies. When once an election has been made under this proviso it shall not be revocable without the consent in writing of the workmen affected thereby and with the approval of the said registrar." — (Sir Arthur Far- wood.)

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. 3, by inserting, after the word "power," the words "and every shipbuilding yard, whether or not such shipbuilding yard is one wherein or within the close or curtilage or precincts of which steam, water, or other mechanical power is used, and vessels under construction or repair, and any other employment in which iron or steel plates, bars, or girders are fixed or rivetted." — (Mr. Joseph A. Pease.)

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. 3, by inserting, after the word "workmen affected thereby. Such election on the part of any employer shall be signified by contract in writing, signed by the employer, or an agent on his behalf, and the workman, or by notice kept constantly affixed in such place or places open to the workman, and in such position that it may be easily seen, and read, and copied by any workman affected thereby. Such election shall be also forthwith notified by the employer to the Registrar of Friendly Societies. When once an election has been made under this proviso it shall not be revocable without the consent in writing of the workmen affected thereby and with the approval of the said registrar." — (Sir Arthur Far- wood.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 27, by inserting, after the word "railway," the words "or tramways." — (Mr. Holland.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "or tramways" 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. 27, by inserting, after the word "employment in which iron or steel plates, bars, or girders are fixed or rivetted," the word "agricultural." — (Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That the word "agricultural" be there inserted;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond;

Yeas, 168.

Noes, 80.

Mr. Austruther.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 3, by inserting, after the word "building yard, whether or not such shipbuilding yard is one wherein or within the close or curtilage or precincts of which steam, water, or other mechanical power is used, and vessels under construction or repair, and any other employment in which iron or steel plates, bars, or girders are fixed or rivetted," the word "workmen affected thereby. Such election on the part of any employer shall be signified by contract in writing, signed by the employer, or an agent on his behalf, and the workman, or by notice kept constantly affixed in such place or places open to the workman, and in such position that it may be easily seen, and read, and copied by any workman affected thereby. Such election shall be also forthwith notified by the employer to the Registrar of Friendly Societies. When once an election has been made under this proviso it shall not be revocable without the consent in writing of the workmen affected thereby and with the approval of the said registrar." — (Sir Arthur Far- wood.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 27, by inserting, after the word "vessel ordinarily employed and whilst employed in the carriage of passengers or goods upon any inland waters," the words "or in or about any vessel ordinarily employed and whilst employed in the carriage of passengers or goods upon any inland waters." — (Mr. Holland.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "or about" 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. 26 and 27, by leaving out the words "in the carriage of passengers or goods upon a vessel ordinarily employed and whilst employed in such a position that it may be easily seen, and read, and copied by any workman affected thereby. Such election shall be also forthwith notified by the employer to the Registrar of Friendly Societies. When once an election has been made under this proviso it shall not be revocable without the consent in writing of the workmen affected thereby and with the approval of the said registrar." — (Sir Arthur Far- wood.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 28, by leaving out the word "exceeding," be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill.
to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 19, by inserting, after the word "writing," the words,—

"Dependants" means

(a) In England and Ireland, such members of the workman's family specified in the Fatal Accidents Act, 1846, as were wholly or in part dependent upon the earnings of the workman at the time of, or immediately prior to, his death; and

(b) In Scotland, such of the persons entitled according to the law of Scotland to sue the employer for damages or solatium in respect of the death of the workman, as were wholly or in part dependent upon the earnings of the workman at the time of, or immediately prior to, his death."—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words "members of the workman's family specified in the Fatal Accidents Act, 1846," and inserting the words "persons, being the wife, husband, parent, grandparent, stepfather, stepmother, child, grandchild, stepson, stepdaughter, brother, or sister of the workman."—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

And the Question being put, That those words be inserted in p. 5, l. 19, of the Bill:

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(b) In Scotland, such of the persons entitled according to the law of Scotland to sue the employer for damages or solatium in respect of the death of the workman, as were wholly or in part dependent upon the earnings of the workman at the time of, or immediately prior to, his death."—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 27, by inserting before the word "any," the words "subject to the provisions of section one, sub-section four, of "this Act."—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And, it being Midnight, Further Proceeding on Consideration, as amended, stood adjourned.

Friday, 9th July, 1897:

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. Handbury reported from the Committee on Land Transfer [Consolidated Fund], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of any Deficiency in the Insurance Fund which may be established under any Act of the present Session to establish a Real Representative and to amend the Land Transfer Act, 1875.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Weights and Measures (Metric System) 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 adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of this instant July, That the Bill [Lords.] Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) 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 Fisheries Acts 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 Metropolitan Water Companies 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 Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bicycles (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 11th day of May last, That the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) 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 Committee on the Dangerous Performances Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cottage Homes Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prisoners' Personal Correlation Provision Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tithe Redemption Bill; Two Bills, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Parish Councils (Scotland) (Casual Vacancies) 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 Working Men's Dwellings 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 School Boards' Expenses 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 Education (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Appointment and Visitation 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 Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Pension and Service 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 Police Pensions and Services Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Appointment and Visitation 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 Police Appointment and Promotion 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 Police Pensions and Services Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
Resolved, That the Statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure of Greenwich Hospital and of Trucers' Foundation for the year 1897-98 be approved. — (Mr. Austen Chamberlain.)

And then the House, having continued to sit until a quarter of an hour after Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 9th July, 1897.
The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lanarkshire and Ayrshire 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 Lanarkshire and Ayrshire 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 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.

The Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway (Stillsداugh Extension, &c.) 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 Amendment made by the Lords to the Water Orders Confirmation Bill; and the same was read twice, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London and South Western Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lanarkshire and Yorkshire 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 Joint Petitions of the Commonalty of Shillelagh and of the Shillelagh Extension, &c. Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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The Water Orders Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee on the Water Orders Confirmation Bill, in Session 1894, be referred to the Committee on the Water Orders, Cardiff. Bill of this Session.—(Dr. Farrarhauna.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Parishes (United, Divided, &c.) which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Accounts relative to the Chamber of London, which were presented upon the 8th day of this instant July, be printed.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, Members of the House of Commons in Receipt of Public Money (Revenues of India). No. 305.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copy of Regulations for the Examinations for the Civil Service of India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Irish Land a Return showing (1) the Names of the Lay Members of the Irish Land Commission. Assistant Commissioners in connection with the Irish Land Commission holding Office on the 8th day of July 1897; (2) Date of Original Appointment; (3) Date upon which Appointment expires; (4) Age on Appointment; (5) Residence at Time of Appointment; (6) Locality in which Practical Experience of Land was acquired; (7) Where Educated; (8) Previous Occupation; (9) Accrual of Land Farmed; (10) whether held as Owner or Tenant; (11) what other Experience in Agriculture; and (12) what Experience in Valuing, Mapping, and Surveying (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 107, of the present Session).—(Mr. Finan.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) 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, Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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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. Herbert Gladstone reported from the Committee on the Manchester Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same in order 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. Herbert Gladstone reported from the Committee on the Salford Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Mount reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in the case of the Leicester Corporation Bill, 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.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Notice had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Salford Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Manchester Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bolton Tramways and 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 Great North of Scotland 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 Paisley and Barrhead 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 Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, without any Amendment.
Adjournment.

Ways and Means.

Mr. Balfour: It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Committee of Ways and Means; that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

the Chair, to make his report to the House.

the Queen's Colleges in Ireland; for the said Service (Dr. Tanner); put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Tellers for the Mr. Patrick Power, 
Mr. Anstruther: 
Capt. Donelan: }

90. 
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The Order of the day being read, for the taking of the Civil Services Estimates, 1897-98.

on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Committee thereto Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, e.i.,

Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Reasons assigned by the Lords for disallowing Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred to the First Reading thereof, the Standing Committee thereto Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, e.i.,

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Stromness Harbour Bill; and doth agree to the Consequential 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 doth not insist on the Amendments to which the Lords have disagreed, and doth agree to the Consequential Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sheffield 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 has agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill (re-committed) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Dublin United Tramways (Electrical Power) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Dublin United Tramways (New Lines) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Gonne Estate Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 16) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee, and that the Committee have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking Local Government Provisional Order (No. 17) Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Locke King v. Woking.

A Petition of Robert Mason, 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 Mr. Justice Kekewich, between Hugh Fortescue Locke King, Plaintiff, and the Urban District Council of Woking, Defendants; and that it will be necessary on behalf of the said Defendants to produce before the said Court, at the trial of the said Action, the copy of the Plan deposited in the Private Bill Office of this House of the lands described in the Schedule to the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Act, 1852; and praying that the same 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 the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Paper be given to the proper Officer to attend accordingly.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of First Report by the Board of Trade of Proceedings under the Lighthouses, &c. (Local Inspections) Act, 1884.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Reports to the Board of Trade by the Trinity House, Department of the Commissioners for Northern Lighthouses, and the Commissioners of Irish Lights, of their Inspection of Local Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 81 of Session 1886.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Light-houses, &c. (Local Inspections) be printed.

Sir William Headsworth reported the Birmingham Churches Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Headsworth reported from the Committee on Group J. of Private Bills; That the Parties promoting the Bristol Extension Bill had stated that the Evidence of Charles James Lowe, Stock and Share Broker, Saint Stephens Street, Bristol, 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 Charles James Lowe do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That Charles James Lowe do attend the Committee on Group J. of Private Bills to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Mersey Channels 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.

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Ordered, That A. P. Cotterell and Charles Thomas Costing do attend the Committee on Group J. of Private Bills to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Sir William Coddington reported from the Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) 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. 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 Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill; with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Tavford and District Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to regulate the transfer of Church Patronage; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to relieve the Governors of Saint Thomas's Hospital from Liability to maintain the Missionary Southwark, and Church of the Parish of Saint Thomas, to unite the said Parish to the Ecclesiastical

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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

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Ecclesiastical Parish of Saint Saviour, Southwark, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Church Patrimonial Transfers Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give power to make Regulations with respect to Cotton Cloth Factories: And that Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley and Mr. Jesse Collings do prepare, and bring it in.

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 21, by inserting, after the word "employers," the words "Every workman who is directly employed and paid by some person other than the undertaker as hereinafter defined, shall from time to time, when required, furnish full particulars as to the amount of his weekly earnings to any employer who may be liable to pay compensation to such workman under the provisions of this Act."—(Mr. Lough.)

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. 25, by inserting, after the word "accident," the words "and to any payment which he may receive from the employer in respect of his injury, and to the value of any house or fuel with which he may be provided by the employer during the incapacity."—(Sir James Joicey.)

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. 7, l. 18, by inserting, after the word "bank," the words "(10) If the inca-

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. 25, by inserting, after the word "months," the words "and the injured workman is not totally incapacitated for work."—(Mr. Fenwick.)

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. 26, by inserting, after the word "employer," the words "be ordered by the committee or arbitrator to."—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

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. 27, by leaving out from the word "Act," to the end of paragraph (12) of Schedule 1.—(Mr. Pickersgill)

And the Question being put, That the word "but" stand part of the Bill;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

 Tellers for the Yeas,
 Sir William Walrond, 203.
 Mr. Anstruther:
 Tellers for the Noes,
 Mr. John Wilson (Dur.), 89.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 27, by leaving out from the word "but," to the end of paragraph (12), of Schedule 1, and inserting the words "such lump sum, together with the weekly payments already made, shall not exceed three hundred and sixty-four times the weekly payment originally fixed"—(Mr. John Wilson, Westminster), 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 another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 28, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "(11) When a sum of money has been paid into the Post Office Savings Bank under the provisions of Section 5 of this Act, and it appears that the whole sum is not required for the payment of any compensation under this Act, the residue not so required shall be held on trust for the persons who would have been entitled thereto if it had not been required for compensation."—(Mr. Tomlinson.)

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. 7, l. 24, by leaving out paragraph (12) of Schedule 1.—(Mr. Fenwick.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "where any weekly payment has been continued for not less than," stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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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 Bill, in p. 8, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "party," the words "within a f ortnight from the occurrence of the accident."—(Mr. John Wilson, Westminster.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It passed in the Negative.
Second Reading of the Poor Law Bill;  
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The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Consolidation Bill;  
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Bill,  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Health (Scotland) Bill;  
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resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, the Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Locomotives on Highways Bill.

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.

Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act (1877) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act (1877) Amendment Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday this 26th day of this instant July, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Service Franchise Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Service Franchise Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act (1885) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act (1885) Amendment Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill; and after some time spent therein, 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.

Yorkshire Coroners Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Yorkshire Coroners' Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, disagreed to.

Clause, No. 3 (Rights of existing county coroners).

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Crean)—put, and agreed to.

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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parish Councils (Scotland) (Casual Vacancies) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 and No. 2, 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.

Resolved, 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 Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Highways 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 Employers' Second Reading of the Employers' Liability Act (1880) Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the county Second Reading of the County Councils (Advance Vancences) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Employers' Second Reading of the Employers' Liability Act (1880) Amendment (No. 2) 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 (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time next Monday.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tithe Redemption Second Reading of the Tithe Redemption 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 Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Inclosures Acts Second Reading of the Inclosures Acts Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Police Pensions Second Reading of the Police Pensions and Service Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great North of Scotland 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 London and South Western Railway (Various Powers) Bill be now read the third time;—

Sir John Lubbock, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, That the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;—

Sir John Lubbock, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, 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, 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 Malvern Link Urban District Gas Bill was read the 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 Newport Corporation 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 Deed and Walmer Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That, in the case of the Nottingham Improvement 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.

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 Manchester Corporation 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.

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 Salford Corporation 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.

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.

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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 Lovett reported from the Committee on the Tramways Ordinance Confirmation (No. 1) Bill; that they had considered the said Ordinance; that the said Ordinances 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.

Mr. James William Lovett reported the Belfast Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lovett reported the Dover, Wiveliscombe, and Wealdwater Railway (New Brunswick and Wiveliscombe Extension) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lovett reported the Hastings Harbour District Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lovett reported the North London Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lovett reported the Local Government Provisional Ordinance (No. 16) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone reported from the Committee on the King's Lynn Corporation Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition 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. Herbert Gladstone reported from the Committee on the Pilottage Provisional Ordinance Bill; that, pursuant to the Instruction of the House of 3rd day of June last, the Committee had considered the question of Compensation to be awarded to the Pilots of the Pilottage District of Wexford, and have inserted in the Order a provision relating thereto, which had been agreed to, between the parties.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone further reported from the Committee 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 Vol. 152, Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Sir John M'Neely 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, at the conclusion of the Land Transfer Bill: Mr. Cozens-Hardy; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Frank Lockwood.

Sir John M'Neely 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 Infant Life Protection Bill: Mr. Robert Amstrong, Lord Balcarres, Protection Earl Compton, Mr. Flower, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Holland, Colonel Long, Sir William Priestley, Mr. Pym, Mr. Rankin, Captain Sinclair, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Swinburne, Mr. Spicer, and Mr. Tritton.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John M'Neely reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Gravesend and Gravesend and Milton Water 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 Thames Valley Railway Gas and Water 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message from Her Majesty had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, Finance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the North British Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow and Renfrew District Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Glasgow and South Western 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 Barry Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Dublin, Wiveliscombe, and Wexford Railway (Shisketleigh Extension, &c.) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Eastbourne Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the New Haven Water and Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Southampton Corporation Tramways Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize Parliamentary, Police, and other Burgesses in Scotland to create Honorary Burgesse: And that Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Z. Z. Rennhra,
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 31, by inserting, after the word "party," the words "on special cause shown."—(Mr. John Wilson, Falkirk.)

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. 9, l. 36, by inserting, after the word "pronounced," the words, "no action in the conveyance...". (Mr. Sydney Gedge.)

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. 9, l. 38, by inserting, after the word "tendered," the words "as in...". (Mr. Sydney Gedge.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday next; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill. (In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Prohibition of importation of Foreign prison made goods).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the words "Commissioners of Customs" in order to insert the words "a police magistrate."—(Mr. Lough.)

Question put, That the words "Commissioners of Customs" stand part of the Clause; the Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther); 108.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lough], Noes, (Mr. Souttar); 102.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out the words "by evidence tendered to them."—(Mr. Jonathan Samuel.)

Question, That the words "by evidence tendered to them," stand part of the Clause; the Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Sydney Buxton], Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther); 63.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lough], Noes, (Mr. Anstruther); 156.

Another Clause (Return of Actions taken) (Mr. Sydney Buxton)—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. Sydney Buxton], Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther); 63.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lough], Noes, (Mr. Anstruther); 156.

Another Clause (Exemption of goods in transit) (Mr. Wolff)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;
The Order of the day being read, for the Law of Evidence (Criminal Cases) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dangerous Performances Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Boards' Second Reading of the School Boards' Expenses Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works 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 5th day of this instant July, That the Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) 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 Fisheries Acts 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 Bicycles (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of May last, That the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) 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 Education Committee on the Education (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 Land Transfer (Money) Act 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 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 Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act (1877) Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, 1877, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill will be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Manoeuvres Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill will be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lords' Amendment Bill to the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill will be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Districts (Scotland) 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 Works Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Naval Works Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Taff Vale Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Local Government Provisional Order (No. 17) 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 Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 16) 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 17) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 17) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Pilotage Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) 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.

Public Petitions.

Vide Supplement to the Eighth Report.

A Petition of James Bred Batten, of 52, Great George Street, Westminster, Solicitor, a member of the Firm of Batten, Profitt, and Scott, of the same place, Solicitors for the Defendant, Sir John Jackson, was presented, and read; setting forth that an Action is pending in the Chancery Division, by the said James Bred Batten against the said Sir John Jackson, and praying that leave may be given to the proper Officer of the House to attend at the said Court and produce the said Plans, 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.

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, The Annual Local Taxation Returns for England for the year 1895–96, Part I. (Poor Rate Return and Valuation for Poor Rate).

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 Copy of Minute by the Secretary of State for India, stating the Circumstances...
The Marquis of Lorne reported from the Committee on the Alexandria (Newport and South Wales) Docks and 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 that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table and be printed.

The Naval Works Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill.

In the Committee.

Clause, No. 1 (Complaint may be made to Railway and Canal Commission).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, after the word "Commission," to insert the words,—

"(3) If the Commissioners, after hearing any complaint under the preceding sub-section, are satisfied that the Company have acted negligently, and, by so acting, have endangered the health of any person or persons, the Commissioners may impose a penalty of not exceeding ten pounds on the Company in the case of every person whose health has been so endangered.

Such penalty shall be enforced in the same manner as any penalty imposed under Section sixteen of the Metropolis Water Act, 1871."—(Lord Hugh Cecil.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:—

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Lord Hugh Cecil, Yeas, Mr. Holland: 110.


Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, after the word "enactments," to insert the words "as to procedure."—(Mr. Brougham.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 27, after the word "Act," to insert the words,—

"Provided, that, in awarding damages under section twelve of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, to any aggrieved party, the Commissioners shall have regard not only to any pecuniary loss such party shall have sustained but also to the injury or danger to health, the nuisance or inconvenience to which such party shall have been exposed by reason of a bad or deficient supply of water."—(Lord High Cecil.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:—

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Lord Hugh Cecil, Yeas, Mr. Hopkinson: 108.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Noes, Mr. Anstruther: 192.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 29, at the end of the Clause to add as a new sub-section the words,—

"(5) In any proceedings under this Act before the Railway and Canal Commission the costs shall not exceed the limits which may be prescribed by the Commission."—(Mr. Sydney Buxton.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 2 (Power of Local Authorities to aid water consumers). Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, after the word "consumer," to insert the words "within the district of such local authority."—(Mr. Brougham.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

And, it being 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 Lothlor 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 School Boards' Second Reading of the School Boards' Expenses 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 Question proposed upon the 5th day of this instant July, That the (Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) 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 Fisheries Acts Second Reading of the Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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 Poor Law Bill; Second Reading of the Poor Law Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Plumbers' Registration 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 into consideration the Locomotives on Highway 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 Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Church Patronage Transfers Bill;
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Pensions and Service 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 Police Appointment and Promotion 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 Inclusion Acts 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 Railway Return Tickets 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 Parish Registers 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 Licenses (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Committee on Public Accounts : That they had made further progress in the Matters which had been referred to them, and an Appendix. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Charles Dairymple reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, 25th, 28th, 29th, and 30th days of June last, and the 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 12th days of this instant July, for a Return thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—

To return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of this instant July, for a Return at 65. relative to East India (India Office, Retirement at 65.)
Ordered, That the said Return 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, 15th July, 1897.

THE HOUSE MET AT THREE OF THE CLOCK.

PRAYERS.

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 Berrew School Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the City of London Sewers Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Cirencester Water Bill.

Message from the Lords.

Birrew School Bill. Passed. The Petition re the same is read. The Bill is referred to the Committee of the Whole House for Consideration.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill. Passed. The Petition re the same is read. The Bill is referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

City of London Sewers Bill. Passed. The Petition re the same is read. The Bill is referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Cirencester Water Bill. Passed. The Petition re the same is read. The Bill is referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Bill. Passed. The Petition re the same is read. The Bill is referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Midland Railway Bill. Passed. The Petition re the same is read. The Bill is referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Colne Corporation Bill. Passed. The Petition re the same is read. The Bill is referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

Malvern Link Urban District Gas Bill [Lords.]

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill [Lords.]

Bill 313.

Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Bill [Lords.]

Bill 315.

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 [Vol. 152.

not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Rhymney Valley Gas and Water Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Motion being made, That the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill be now read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Sir John Gorst, 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 Vale of Rhedol Light Railway Bill was Vale of Rhedol Light Railway Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Newry Navigation Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, 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 Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the South Eastern Railway Bill in Session 1891, and before the Committee on the South Eastern Railway Bill in Session 1892, be referred to the Committee on the South Eastern Railway Bill of this Session. (Dr. Farquharson.)

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Bid-

dalph, 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;
mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Finance Act, 1897.
2. Juries Detention Act, 1897.
3. Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Amendment Act, 1897.
4. Quarter Sessions Jurors (Ireland) Act, 1897.
5. Extraordinary Tithe Act, 1897.
6. Market Gardeners' Compensation (Scotland) Act, 1897.
7. Jersey Channels Act, 1897.
8. Berwick School Act, 1897.
9. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1897.
10. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1897.
11. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1897.
12. Electric Lighting Order Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1897.
13. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1897.
14. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (Gas) Act, 1897.
15. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1897.
16. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1897.
17. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1897.
18. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Act, 1897.
19. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1897.
20. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Act, 1897.
21. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Act, 1897.
22. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Act, 1897.
23. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Poor Law) Act, 1897.
24. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Shillingbrough Extension, &c.) Act, 1897.
25. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1897.
26. Pier and Harbour Order Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1897.
27. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1897.
28. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1897.
29. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1897.
30. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1897.
31. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1897.
32. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 6) Act, 1897.
33. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1897.
34. Liverpool Corporation Loans Act, 1897.
35. Arnside Gas Act, 1897.
37. Corodata Central Railway Company (Limited) Act, 1897.
38. National Provident Institution Act, 1897.
40. Guild of Literature and Art (Dissolution) Act, 1897.
41. Halifax Corporation Tramways Act, 1897.
42. Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Act, 1897.
43. Luton Water Act, 1897.
44. Tower Subway Act, 1897.
45. Borrowstounness Town Improvement and Harbour Act, 1897.
46. Birkenhead Corporation Act, 1897.
47. Birkenhead Corporation (Ferries) Act, 1897.
48. Hoylake and West Kirby Improvement Act, 1897.
49. Sheffield Corporation (Streets and Tramways) Act, 1897.
50. Bristol Dock Act, 1897.
51. Liverpool Corporation Tramways Act, 1897.
52. Rhonda and Swansea Bay Railway Act, 1897.
53. Dublin Eye and Ear Hospital Act, 1897.
54. Croesweir, Sidney, and Boshill Railway Act, 1897.
55. Manchester Ship Canal Act, 1897.
56. Carnarvon Corporation Act, 1897.
57. Lowestoft Water and Gas Act, 1897.
58. Liverpool, Saint Helens, and South Lancashire Railway Act, 1897.
59. Hastings Harbour Act, 1897.
60. Liverpool City Churches Act, 1897.
61. Rathmines and Rathgar Township Tramways and Improvement Act, 1897.
63. Railway Clearing Committee Incorporation Act, 1897.
64. Crewe Borough District Water Act, 1897.
65. Caledonian Railway Act, 1897.
66. Easton and Church Hope Railway Act, 1897.
67. Railway Clearing System Superannuation Fund Incorporation Act, 1897.
68. Dublin Corporation Act, 1897.
69. Barry Railway Act, 1897.
70. Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway (Shillelagh Extension, &c.) Act, 1897.
71. Eastbourne Waterworks Act, 1897.
72. New Huysonstont Water and Gas Act, 1897.
73. Southammonth Corporation Tramways Act, 1897.
74. North British Railway (General Powers) Act, 1897.
75. Midland and South Western Junction Railway Act, 1897.
76. Lanarkshire and Ayrshire Railway Act, 1897.
77. Yorkshire and Yorkshire Railway Act, 1897.
78. Stromness Harbour Act, 1897.
79. Sheffield District Railway Act, 1897.
80. City of London Sewers Act, 1897.
81. Bolton Tramways and Improvement Act, 1897.
82. Great North of Scotland Railway Act, 1897.
83. Malvern Link Gas Act, 1897.
84. Peacocke's Divorce Act, 1897.
85. Suttie's Trust Estate Act, 1897.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Explanatory Memorandum by the Secretary of State for India and the Accounts and Estimates for East India, 1897–98.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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Mr. Darling reported from the Select Committee on the Royal National Lifeboat Institution; That they had considered the matters to which they were referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Group 9 of Railway Bills have leave to sit with Two Tellers on and after Friday the 16th day of this instant July. — (Mr. de Totton Egerton.)

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. — (Mr. Balfour ;)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting, after the word "day," the words "except Wednesdays." — (Mr. Strachey.)

And the Question being put, That the words "except Wednesdays" be there inserted; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right. —

Yeas, [Mr. Courtenay Warner ;] 76.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] 558.

Noes, [Mr. Austruther ;] 651.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right. —

Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther ;] 249.

Tellers for the [Mr. Luttrell,] 249.

Noes, [Mr. Schusian ;] 89.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Wicklow to make Provision with respect to Advances for the Benefit of Wicklow Harbour: And that Mr. Hibbourn and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hibbourn accordingly presented a Bill Wicklow to make Provision with respect to Advances for the Benefit of Wicklow Harbour: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill Out-door to make temporary Provision for the Relief Distress in Ireland: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented a Bill Out-door to make temporary Provision for the Relief Distress in Ireland: And the same was read the second time.
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 Third Reading of the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) 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 words “now read the third time,” and inserting the words “re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of Clause 8”—(Mr. Morton)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “now read the third time” stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

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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 Committee on the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Water (Companies) 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 Land Transfer (Money).

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Sums for Compensation and other Expenses which may become payable under the Provisions of any Act of the present Session to establish a Real Representative, and to amend the Land Transfer Act, 1875.—Mr. Attorney General.

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 this day.

The Poor Law Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Cotton Cloth Factories Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.
Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty’s Wallace Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the Treasury to consider the Housing of the Collection of Works of Art bequeathed to the Nation by the late Lady Wallace, with Minute of Appointment, Appendices, Minutes of Evidence, and Plans.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty’s Railway Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence regarding the Measures to be adopted for checking the spread of Venereal Disease among the British Troops in India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton, presented, by East India (Contagious Diseases) (No. 6, 1897.) Command, Copy of Report of the Astronomer of the Cape of Good Hope Observatory to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for the year 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report of the Charity Commissioners on the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders for the Education Department Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Special Reports on Educational Subjects, 1896-97.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there shall be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Tramways Orders Confirmation (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 Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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**Military Manoeuvres [Competition.]**

A Motion being made, That this House, will upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of compensation for any damage caused by Military Manoeuvres in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to facilitate Military Manoeuvres—(Mr. Brodrick);

—Mr. Brodrick, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit, and recommends the same to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl of Carlisle to attend to be examined as a witness before the Select Committee on Museums of the Science and Art Department.—(Sir Francis Powell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Amounts paid in Grants to School Boards in England and Wales under the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896:—Of Average Attendance in such Schools:—And, Of Amounts per Scholar in Average Attendance at such Schools where such Relief has been given.—(Mr. Edwin Lawrance.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of instances in which, between the 27th day of December 1894 and the 24th day of June 1897, Parish Councils have, prior to the 24th day of June 1897, under the Local Government Act, 1894, acquired Land for Allotments and Small Holdings by (1) Compulsory Purchase, (2) Purchase by Agreement, (3) Compulsory Hiring, (4) Hiring by Agreement, showing in each Case the Parish in which such Land has been Acquired, Average, and Number of Tenants to whom Allotments and Small Holdings are let under the Acts; and of the Cases in which Parish Councils have, prior to the 24th day of June 1897, under the Local Government Act, 1894, acquired by Purchase or Hiring Land for purposes other than Allotments, showing in each Case the Quantity of Land Purchased or Hired, and the purpose for which it was acquired.—(Mr. Heseltine.)

Law, &c.

**Sir James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Infant Life Protection 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.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be re-committed in respect of a New Clause for Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Wicklow Harbour Advances Bill, with respect to compliance with Bill 318. Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

Mr. de Tutton Egerton reported the Rate Docks, Cardif Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Caddington reported the Harrogate Corporation (Water Transfer) Bill, with Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Caddington reported from the Committee on the Tynemouth Corporation (Water Transfer) Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made a verbal Amendment therein, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and that had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Caddington reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group G. of Private Bills; That the Parties promoting the Fylde Water (Transfer) Bill, had stated that the evidence of Dr. Edward [Lords] Sergeant, of 5, Stephenson Road, Preston, 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 Dr. Edward Sergeant do attend the said Committee upon Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Dr. Edward Sergeant do attend the Committee on Group G. of Private Bills upon Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Colonel Gunter reported the Tyne Improvement Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Police Pensions and Service Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Police Appointment and Promotion Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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 Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill, without any Amendment.

Law, &c.

**No. 323. Land Transfer Bill [Lords.]**

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 in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure; to whom the Land Transfer Bill was committed; That they had

**Law, &c.**

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper:

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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 Metropolitan and other Police Courts Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 18) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Merchant Shipping (Underwriting) Bill, with Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Newark Corporation 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 London and South Western Railway (Various Powers) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Newport Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the North Pembroke and Cheadle and Fishguard Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable Returning Officers at Municipal Elections in Scotland to take the use of certain Rooms free of Charge; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Benefices of Baldock and Bygrave in the Diocese of Saint Albans, to be united; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm an Agreement made between Albemarle Cator and others and the South Eastern Railway Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate Harbour Commissioners for the Harbour and Roads of Cowes, in the Isle of Wight; to define the Limits of the Harbour and Roads; to vest the harbour in the Commissioners, and to confer upon them Powers for the Improvement, Maintenance, and Regulation of the Harbour and Roads, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords request that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships a Copy of the Second Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament on "British South Africa," together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered, That a Printed Copy of the said Report be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Ballock and Bygrave Benefices Union Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The South Eastern Railway (Confirmation of Cator Agreement) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Cones Harbour Bill was read the first time. Cones Harbour Bill [Lords.]

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 make further provision for Parish Councils in Scotland borrowing for the purpose of providing Public Offices: And that Captain Sinclair, Amendment Mr. Bryce, Mr. Rees, and Mr. Parker Smith (No. 2.) do prepare, and bring it in.

Captain Sinclair presented a Bill to make Local Government further provision for Parish Councils in Scotland borrowing for the purpose of providing Public Offices: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Bill 319.

Mr. Elliott Leco presented a Bill to prevent the removal of Monuments which have been erected in Cathedrals or Churches out of Public Moneys in pursuance of a Vote by Parliament: And that Sir Elliott Leco, Mr. Darling, the Marquess of Lothair, Sir Frank Lockwood, and Sir Thomas Emma do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for the Money Matters in Churches, Bill 920.

Mr. Speaker: Were these questions put to you by Mr. Ascroft, a Member of the Committee:—"Mr. Kirkwood, in again asking you the following questions, I may inform you that neither I, nor any other Member of the Committee, have any desire or intention that the name of the borrower should be in any way divulged:—Did you, on the 23rd December 1890, advance to this gentleman a sum of £ 20, and take a promissory note for £ 30 15s.; and did you also, on the 28th of July 1891, advance a further sum of £ 40, and take a promissory note for the same; and did he, by January 1893, repay £ 58 15s., leaving a balance of £ 1 5s. ; and did you subsequently sue him for £ 689, and get an order for the payment of that sum and costs at £ 1 a month?"

Mr. Kirkwood: Yes: Mr. Speaker: Did you decline to answer them? Mr. Kirkwood: I did. The accounts were altogether wrong, Sir. Mr. Speaker: That is not what I am asking you. I now ask you, do you persist in refusing to answer the question—I ask you to say "yes" or "no" to that question? Mr. Kirkwood: I ask you to answer anything that this House ordains me to do. I should like to make a statement.

Mr. Speaker: No; you must withdraw. The Sergeant-at-Arms will see that Mr. John Kirkwood withdraws.

Mr. Kirkwood withdrew accordingly.
Ordered, That John Kirkwood do attend the next Meeting of the Select Committee on Money Lending, and answer to the satisfaction of the Committee the questions to which he has hitherto refused to make an answer.—(Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That John Kirkwood be called to the Bar, and be informed by Mr. Speaker of the decision of the House, and admonished to answer the questions at the next Meeting of the Committee.

Whereupon Mr. Kirkwood was again called to the Bar, and informed by Mr. Speaker of the Order of the House, and admonished by him, as follows:—

Mr. John Kirkwood, I am directed to inform you that the House considers that you are bound to answer the questions, and the House orders you to answer them to the satisfaction of the Committee. I therefore have to admonish you to attend the Committee at the next meeting, to which you may be summoned, and to answer the questions put to you. I may add an expression of the satisfaction of the House at hearing that you have declared your intention of so doing.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker directed John Kirkwood to withdraw, and he withdrew accordingly.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Rev. the Committee.)

Revenue Departments, 1897-98.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 6,726,335 (including Supplementary sums of £ 109,875 and £ 30,000), be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come into course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, 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:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries), be reduced by £ 1,000, in respect of the Salary of the Postmaster General—(Sir Albert Rollit) :—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:—Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries), be reduced by £ 100, in respect of the Salary of the Postmaster General—(Mr. Weir) :—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lotheker reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lotheker 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:

Resolution, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Land Transfer [Money] Ordinance, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Committee on the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Bill:

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cotton Cloth Factories Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Bill:

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The Order of the day being read, for the Cotton Cloth Factories Bill:
Monday, 19th July, 1897.

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 which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) 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 Paisley and Barrhead 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.

Ordered, That the Bills be 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 Taff Vale 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Taff Vale Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Belfast Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North London Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Graesend and Milton Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Sinclair's Divorce Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Burial Boards, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Mundford presented, — Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of April last, for an Account relative to the British Museum, No. 325.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Colonial Reports (Annual), No. 326.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Final Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed to inquire into the subject of Agricultural Depression, with an Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Scheme, under the Endowed Schools Act, 1869, and Amending Acts, and the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889, for the Management of the Foundation known as the Berriew School, in the Parish of Berriew, in the County of Montgomery, regulated by a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners of the 24th July 1883.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887 (Ireland: Northern and Southern Ireland); and the Return relative to Burial Boards.

Ordered, That the Return do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,— East India Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 6th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to East India (Protective Works).

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords Sinclair;'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 case of Sinclair'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 Sinclair’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.—Mr. Attorney General.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (London) 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. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Water Orders Confirmation 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 tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Gas Orders Confirmation (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.

Gonne Estate Bill [Lords.]

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Message from the Lords.

Poor Law Officers’ Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill.

Police (Property) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill.

Llandudno Urban District Council Bill.

Sealden House District Gas Bill.

St. Neots’ Water Bill.

Patent Office Extension Bill.

Public Offices (Whitehall) Site 10 Bill.

Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Bill [Lords.]

Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill be taken into consideration tomorrow.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Metropolitan Police Borrowing Bill to extend the Powers of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District; and that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Jesse Collings accordingly presented a Bill to extend the Powers of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Service Estimates, 1897-98.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 48,706, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:—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 affirmative: Mr. William Walrond; 166.

Yeas, [Mr. Asquith.]

Tellers for the negative: Mr. Asquith; 73.

Noes, [Dr. Clark.]

Original Question put accordingly, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 28,800, 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 1898, 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:

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Sydney Buxton)—put, and agreed to.

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.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Congested Districts (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 Dangerous Performances Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dangerous Performances Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bicycles (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill on the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of this instant July, That the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) 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 Bicycles (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Boards' Expenses Bill; Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Compensation for any damage caused by Military Manoeuvres, or by any operation incidental thereto, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to facilitate Military Manoeuvres.—(Mr. Brodrick.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Whereupon, Mr. Speaker, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 15th day of this instant July, adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes after One of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednes-
day next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Transfer (Money) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Transfer (Money) Bill; a Resolution; which was read, as followeth: That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Sums for compensation and other expenses which may become payable under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to establish a Real Representative, and to amend the Land Transfer Act, 1875.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Transfer (re-committed) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The said Resolution being read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out "£ 6,726,335," and inserting "£ 6,726,265."—(Captain Pirie.) And the Question being proposed, That £ 6,726,335 stand part of the Resolution: The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. And the said Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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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, pursuant to the order of the house on the 16th day of July, that, in the case of the following bill, no standing orders are applicable, viz.: Wicklow Harbour (advances) 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 bills, 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. 9) 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 callander and oban 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 crownover 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 colne 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 midland and great northern railways joint committee 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 newark 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 Wicklow 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.

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The house, according to order, proceeded to local government bills, and took into consideration the amendments made by the lords to the local government provisional orders (No. 11) 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 education department provisional order confirmation (London) 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 (London) bill hath agreed to the same, without amendment.

The gas orders confirmation (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 acquaint them, that this house hath agreed to the same, without amendment.

The water orders 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 (London) bill hath agreed to the same, without amendment.

The electric lighting provisional orders (No. 7) bill was, according to order, read a second time; and committed.

The electric lighting provisional orders (No. 8) bill was, according to order, read a second time; and committed.

The electric lighting provisional orders (No. 10) 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.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—copy of fifteenth annual report, being for 1896, of the royal university of Ireland.

Ordered, that the said paper be laid upon the table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—copy of treaty between great britain and the united states of venezuela respecting the settlement of the boundary between the colony of British Guiana and the united states of Venezuela. Signed at Washington, 2nd February 1897. Ratifications exchanged at Washington, 15th June 1897.

Copies of diplomatic and consular reports on trade reports and trade and finance, Nos. 1967 to 1969.

Ordered, that the said paper be laid upon the table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's treaty series command,—Copy of treaty between great britain and the united states of venezuela, respecting the settlement upon the 19th day of this instant July, 1897, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's command,—copy of fifteenth annual report, being for 1896, of the royal university of Ireland.

Ordered, that the said paper be laid upon the table.

Ordered, that the paper relative to East India (progress and condition), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant July, No. 326, be printed.

Ordered, that the paper relative to the British and the united states of venezuela, respecting the settlement of the boundary between the colony of British Guiana and the United States of Venezuela, signed at Washington, 2nd February 1897, be printed.

Ordered, that the said paper be laid upon the table.

Ordered, that the paper relative to the British and the United States of Venezuela, respecting the settlement of the boundary between the colony of British Guiana and the United States of Venezuela, signed at Washington, 2nd February 1897, be printed.
The Lords have agreed to the Yorkshire Dales Railway (Skipton to Grassington) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Westonsuper-Mare Grand Pier Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Northern and City Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Order made upon the 20th day of May last, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Parish Accounts (Scotland), was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing for the year ended 15th day of May 1895 (being the last year of the Parish Councils), and for the year ended 15th day of May 1896 (being the first year of the Parish Councils), the Amount of Parish Expenditure as audited, and the Cost of Audit, under the following Heads:—

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and showing also—

(2) Number of Ratepayers, if any, who inspected the books of the Parish Council during the period they were open to inspection prior to the Audit for 1895-96—

(3) Average period for which the Account Books, &c., were in possession of the Parish Auditors for the purpose of the 1895-96 Audit—

(4) Cost, if any, of election of Members elected to serve on the late Parish Councils during the year ended 15th day of May 1896, and

(5) A Return applicable to Combination Poor-houses, giving the information indicated in (1), (2), and (3) of the above Heads.

(The Lord Advocate.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Another Clause (Commencement of Act)—(Mr. Coldwell)—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. Coldwell, |
Mr. Lough, | 57.

Tellers for the Mr. William Watrond, | 182.
Mr. Australder; |

Another Clause (Right of Appeal)—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time; 3 b 2

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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lloyd Morgan, Yeas, (Mr. Coldwell: ] 100.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, (Mr. Austruther: ] 180.

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 tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, No. 2 and No. 3, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 4 (Definitions). An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 25, after the word "any," to insert the words "company, corporation, public body, or." (Mr. Warner.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 32, after the word "companies," to insert the words "Provided that nothing in this Act shall affect the terms of any agreement between a water company and a water consumer as to the supply of water." (Mr. Chaplin.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:
Amendment amended, by inserting, after the word "agreement," the words "existing at the time of the passing of this Act." (Mr. Bowles.)

Question put, That the words "Provided that nothing in this Act shall affect the terms of any agreement existing at the time of the passing of this Act between a water company and a water consumer as to the supply of water," be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Austruther: ] 196.
Tellers for the [Mr. James Stuart, Noes, (Mr. Lough: ] 104.

CLAUSE, No. 5 (Short Title and commencement).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 39, to leave out the word "November," in order to insert the word "September." (Mr. Warner.)

Question, That the word "November" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 40, after the word "thereof," to add the words "and shall continue in force until the first day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine." (Mr. Sydney Buxton.)

Question put, That those words be there added:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Flynn, Yeas, (Mr. Weir: ] 96.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, (Mr. Austruther: ] 204.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 6 (Re-payment of proportion of rate by company when water is not supplied).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 15, to leave out the words from the word "Dover," to "E. 200,000," both inclusive. (Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 40, after the word "any," to insert the words "from 1st April 1896 to 31st March 1897." (Mr. Chaplin.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, to leave out the words from the word "any," to "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months." (Mr. Stephens.)

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: ] 170.
Tellers for the [Mr. MacNeill, Noes, (Mr. Toner: ] 26.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the second time;—The Bill was accordingly 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. Brodrick;)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Austruther: ] 169.
Tellers for the [Dr. Tanner, Noes, (Mr. MacNeill: ] 36.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Law, &c., Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Naval Works Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, No. 1 to No. 4, agreed to.

Schedule, p. 2, after column 4, to insert, as a new column, the words "Estimated Expenditure "from 1st April 1896 to 31st March 1897." (Mr. Edmund Robertson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 15, to leave out the words from the word "Dover," to "£. 200,000," both inclusive. (Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule.

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Question put;
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, ] 121.
Tellers for the [Mr. Austin: 19.
Noss, Dr. Tanner: ]
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 read the third time upon Thursday next.

Congested Districts (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Congested Districts (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLASSES, No 1 to No 4, 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.

Poor Law Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No 1, amended, and agreed to.
Clause, 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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

Public Health (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) 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 Out-door Relief (Ireland) 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 Congested Districts (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 Committee on the Dangerous Performances Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill;

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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 11th day of May last, That the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) 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 Education (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the School Boards' Expenses 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 5th day of this instant July, That the Isle of Man (Church, Building Acts) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Mr. Jesse Collings reported from the Committee on Military Manoeuvres [Compensation], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Compensation for any Damage caused by Military Manoeuvres, or by any Operation incidental thereto, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to facilitate Military Manoeuvres.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 15th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then five minutes after One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

Wednesday, 21st July, 1897.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Prayers.

A Motion being made, That the Great Western Railway (Bristol Lines) Bill be now read the third time;

The Lord Advocate, by Her Majesty's Command, 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 Dublin, Wicklow, and Waterford Railway (New Ross and Waterford Extension) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill, and Amendments, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the 
Hastings Harbour District Railway 
Bill [Lords],

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bill was 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, 
by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Fifty-
Eighth Annual Report of the Deputy Keeper of 
the Public Records.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also pre-
sented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of 
Parliament, Copy of Correspondence relative 
to the receipt of the Certificate of the Secretary 
of State, under Section 17 (2) of the Police Act, 
dated 14th July 1897, directing the Audit of the 
Amount of the Grant in Aid for the Expenses of the 
Emigrants' Information Office and nominating 
the Accounting Officer for the same.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the di-
rections of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of 
Treasury Minute, under the Exchequer and 
Audit Departments Act, 1866, dated 14th July 
1897, directing the Audit of the Amount of the 
Grant in Aid for the Expenses of the 
Emigrants' Information Office and nominating 
the Accounting Officer for the same.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's 
Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on 
Education (England and Wales), with Appendix, 1896-97.

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 1896-97.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's 
Command,—Estimate of the Additional Amount 
that will be required during the year ending 
31st March 1898 to meet Expenditure not pro-
vided for in the original Navy Estimates for the 
year, in respect of Navy Services.

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Command,—Estimate of the Additional Amount 
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31st March 1898 to meet Expenditure not pro-
vided for in the original Navy Estimates for the 
year, in respect of Navy Services.

The Order of the day being read, for the 
Committee on the Education (Scotland) Bill ; 
A Motion was made, and the Question being 
put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee 
that they have power to make provision for the 
exemption of voluntary schools from local rates—
(Mr. Arthur O'Connor);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right ;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Arthur O'Connor, ] 100.
Tellers for the [Mr. Muir Ferguson, ] 37.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the 
Committee, that they have power to make provision 
for the exemption of voluntary schools from 
local rates.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 
put, That it be an Instruction to the Committee 
that they have power to insert Clauses in the 
Bill with a view to making provision for ensuring 
adquate representation of local authorities or 
parents on the management of voluntary schools 
reception of the aid grant.—(Captain Sinclair) ;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right ;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Captain Sinclair, ]
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, ]
Tellers for the [Mr. A. A. M'Arthur, ]

So it was pered in the Negative.
Then the House resolved itself into a 
Committee on the Bill.

Clause, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.
Clause, No. 2 (Abolition of 3s. per child to 
voluntary schools).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, to leave 
out the words "For aiding," in order to insert 
the words "To each."—(Mr. Buchanan.)

Question put, That the words "For aiding" 
stand part of the Clause ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, ]
Tellers for the [Mr. A. A. M'Arthur, ]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, 
after the word "aiding" to insert the word 
"necessary."—(Captain Sinclair.)

Question proposed, That the word "neces-
sary" be there inserted.—Amendment, by 
leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, 
after the word "aiding," to insert the words "to 
the managers or governing bodies thereof."—
(Mr. Thomas Shaw.)

Question put, That those words be there 
inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Shaw, ]
Tellers for the [Mr. Muir Ferguson, ]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, 
after the word "Parliament," to insert the words "or 
"the managers or governing bodies thereof."—
(Captain Sinclair.)

Question put, That those words be there 
inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Sinclair, ]
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, ]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 8, 
40.
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 Foreign Goods Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Cotton Cloth Factories Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:
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.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the School Boards' Expenses Bill.
(In the Committee.)

CLAUDES, 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 be now read the third time:
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 15th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour before Seven of the clock, till To-morrow.

Thursday, 22nd July, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M R. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills [Lords] 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 inspired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Bullock and Bygrave Benefices Union Bill.
Cowes Harbour Bill.
South Eastern Railway (Confirmation of Coter Agreement) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Provisional Orders from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill,
Orders applicable thereto have been complied with.

Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) 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 Tramways Orders Confirmation 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 Saints Neots 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 Swadlincote District 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 Belfast 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.

Gonne Estate Bill [Lords.]

The North London 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;—And a Debate arising thereupon was adjourned till Monday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command, an Estimate of the Additional Amount required in the year ending 31st March 1898 for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, including the Amount required in the year ending 31st March 1898 as a Grant in Aid of the Expenses connected with the Celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Report by Sir R. E. R. Martyn, K.C.M.G., on the Native Administration of the British South Africa Company, together with a Letter from the Company commenting upon that Report.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, the Naval Works, a Copy of Plans of Works proposed to be carried out at Dover, Gibraltar, and Hong Kong, in accordance with the Naval Works Bill, 1897.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of March last, for Return relative to Local Government (Scotland) (Registered Electors);

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill. Ordered, That the said Orders be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, 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 re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Select Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation (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 Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Select Committe on the Gas Orders Confirmation (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 To-morrow.

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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 they had considered the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill and amended the same, so as to maintain 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. Mount reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; that they had considered the Bills referred to them, and directed him to make a Special Report to the House.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Select Committee be printed.

Mr. Wodehouse reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following fifteen Members in respect of the Military Manoeuvres Bill:—Mr. William Allan (Gatehead), Mr. Brodrick, Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Channing, Mr. Clerk, Mr. Dally, Mr. Wingfield Digby, Sir F. Fitz Wigram, Mr. Herbert Roberts (Deshigsbury), Mr. Scott Mon- tague, Mr. Stephens, Captain Sinclair (Farfor), Colonel Wedig, Mr. Whittaker, and Mr. Powell- Williams.

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 Volunteers Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Dundee Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the East London Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Newry Navigation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Taff Vale Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords communicate Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings taken upon the Second Reading of Sinclair’s Divorce Bill, as desired by this House, with a request that the same may be returned.

The Lords have referred the Statute Law Revision Bill to the Joint Committee upon the Statute Law Revision Bills, and Consolidation Bills of the present Session.

The Lords request that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordsips a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament on the Royal National Lifeboat Institution; together with the Proceedings of the Committee, and Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered, That a printed Copy be communicated accordingly: And that the Clerk do carry the same.
Ordered, That three additional days be allotted to the Business of Supply. (Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to the delivery of Telegraphs, Guarantees by Parish Councils in Scotland, and the Pensions of certain Persons employed in the Telegraph Service; And that Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Hayes Fisher do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Judicature (Ireland) Acts, 1877 to 1888; and to provide for the Union and Consolidation of the Court of Bankruptcy in Ireland with the Supreme Court, and for other purposes connected therewith; And that Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant Moneys for the purpose of certain Local Loans, and to amend the Law respecting the Local Loans Fund and Loans made thereunder, and for other purposes relating to Local Loans; And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Hanbury presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the delivery of Telegraphs, Guarantees by Parish Councils in Scotland, and the Pensions of certain Persons employed in the Telegraph Service; 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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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. 2, l. 31, by inserting, after the word "grazing," the words "or for sites for "court-houses or residences for Sheriffs Substitutes or Procurators Fiscal." (Sir Charles Cameron.)

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. 22, by leaving out Sub-section (1) of Clause 5, and inserting the words "For the purpose of the acquisition of Land by" the Commissioners (in the event of their being "unable to obtain it by agreement on reasonable terms), they are hereby authorised to cause "public inquiry to be made in the congested district, and direct notices to be given to the "owners, occupiers, or lessees of the land pro- "posed to be taken, and all persons interested "shall be at liberty to attend the inquiry, and "to support or oppose the taking of such land, "and, if after the inquiry the evidence is such "as to show no reasonable cause against the "acquisition of the land by the Commissioners, "then they shall take the necessary steps for "acquiring the land on such terms and condi- "tions as they may determine"—(Mr. Wrot),— instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words of the sub-section to the word "and," in l. 27, stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Mr. William Walrond, —175.
Tellers for the Sir James Anstruther: Mr. Thomas Ellis, —107.
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 "Sub-section four of section three of the "Allotments (Scotland) Act, 1892," and inserting the words "Sub-section ten of Section twenty- "five of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, "1894"—Dr. Clark,—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 34, by inserting, as a new sub-section, after the word "reasonable," the words "Any crofter in possession of a holding "under the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act, "1886, and Acts extending or amending the "same, may sell or transfer his right and in- "terest in and to the same to the Commissioners "for such consideration as may be mutually "agreed upon, and the Commissioners may sell "or transfer such right and interest to an occu- "pier of a neighbouring holding held of the same "landlord, or may sell or transfer said "right and interest to any other person to be "occupied as a separate holding, the purchaser "or transferee from the Commissioners coming "in place of the original crofter, and being "subject in all cases to the due and considera- "tion upon which the land was held at the date of "the original sale or transfer, and to such "further terms and conditions as the Commis-
"sioners may determine. Provided that no "existing holding shall be increased by any sale "or transfer for this section so that in the "opinion of the Commissioners the rateable "value will exceed twenty pounds."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

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. Caldwell,
Yea, [Dr. Clerk.] 101.
Tellers for the Sir William Wilbraham,
Noes, [Mr. Austruther.] 159.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Com- mittee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Inspection and destruction of unsound meat, &c.),

"(1) Any medical officer or sanitary inspector "or any veterinary surgeon approved for the "purposes of this section by the local authority "may at any reasonable time enter any premises "within the district of the local authority or "search any cart or vehicle in order to inspect "and examine, and may inspect and examine— "(a) any animal, alive or dead, intended "for the food of man, which is exposed "or deposited in any place, or is "in course of transmission for the pur- "pose of sale or of preparation for sale; and "(b) any article, whether solid or liquid, "intended for the food of man, and sold "or exposed for sale or deposited in any "place, or in course of transmission for "the purpose of sale or of preparation for "sale;

"the proof that the same was not exposed or "deposited or in course of transmission for any "such purpose, or was not intended for the food "of man, resting with the person charged, and "if any such animal or article appears to such "medical officer or sanitary inspector or veterinary "surgeon to be diseased or unsound or unfit for "human food or for the purpose of passing or "condemned, if any, the same himself, or by an assistant, in order "to have the same dealt with summarily by a "sheriff, magistrate, or justice.

Provided that in the case of any proceeding "under this section with regard to a living "animal the medical officer or sanitary inspector, "unless he is himself a qualified veterinary sur- "geon, shall be accompanied by a veterinary "surgeon approved as aforesaid.

The police force of each police area shall "have power to search carts or vehicles and to "assist generally in executing and enforcing this "section.

(2) If it appears to a sheriff, magistrate, or "justice that any animal or article which has "been seized or is liable to be seized under this "section, is diseased, or unsound, or unfit for the "food of man, he shall condemn the same and "order it to be destroyed or so disposed of as to "prevent it from being exposed for sale or used "for food of man; and the person to whom the "same belongs or did belong at the time of "sale or exposure for sale, or deposit or trans- "mission for the purpose of sale, or of prepara- "tion for sale, or in whose possession or on whose "premises the same was found, shall be liable to "a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for every "animal or article, or if the article consists of "food, vegetables, corn, bread, or flour, for "every parcel thereof so condemned, unless he "proves that he and the person acting on his "behalf (if any) did not know and could not "with reasonable care have known that it was "in such a condition, or where the proceedings "are before a sheriff, at the discretion of the "court, if it finds that he has knowingly and "falsely condemned the offence he shall be "liable without the infliction of a penalty to "imprisonment for a term of not more than "three months with or without hard labour, and "also to pay all expenses caused by the seizure, "detention, or disposal thereof.

Provided that if such person proves that "the animal or part thereof condemned as aforesaid was within a reasonable time prior to the "seizure thereof examined upon the premises "where the animal was slaughtered and passed "by a veterinary surgeon approved as aforesaid "called in for the purpose, and who shall have "granted a certificate of passing as nearly as "may be as in the next sub-section provided, or "by a veterinary surgeon in terms of that sub- "section, shall be exempt from penalty or "imprisonment under this section for such "offence.

(3) Each local authority may, if they think "fit, appoint a place or places within its district, "and fix a time or times at which a veterinary "surgeon approved as aforesaid shall attend for "the purpose of examining any animal alive or "dead which may there be submitted to him, "and passing or condemning the same, and such "veterinary surgeon shall, on receipt of a fee to "be fixed by the local authority and paid by the "owner, examine and pass or condemn in whole "or in part any animal or carcass so submitted "to him; and if he shall pass the same he shall "grant a certificate of passing which shall set "forth the name of the owner, the date and "hour of examination, and such particulars re- "garding the animal or carcass as the local "authority may prescribe for the purpose of aid- "ing in the subsequent identification of the "same; and if he shall condemn the animal or "carcass, or part thereof, the local authority "shall be entitled to the net price realised from the residual product of "the carcass or part so condemned, if any, after "deducting the expenses of condemnation and "destruction. Provided that no carcass shall be "submitted for examination, either under this "or the immediately preceding sub-section, un- "less as a whole carcass, including the thoracic "and abdominal viscera, in such manner that the "examiner shall be readily able to satisfy him- "self that the organs are those of the carcass "under inspection.

(4) Where it is shown that any animal or "article liable to be seized under this section "and found in the possession of any person was "purchased by him or consigned to him from "another person for the food of man, and when "so purchased or consigned was in such a con- "dition as to be liable to be seized and condemned "under this section, the person who so sold or "consigned the same shall be liable to be brought "to trial in the district in which such animal or "article was seized, and on conviction shall be "liable to the penalty and imprisonment above "mentioned unless he proves that at the time he "sold or consigned the said animal or article he
and the person acting on his behalf, if any, did not know and could not with reasonable care have known that it was in such a condition.

(5) A copy of any certificate granted by a veterinary surgeon, under sub-sections two or three of this section, shall forthwith be sent by him to the chief constable of the jurisdiction in which the examination of the animal or carcass took place, and the certificate itself shall be sent by the person selling the animal or carcass forthwith after the sale, and not more than seven days from the date of the certificate, to the chief constable of the jurisdiction in which the sale of the animal or carcass took place, and if any veterinary surgeon or person shall contravene this enactment he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

(6) Where a person convicted of an offence under this section has been within twelve months previously convicted of an offence under this section, the sheriff, magistrate, or justice may, if he thinks fit and finds that the offender has knowingly and wilfully committed both such offences, order that a notice of the facts be affixed, in such form and manner and for such period not exceeding twenty-one days as the sheriff, magistrate, or justice may order, to any premises occupied by that person, and that the person do pay the cost of such affixing, and if any person obstructs the affixing of such notice, or removes, defaces, or conceals the notice while affixed during the said period, he shall for each offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

(7) If the occupier of a licensed slaughter house is convicted of an offence under this section the sheriff, magistrate, or justice convicting him may cancel the licence for such slaughter house.

(8) If any person obstructs a medical officer, sanitary inspector, or veterinary surgeon as aforesaid in the performance of his duty under this section he shall, where the proceedings are before a sheriff, be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five months previously convicted of an offence under this Act for such obstruction.

(9) A sheriff, magistrate, or justice may act in adjudicating on an offender under this section he has or has acted in ordering the animal or article to be destroyed or disposed of.——(The Lord Advocate.)

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time; and an Amendment was made to the Clause.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, by leaving out the words from the word "Provided" to the word "aforesaid," both inclusive.——(Mr. Caldwell.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.——The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Clause.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, by leaving out the word "fifty," and inserting the word "twenty"—(Mr. Caldwell), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "fifty" stand part of the Clause ——It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Clause.

Then the Clause, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Reference to Public Health Acts)——(The Lord Advocate); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Notification of Infectious Disease)——(Mr. Caldwell); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the word "ten," and inserting the word "five"—(Dr. Clark), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "ten," 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. 5, l. 2, by leaving out the word "ten," and inserting the word "five"—(Dr. Clark).—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "ten," 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. 8, l. 6, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "if required by the Board.(Sir Leonard Lyell.)

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. 8, l. 7, by inserting, after the word "officer," the words "whose duty it shall be to superintend and enforce the sanitary provisions of this Act."——(Captain Sinclair.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:——The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.


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. 8, l. 34, by inserting, after the words, "the words "ten," 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. 5, l. 5, by leaving out the words "duly qualified," and inserting the word "competent"——(Mr. Blyen), instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "duly qualified" stand part of the Bill.——The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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Then another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 57, by inserting, after the word " refuse," the words " other than spent " hops from breweries."—(Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael.)

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. 19, l. 8, by leaving out the words from the word " any " inclusive, to the word "any, in l. 9.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words " Any work " 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. 23, l. 34, by inserting, after the word " authority," the words " on the certificate " of the medical officer of health or of any two " medical practitioners."—(Mr. Coldwell.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 9, by leaving out the words " or sanitary inspector, as the case may " be.—(Captain Sinclair.)

And the Question being put, That the words " or " stand part of the Bill:—The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

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The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Mr. Readnor, Yeas, {Mr. Parker Smith : } 82.
Tellers for the Captain Sinclair, Noes, {Sir William Priestley : } 110.

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. 29, l. 17, by leaving out the word " house," and inserting the word " premises"—(Mr. Bryce.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words " or of any other legally qualified medical practitioner."—(Mr. Bryce.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 30, by leaving out the words " or " 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. 29, l. 40, by leaving out Clause 35.—(Sir Leonard Lyell.)

And the Question being put, That Clause 35 stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 21, l. 3, by leaving out the words " upon a certificate," and inserting the words " or it is certified to them in writing"—(Mr. Coldwell.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words " upon a certificate 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. 23, l. 28, by leaving out the words " and valuation."—(Mr. Coldwell.)

And the Question being put, That the words " and valuation " 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. 23, l. 34, by inserting, after the word " authority," the words " on the certificate " of the medical officer of health or of any two " medical practitioners."—(Mr. Coldwell.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 28, l. 9, by leaving out the words " or sanitary inspector, as the case may " be.—(Captain Sinclair.)
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 Second Reading of the Outdoor Relief (Ireland) Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time: And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time bill, upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wicklow Harbour (Advances) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police (Borrowing Powers) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Transfer Committee, the Land Transfer (re-com-mitted) Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for re-supplying the Report from the Committee of Supply.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Naval Works Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dangerous Committees on the Dangerous Performances 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 Monday next.
upon the 5th day of this instant July, That the Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill be now read a second time ;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 15th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty minutes after Three of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

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The House met at Three of the clock.

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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, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Brompton and Piccadilly Circus Railway Bill.

Great Northern and City Railway Bill.

Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Bill.

Yorkshire Dales Railway (Shipley to Grassington) Bill.

King's Lynn 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.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (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 Local Government (Scotland) (Registered Electors) Officers' Superannuation Tables, which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant July, be printed.

Bankruptcy. No. 337.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the direction of the House, a Return of the Salaries of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Table; and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hasbrouck presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of the Sixth General Annual Report by the Board of Trade, under Section 22 of "The Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890."
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Inland Revenue.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords in the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and 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.

East India (Salaries of British Residents, &c.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will graciously please to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Salaries paid to the British Residents accredited to the Courts of Indian Rajahs and to Heads of Departments (when employed), stating in each case whether they perform Executive Duties.—(Major Jameson.)

Museums of the Science and Art Department. [Inquiry not completed.] No. 341.

Sir Francis Sharp Powell reported from the Select Committee on Museums of the Science and Art Department; that they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, with a recommendation that a Committee on the same subject be appointed in the next Session of Parliament; 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. 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 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 Peelville Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Yarmouth Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Weymouth Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of the Reverend William Samuel Vanston, of 111, Roddyar Road, (Lords.) in the County of Dublin, Clerk in Holy Orders, with Henrietta Maria Vanston, his now Wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords passed a Bill, intituled, An Lunacy Act to amend the Lunacy Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Vanston's Divorce Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Lunacy 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 the Committee of Supply. (In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1897-98. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £248,600, 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 1899.
Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries), be reduced by £100, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State for War.—(Sir Alexander Akland-Hood; Lords.)
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, [Sir Alexander Akland-Hood, 97.] Colonel Kenyon Slaney: [Colonel Kenyon Slaney, 160.]
Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Austruther: 160.]
Original Question again proposed.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £248,600, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. John Wilson, Falkirk.) After Debate thereon; Major Booth rose in his place, and claimed to move, 'That the Question be now put'; but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined to put that Question.—Debate resumed.

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Question put: The Committee divided.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,177,925 (including an additional Sum of £ 28,500), 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 1898, for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item C. (Maintenance of Postal Telegraph System), be reduced by £ 100—(Captain Pirie)—: Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolved 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 vote 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 vote of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 15th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put.

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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 Dundee 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 considera- tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the East London 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.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nottingham 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.

A Motion being made, That the Dublin, Waterford, and Rosseford Railway (New Ross and Waterford 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 Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Hastings Harbour District Railway 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 Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham Churches 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 Bute Docks, Cardiff 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 Tyneemouth Corporation (Water) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Northern Railway (Ireland) 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 Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill, as 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 6) 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 East India (Protective Works), which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the Local Taxation directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Annual Local Taxation Returns for Scotland for the year 1894-95.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Progress of Survey of the Ordnance Survey to the 31st March 1897.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of the Number of Summary Punishments inflicted at Home and Abroad during the year 1896, 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,
Ordered, That the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order for reading a second time, this Liquor Traffic day, the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order for reading a second time, this Trawlers' Licensing day, the Trawlers' Licensing Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Bill that the House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of Advances which may be required to meet any insufficiency of the Local Loans Fund to pay the Principal and Interest of Bonds, which may be issued in lieu of Local Loans Stock, and the Repayment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such Advances; and also the Remission of certain Debts due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners and the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to grant Money for Local Loans, and for other purposes relating to Local Loans.—(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.

Ordered, That the House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Savings and Deficiencies upon Navy and Army Grants for 1889–90, and the Temporary Sanction obtained from the Treasury by 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 5th 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 of (1) the Names and Situation of the Metropolitan Cemeteries to which the Act 15 & 16 Vic. c. 85, applies; (2) the Number of Bodies buried in each; (3) the Extent of each Ground; (4) how much has been appropriated for Burial Purposes; (5) the Date of the First Interment in each; (6) how much Surface Space is allowed for Crematories to which the Act 15 & 16 Vic. c. 85 applies; (7) how much has been appropriated for Burial Purposes; (8) how much Surface Space is allowed for the Crematories to which the Act 15 & 16 Vic. c. 85 applies.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by this House to the Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Bill, with and without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.
The Public Works Loans Bill was, according Public Works to Order, read a second time; and committed to Order, a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Supreme Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Out-door Relief (Ireland) Bill.

Clause, N° 1 (Extension of power to grant out-door relief in food and fuel).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the word "two," in order to insert the word "five."—(Mr. Crilly.)

Question, That the word "two" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, N° 2 to N° 5, 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.

The Post Office and Telegraphs (Facilities Post Office and for the Colonies at his request in July and Pensions) Bill was, according to Order, read 1896; that Mr. Hawksley be ordered to attend a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply the Report from the Committee of Supply; [23rd July]

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving supply the Report from the Committee of Supply; [19th July]

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office the Post Office and Telegraphs (Facilities and the Committee on the Post Office Consolidation and Pensions) Bill was, according to Order, read Pensions) Bill January, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Prison Made the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bicycles Second Reading of the Bicycles (Ireland) Bill; [23rd July]

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Foreign Prison Third Reading of the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill; [26th July]

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Public Health into further consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into further consideration upon Wednesday next.
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Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of May last, That the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Sipipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sipipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Wicklow Harbour (Advances) Bill.

The Wicklow Harbour (Advances) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Metropolitan Police (Borrowing Powers) Bill.

The Metropolitan Police (Borrowing Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

Land Transfer Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Transfer (re-committed) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Metropolitan Water Companies Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

Naval Works Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Naval Works Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of an Amendment to the Schedule;—The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Schedule amended, and agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had directed him to report, That the Committee had amended the Schedule of the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of an Amendment to the Schedule;—The House immediately resolved itself into the said Committee.

(Dangerous Performances Bill.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Dangerous Performances Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of this instant July, That the Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Lunacy Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy 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 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 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 Congested Districts Committee of the Lords;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday next.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 15th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, it being then twenty-five minutes after Two of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

Tuesday, 27th July, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Committee of Legal Procedure, have leave to sit this day during the Sitting of the House.—(Sir James Ferguson.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Weymouth Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Tyne Improvement Bill be now read the third time; Mr. Ritchie, 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Swansea Improvements and Tramways 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 South Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and the Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Balloch and Bygarroo Benefice Union Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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The [Lords.]
The Cowes Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The South Eastern Railway (Confirmation of Colour Agreement) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 4) 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Annual Return of the British Army for the year 1896, with Abstracts, &c.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Despatch from Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to the Governors of Colonies, and the Replies thereto, relating to the Trade of the British Empire (with Cyprus) and Foreign Competition.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Return showing, as at the instant July, that there were 70,044,650 cases of Wines (Imported) and 10,312,285 cases of Spirituous and Mixed Beverages under the Act, 1896, the Amount certified by the Local Assessing Authorities where there are no Assessing Authorities and (b) the Rateable Value of Buildings and other Hereditaments not being Agricultural Land exclusive of the Annual Value of Hereditaments in the occupation of the Crown.—(Sir John D'Orton.)

Ordered, That there be laid before the House a Return showing, as regards each Union and Parish in England and Wales, the Rateable Value of each Union and Parish according to the Statements furnished to the Local Government Board by Assessment Committees (or other Assessing Authorities) under the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896, distinguishing (a) the Rateable Value of Agricultural Land as defined by that Act, and (b) the Rateable Value of Buildings and other Hereditaments not being Agricultural Land.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return relating to Wines, imported from the several Degrees of Strength, which were imported into the United Kingdom from Spain, Portugal, Madeira, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Australasia, and other Countries, for the years 1895 and 1896.—(Sir Frederick Stager Hunt.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Select Committee on Merchandise Marks; 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.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Select Committee on Merchandise Marks; that they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
Sir William Houldsworth reported from the Committee on the Bristol Extension Bill; That they had examined the allegations of the Pre-
mandise 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 same subject be appointed in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Solicitor General reported from the Select Committee on Parliamentary Election Petitions; 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 Evidence for the Duntocher and Dalmuir Water Provisional Order Bill).

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Attorney General reported from the Select Committee on Divorce Bills; That they had examined the allegations of Sinclair's Divorce Bill as to the Marriage of the Parties, the Adultery charged as the ground for dissolving the Marriage, the Sentence of Divorce in the English Divorce Court, dissolving the Marriage; 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 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 Sinclair's Divorce Bill be added to the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings, together with the Documents deposited in the case of Sinclair's Divorce Bill.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to the Duntocher and Dalmuir Water Provisional Order Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Borrowstounness Water Provisional Order Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Duntocher and Dalmuir Water Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Duntocher and Dalmuir Water Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

The Lords have agreed to the Cotton Cloth Factories Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Western Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the King's Lynn Corporation Bill, without any 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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cotton Cloth Factories Bill be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pilotage Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

The Lords have agreed to the Nottingham Improvement Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Cotton Cloth Factories Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the House to the Great Western Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the House to the King's Lynn Corporation Bill, without any 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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Pilotage Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

The Lords have agreed to the Pilotage Provisional Order Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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Navy Estimates, 1897-98.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,440,000 (including a Supplementary Sum of £ 230,000), be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Contract Work for Shipbuilding, Repairs, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898. Thereafter Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,450,000, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Weir); The Committee divided. Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Leaburne: ] 41. Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Austruther: ] 42. Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,126,000 (including a Supplementary Sum of £ 130,000), be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Personnel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., 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 1898;

Wednesday, 28th July, 1897: Thereafter Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,128,000 (including a Supplementary Sum of £ 130,000), be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Personnel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., 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 1898;青

Resolved, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Dillon)—put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Dillon)—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 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 was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Aker-Douglas reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, (28th July) as follows:

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That a Sum, not exceeding £ 26,247, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Charge necessary to defray the Charge which will come (Ireland) in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in Ireland.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; (28th July) Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; (28th July) Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Comités Joint of the Post Office (Sites) (re-corn- (Sites) Bill;)

Reported, That this House will, this day, re-

solve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Comités Joint of Public Works Loans [Advances and Loans] (Advances and Remission of Debt);

Resolved, That this House will, this day, re-

solve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Comités Joint of Navy and Army on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1895-96;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, re-

solve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read for the Requests Laws Second Reading of the Expiring Laws Continu-

ance Bill; 1895-96.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read for the Bill of the Burials Joint Second Reading of the Burials Joint Committees Committees Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read for the Comités Joint of Public Works Loans Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, re-

solve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, the Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Bill: Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, the Committee on the Metropolitan Police (Borrowing Powers) Bill: Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, the Committee on the Dangerous Performances Bill: Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Contracts dated the 25th day of May 1897, entered into with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company and the Orient Steam Navigation Company, for (1) the Eastern and part of the Australian Mail Service and (2) the other part of the Australian Mail Service be approved. (Mr. Hombury.)

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 15th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty minutes before Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

Wednesday, 28th July, 1897.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Yarmouth 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 Pwllheli 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 Fylde Water (Transfer) 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Harrogate Water Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Victorian's Divorce Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That Standing Orders 211 and 236 be suspended, and that the Committee of Selection have leave to appoint the Committee on the Bill to sit and proceed forthwith. (Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That, in the case of the Borr3wing Provisional Order Bill, Standing Orders 211, 236, and 237 be suspended, and that the Committee of Selection have leave to appoint the Committee on the Bill to sit and proceed forthwith. (Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That, in the case of the Baldock and Duntocher Water Provisional Order Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That, in the case of the South Eastern Railway Confirmation of Lease Agreement Bill, Standing Orders 211, 236, and 237 be suspended, and that the Committee of Selection have leave to appoint the Committee on the Bill to sit and proceed forthwith. (Dr. Farquharson.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Borr3wing Provisional Order 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, in the case of the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill, Standing Orders 211 and 236 be suspended, and that the Committee of Selection have leave to appoint the Committee on the Bill to sit and proceed forthwith. (Dr. Farquharson.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Supplement to the Eighth Report.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Navy (Health), (Health), which was presented upon the 25th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Deaths from Starvation or accelerated by Privation, (London), which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant July, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Report of the Chief Inspector of Factories and Workshops to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the year 1896. Copy of Fifty-seconds Annual Report of the Charitable Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

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Mr. Chaplin presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of March last, for Returns relative to Boards of Guardians (Boarded-out Children).

Mr. Chaplin presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of April last, for a Return relative to Settlement of Poor Law Officers' Charges.

Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of May last, for Returns relative to Poor Law Officers' Superannuation.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table standing Committee (Bills referred thereto).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 22nd day of March instant, for a Return relative to Standing Committees (Standing Bills).

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Public Health, to take into further consideration the Public Health (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 57, l. 39, by inserting, after the word "the," the word "last."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

And the Question being proposed, That the said word "last" 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. 59, l. 11, by leaving out from the word "premisses" to the word "and," in 1. 13.—(The Lord Advocate.)

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. 61, l. 7, by inserting, after the word "pounds," the words "And in the case of the Highland crofting counties of Argyll, Inverness, Ross and Cromarty, Caithness, Sutherland, and Orkney and Shetland, it is provided that, if the local authority fail to take action under section eight of the Pollution of Rivers (Scotland) Act, 1876, for the purpose of freeing from pollution any stream or river which within a period of ten years from the date hereof has formed the water supply for domestic purposes, then, notwithstanding any provisions contained in any section of this Act, it shall be binding on the local authority, on receiving notice in writing from any five inhabitants of such township or village, to provide a fit and proper supply of water suitable for drinking or other domestic purposes, then the local authority shall provide such steps as may be necessary to ensure that supply being provided."—(Mr. Weir.)

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. 71, l. 8, by leaving out from the
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. Edmund Robertson),
Yeas, (Captain Sinclair),
Tellers for the (Mr. Muir Ferguson),
Noes, (Captain Sinclair),

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. 73, l. 37, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "15.

In determining the amount of disputed compensation, the arbitrator shall not make any allowance in respect of the purchase being compulsory."—

(Mr. Edmund Robertson.)

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. Edmund Robertson),
Yeas, (Captain Sinclair),
Tellers for the (Mr. Muir Ferguson),
Noes, (Captain Sinclair),

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 74, l. 11, by leaving out the words "five householders," and inserting the words "ten ratepayers"—(The Lord Advocate),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "five householders" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Dr. Clark),
Yeas, (Mr. Weir),
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond),
Noes, (Mr. Aitken),

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "or in the crofting counties of the Highlands five householders."—(Mr. Weir)

And the Question being put, 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. 83, l. 12, by inserting, after the word "air," the words "including the level, width, and construction of new streets."—(Captain Sinclair)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted—It was resolved in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 87, by leaving out Clause 189,

—(The Lord Advocate)

And the Question being proposed, That Clause 189 stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of Amendments to Clauses 122 and 189, and to the

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First Schedule, and of New Clauses relating to Port Sanitary Authorities.—(The Lord Advocate.)

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 122, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 189, disagreed to.

Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Five Clauses added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lee reported that the Committee had amended Clauses 122 and 189, and the First Schedule of the Bill, and had added New Clauses relating to Port Sanitary Authorities.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and 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 Education (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 9, by inserting, after the word "Parliament," the words "in such manner and amounts as the Scottish Education Department may think best for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of these schools, due regard being had to the maintenance of voluntary subscriptions."—(Captain Sinclair)

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 (Captain Sinclair),
Yeas, (Mr. Buchan),
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond),
Noes, (Mr. Aitken),

So it passed in the Negative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time:

Ordered, That the Bill be no 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Water Companies 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 the Third Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "now read the third time," and adding the words, "re-committed in respect of Clause 4."—(Captain Pirrie)

And the Question being put, That the words "now read the third time," stand part of the Question:—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.
**Burial Grounds (Scotland) Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of May last, That the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time:

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the 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 To-morrow.

**Land Transfer Bill [Lords].**

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Transfer (re-committed) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

**Naval and Army Expenditure, 1895-96.**

(1.) That it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1896, and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:—

(a.) That the Gross Expenditure for certain Navy Services exceeded the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £. 59,302. 15 s. 9 d., 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 £. 216,845. 6 s. 11 d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule, so that the Total Gross Expenditure for the whole of the Navy Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £. 166,385. 4 s. 1 d.; and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:

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**Total Deficits** - £.88,348 11 9

**Total Surpluses** - £.166,385. 4 s. 1 d.

4. That it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1896, and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:

(a.) That the Gross Expenditure for certain Army Services exceeded the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £. 76,290. 6 s. 5 d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended; while the Gross Expenditure for other Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £. 242,675. 10 s. 6 d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule, so that the Total Gross Expenditure for the whole of the Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £. 166,385. 4 s. 1 d.; and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:

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**Total Surpluses** - £.166,385. 4 s. 1 d.

3. Resolved, That the Schedule of such Surplus be sanctioned.

**Schedule.**

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**Net Surplus** - £.166,385. 4 s. 1 d.

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 so much the said Total Surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to cover the Total Deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lomther 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 Wicklow Harbour (Advances) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 6, agreed to.
CLAUSE, N° 7, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSES, N° 8 to N° 11, agreed to. Preamble agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lomther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

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 (Church Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill) be now read a second time ; And the Question being 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; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill; [Lords.] Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Municipal Elections (Scotland) Bill was, Municipal according to Order, read a second time; and Elections committed to a Committee of the whole House, (Scotland) for 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Post Office (Sites) Bill, committed Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 14, agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lomther 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 Public Works Loans (Advances and Remission of Debt) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise,— (a) the payment, out of the Consolidated 3 e 3 Fund,

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### Schedule

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| Total Surpluses | £ 253,273 10 3 |
| Total Deficits | £ 68,708 5 4 |
| Net Surplus | £ 184,565 4 11 |

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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. Resolved, That the Application of such Surms be sanctioned.
Fund, of advances which may be required to meet any insufficiency of the Local Loans Fund to pay the principal and interest of bonds, which may be issued in lieu of Local Loans Stock, and the repayment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of such advances;

(b) the remission of certain debts due from the Aberdeenshire Harbour Trustees to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, of the Claren and Banagher Railway Company, the Ballishele Railway Company, and the Giant's Causeway, Portrush, and Bush Valley Railway and Tramway Company to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to grant money for Local Loans and for other purposes relating to Local Loans.

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 on the 28th July.

The Expiring Laws Continuance Bill was, accordingly to Order, read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burials Joint Committees Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill.

Clause 1 (Amalgamation of Exchequer Establishment) Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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 Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Bill.

Clause 1 (Amalgamation of Exchequer Division with Queen's Bench Division) Bill.

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 Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Police (Borrowing Powers) Bill.

Clause 1 (Extension of Borrowing Powers of Receiver) Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy)—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 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 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 Dangerous Performances Bill ;

Clause 1 (Amalgamation of Exchequer Establishment) Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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 Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Infant Life Protection Bill ;

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dangerous Performances Bill.

Clause 1 (Amalgamation of Exchequer Establishment) Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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 Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dangerous Performances Bill.

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dangerous Performances Bill.

Clause 1 (Amalgamation of Exchequer Establishment) Bill.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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.
Chairman directs Member to discontinue his speech.

TYREYEA,

28th—29th July.

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Short Title).

Question proposed, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: Mr. Timothy M. Healy, 24.

Tellers for the: Mr. James O'Connor, 99.

Original Question again proposed.

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to the continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Daly, Member for South Monaghan, and directed him to discontinue his speech.

Question put, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, 90.

Tellers for the Mr. Anstruther, Noes, 24.

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Augmentation of Archdeaconry of London). Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Lobouche)—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 Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) 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 Licensing (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 15th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes after Seven of the clock, till To-morrow.

Ways and Means.

Vol. 152.

Thursday, 29th July, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 Borough of Sheffield (Brightside Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Anthony John Mundella, deceased.—(Mr. M'Arthur.)

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton 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 considera- tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Highland Railway (Additional 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 considera- tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the New River Company Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the New River Company Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Highland Railway (Additional 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 considera- tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Woodhouse and Conisbrough 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 Bute Docks, Cardiff Bill be now read the third time; Sir Henry Fowler 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 Inter- est 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 Birmingham Churches 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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Great Northern Railway
(Ireland) 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 Tynemouth 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Harrogate Corporation (Water Transfer) 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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill, Standing Orders 211 and 236 be suspended, and that the Committee of Selection have leave to appoint Members to sit and proceed forthwith.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Gas Undertakings be printed.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Lunacy General Board of Commissioners in Lunacy for Scotland.

Copy of (1) Return showing the Allocation and Application of the Contributions out of the Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1880, and that the Returns relative to Gas Undertakings be printed.

Copy of of Eighth Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed to carry out a Scheme of Colonisation in the Dominions of Canada of Crofters and Cottars from the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, with Appendices.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Pier and Harbour Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill, Standing Orders 211 and 236 be suspended, and that the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Gas Undertakings be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Cyprus, Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report on Cyprus, 1895-96. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-fourth Annual Report of the Department of Science and Art, 1897. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the Additional Amount required for the year ending 31st March 1897, for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, during 1877. Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of March 1896, for Returns relative to Charitable Endowments (Anglesey) held at 61 VICTORIA. No. 364.

Money Lending [Inquiry not completed.] No. 364.

Mr. T. W. Russell reported from the Select Committee on Money Lending; That they had taken Evidence on the matters to them referred, which they had directed him to report to the House, together with 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.

Agricultural Produce (Marks) Bill, No. 365.

Sir William Houldsworth reported from the Select Committee on the Agricultural Produce (Marks) Bill; That they had agreed to the following Special Report:—

Your Committee are of opinion that, at this late period of the Session, it is not possible to complete the Evidence which bears upon the Bill referred to them. They consider, therefore, that it is not desirable to proceed further with the same during the present Session, and that it be reported to the House, without Amendment.

Your Committee are of opinion that the identification of foreign meat and cheese is desirable, and that there would be no great difficulty in carrying this out in the case of foreign carcasses and cheeses.

Your Committee are also of opinion that any legislation in the direction of marking meat would be inadequate unless names were taken to distinguish between British or Irish meat on the one hand, and (1) that produced in our Colonies; and (2) that produced in all other countries, and landed here alive to be slaughtered at the port of debarkation on the other.

Sir William Houldsworth further reported from the Select Committee on the Agricultural Produce (Marks) Bill; That they had agreed to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Special Report and Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louchet reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill [Lords]; 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 Tomorrow.

Mr. James William Louchet reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill [Lords]; 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 Tomorrow.

Mr. James William Louchet reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill [Lords]; 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 Tomorrow.

Mr. James William Louchet reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directd him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

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Mr. James William Louchet reported from the South Eastern Railway (Confirmation of Cator Agreement) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, Bill [Lords]; and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louchet reported the Rhymney Valley Gas and Water Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louchet reported the Cowes Harbour Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Louchet reported from the Committee on the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (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, with an Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting Application of Standing Order No. 17, showing the Date of Lodging Motion, the Name of the Member proposing the Definite Matter of Urgent Public Importance, and the Result of any Division taken thereon during the Session of 1896, (in the same form as, and in continuation of, Parliamentary Paper No. 351, of Session 1896.)—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting Application of Standing Order No. 25.
29th July, 1897.

Order No. 25 (Closure of Debate) during Session 1897, under the following Heads:—

1. Date when Closure moved.
2. By whom seconded.
3. Question before House or Committee.
4. Whether on a Motion or if a Motion, what.
5. Whether An Amendment thereto by the Government or Private Members.
6. Whether Amendment or any two Amendments or any three Amendments agreed to.
7. Result of Motion and if a Motion, what.

(in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 352, of Session 1896). (Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Divisions of the House in the Session of 1897; stating the subject of each Division, and the Number of Members appointed in the Session of 1897, including the Chairman 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 Bills; also the Number of Divisions before and after Midnight (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.159, of Session 1896). (Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Divisions of the House in the Session of 1897; stating the subject of each Division, and the Number of Members appointed in the Session of 1897, including the Chairman 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 Bills; also the Number of Divisions before and after Midnight (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.159, of Session 1896). (Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Private Bills introduced and brought from the House of Lords, and of Acts passed in the Session of 1897, classed according to the following subjects:—Railways; Tramways; Tramroads; Subways; Canals and Navigations; Roads and Bridges; Water; Gas; Gas and Water; Improvement; Police and Sanitary Regulations; Corporations, &c. (not relating to Police and Sanitary Regulations); Ports, Piers, Harbours, and Docks; Churches; Naturalisation; and Miscellaneous:

Of all the Private Bills, and 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, 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 Member has served; 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.—And, of all Private Bills which, in the Session of 1897, 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. 0.162, of Session 1896). (Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return comprising (1) the Report made to this House by the Huddersfield and Hove Borough Charities.
Charity Commissioners in the result of an Inquiry held in the County Borough of Huddersfield into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1833 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that County Borough, or of any part thereof, together with the Report on those Endowments of the Commissioners for Inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1897; (2) a Digest showing whether and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the County Borough; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Report.—(Mr. Grant Lowson.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorizing the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Expenses incurred by the Commissioners who may be appointed under any Act of the present Session to make further provision with respect to the University of London, and of the Remuneration of any Persons employed by them in the execution of such Act.—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley):

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, in respect of the twelve months preceding the 31st day of March 1897, (1) the Total Amount of the Local Taxation Licences and Estate Duty paid into the Local Taxation (England) Account, and the Amounts paid out of such Licences and Estate Duty to or on behalf of the Council of each Administrative County and County Borough; (2) the Amounts paid out of the proceeds of the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Duties to each Police Authority in aid of Police Pension Funds; and (3) the Amounts paid out of the Residue of the proceeds of these Duties to the Council of each Administrative County and County Borough.—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return, showing, according to the Accounts for the twelve months preceding the 31st day of March 1897, furnished to the Local Government Board under Section (7) of the London (Equalisation of Rates) Act, 1894,—

(1.) The Sanitary Authorities to whom Payments under the Act were made in the year by the London County Council;

(2.) The Total Amount of the Sums so paid to every such Authority;

(3.) The Total Amount of the Expenses incurred by every such Authority (a) under Section 1 of the Public Health (London) Act, 1881 (including Expenses of scavenging Streets); (b) in respect of Lighting; and (c) in respect of Streets (other than the Expenses of scavenging Streets);

(4.) The Amount expended by each Authority under each of the above Headings out of the Sums paid to such Authority under the Act.—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Statement of the Amount expended for In-Maintenance and Out-door Relief in England and Wales during the half year ended Lady Day 1897:—And, similar Statement for the half year ended Michaelmas 1897.—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords Companions Bill to request that their Lordships will be pleased [Lords] 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.; And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Mr. Ritchie.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords Copyright [Amendment] Bill [Lords] to request that their Lordships will be pleased [Lords] to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Copyright [Amendment] Bill, with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, &c.; And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

Mr. Hargreaves-Brown reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed the Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, by Her Majesty's Command, to select for the purpose.—(Mr. Arnold-Forster.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply [21st allotted Day].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That To-morrow the other Government Business have precedence of the Committee of Supply.—(Mr. Balfour.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply [31st into the Committee of Supply.]

Civil Services Estimates, 1897–98.

Class IV.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £, 710,865, 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 1898, for Public Education in England and Wales: Whereafter Motion made, and Question put, That Item S (Aid Grant for Voluntary Elementary Schools) be reduced by £ 105,900—(Mr. Lloyd-George);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lloyd-George, 34.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Lansdell, 139.]

Noses, [Mr. Aston, 139.]

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 30,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary 3 p 2 to
to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Science and Art, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid:

Whereafter Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £548,992, be granted for the said Service—(Dr. Clark)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £108,439, 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 1898, for the Salaries and other Expenses of the British Museum and of the Natural History Museum, including certain Grants in Aid—Debate arising:

Friday, 30th July, 1897:

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £640,932, 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 1898, 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:

Debate arising:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Ralfway)—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 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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Message from the Lords.

Poor Law Bill.

Birmingham, North Warwickshire and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.

School Boards' Expenses Bill.

Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the School Boards' Expenses Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) 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, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Hull and South Yorkshire Extension Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the North Metropolitan Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Deorale Valley Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Improvements) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Weston-super-Mare Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Manchester Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Southwark and Vauxhall 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 Dublin, Wicklow, and Waterford Railway (New Ross and Waterford Extension) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to remove certain Exemptions from Compulsory Pilotage; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Southwark and Vauxhall Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Constabulary (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1865; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords communicate Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings taken upon the Second Reading of Fuston's Divorce Bill, as desired by this House, with a request that the same may be returned.

Ordered, That a printed Copy of the said Report and of the Proceedings of the Committee of the Museums of the Science and Art Department and Minutes of Evidence be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Workmen Lords to the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill be taken into consideration this day; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the London University Commission Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
### Supply (29th July) Report:

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

### Supply (29th July) Report:

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

### Supply (30th July) Report:

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

### Education (Scotland) Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

### Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

### Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction Bill (Scotland) Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction Bill (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

### Navy and Army Expenditure, 1895–6:

Mr. Hennubury reported from the Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1895–6, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows, viz.:—

(a.) That the Gross Expenditure for certain Navy Services exceeded the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £ 59,302. 15 s. 9d., 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 £ 216,845. 6 s. 11 d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule, so that the Gross Actual Expenditure for the whole of the Navy Services fell short of the Gross Estimated Expenditure by the Net Sum of £ 157,542. 11 s. 2 d.;

(b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Navy Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £ 54,789. 17 s. 5d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule; while the Total Receipts in Aid of the Grants for Navy Services exceeded the Total Estimated Receipts by the Net Sum of £ 6,219. 6 s. 6 d.;

(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 Vol. 152.

3. 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 1896, and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:—

(a.) That the Gross Expenditure for certain Army Services exceeded the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £ 76,290. 6s. 5d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended; while the Gross Expenditure for other Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £ 242,675. 10s. 6d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Gross Actual Expenditure for the whole of the Army Services fell short of the Gross Estimated Expenditure by the Net Sum of £ 166,385. 4s. 1d.;

(b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £ 51,338. 16s. 5d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule; while the Total Receipts in Aid of other Army Services exceeded the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £ 69,518. 17s. 3d., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Total Actual Receipts in Aid of the Grants for Army Services exceeded 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 such of the said Total Surpluses on such Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to cover the said Total Deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

## Schedule

### Gross Expenditure

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(b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £ 51,338. 16s. 5d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule; while the Total Receipts in Aid of other Army Services exceeded the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £ 69,518. 17s. 3d., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Total Actual Receipts in Aid of the Grants for Army Services exceeded the Total Surpluses on other Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to cover the said Total Deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

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the Total Estimated Receipts by the Net Sum of £ 18,190, 0s. 10d.; (c) That the resulting Differences between the Exchequer Grants for Army Services and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:

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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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<td>Military : Pay and Allowances</td>
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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Eastern Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Newburgh and North Fife Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that His Royal Highness's interest is concerned, that the 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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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dublin United Tramways (Electrical Power) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the 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 Local Government (Electrical Power) Bill; and acquaint them, that this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, 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 Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) 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 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.

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Local Government Board, 1894-95, containing Accounts of Municipal Boroughs, Towns, and Villages, in each of the said Companies at the date of the last Return, and whether still in operation or not.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Tramways (Street and Road) be printed.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Tramways (Street and Road).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.


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Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Report, No. 205, Leonard Islands, Annual Report for 1895.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names, Objects, and 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 received of all Joint Stock Companies formed since the 1st day of January 1896 to the 31st day of December 1896, 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 Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Railways Command, Copy of Statements furnished to the Board of Trade by the Railway Companies having Terminals in the Metropolis, in reply to a Circular Letter requesting information on the subject of Workmen's Trains in continuation of Parliamentary Paper C. (Nos. 7541), together with a General Statement showing the Total Number and Mileage of the Trains required to be run by Special Act of Parliament, and also of those actually running in the years 1885, 1890, 1894, and 1897, respectively, on the Metropolitan Lines.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, with respect to each Union in England and Wales, the Gross Estimated Rental and Rateable Value according to the Statements furnished to the Local Government Board by Assessment Committees, under the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896 (1) of Agricultural Land as defined by that Act; and (2) of Buildings and other Hereditaments not being Agricultural Land (exclusive of the Annual Value of Hereditaments in the occupation of the Crown).

Mr. T. W. Russell accordingly presented the said Return.

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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. 345, of Session 1896), and an Estimate for the same for the year ended the 31st day of March 1897, in the following form:

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Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cleansing of Persons 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.

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The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

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Ordered, That the Amendments made by the School Boards Lords to the School Boards Expenses Bill be Expenses 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, Grocers’ Grocers’ Certificates (Scotland) Abolition Certificates (Scotland) Abolition Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Merchant Shipping (Exemptions from Admiralty Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Reports which have been received from Her Majesty's Representatives Abroad as to the Statutory Provisions existing in Foreign Countries for the Preservation of Historical Buildings. — (Lord Balliol.)

The Constabulary (Ireland) 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 from Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Weights and Measures (Metric System) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Constabulary (Ireland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Resolved, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 22nd July 1897, stating the circumstances under which certain Civil Servants had been retained in the Service after they had attained the Age of Sixty-five.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cleansing of Persons Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the (Special Persons Bill) said Amendments, being read a second time (and it appearing that the said Amendments in p. 1, l. 18, and in Clause B, were for the purpose of supplying an omission in the Bill), were agreed to.

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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 Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Kingstown-opne Hull Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Highgate Woods Preservation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London (Green Street, Southwark) Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bute Docks, Cardiff; without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tyne Improvement Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tynemouth Corporation Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords request that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships Copies of the Reports from the Select Committees appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament on "Parliamentary Election Petitions" and "Merchandise Marks," together with the Proceedings of the Committees, and Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered, That printed Copies of the said Reports and of the Proceedings of the Committees and Minutes of Evidence be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, that the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Buchanan.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Walrond, Yes,] [Mr. Austruther: 163.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanam, Noes, 62.] [Mr. Caldwell:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Education (Scotland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Buchanan.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided;

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The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yes, 155.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Noes, 79.]

Mr. M'Arthur:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 2, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 2, l. 1, leave out ("accident is solely"), and insert ("injury to a workman is"), 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 Lords' Amendment,—(Secretary for Accidents.)

Then the Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 2, l. 12, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 2, l. 12, leave out sub-section (4), and insert—

(4.) If within the time hereinafter in this Act limited for taking proceedings an action is brought to recover damages independently of this Act for injury caused by any accident, and it is determined in such action that the injury is one for which the employer is not liable in such action, but that he would have been liable to pay compensation under the provisions of this Act, the action shall be dismissed; but the judge, if he shall think fit, may himself proceed to assess such compensation, and shall be at liberty to deduct from such compensation all the costs which, in his judgment, have been caused by the plaintiff bringing the action instead of proceeding under this Act.

In any proceeding under this sub-section, when the judge assesses the compensation, he shall give a certificate of the compensation he has
" has awarded and the directions he has given " as to the deduction for costs, and such cer- tificate shall have the force and effect of an " award under this Act," the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 3, Is. 30 and 31, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 3, Is. 30 and 31, leave out (" of an employer "), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

And a Consequential Amendment was made to the Bill.

P. 3, Is. 31, after (" whole "), insert (" all the circumstances of the case "), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to.

P. 3, Is. 32, after the first (" the "), insert (" general body of "), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

P. 4, Is. 1, leave out sub-section (4), 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.—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.)

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. Fenwick, Noes, [Mr. Pickard;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning; Saturday, 31st July, 1897:

Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments as far as the Amendment in p. 9, 1. 18, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 9, Is. 18, after (" employer ") insert (" or any person by whom he is indemnified," the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

P. 9, Is. 19, after (" employer ") insert (" or such other person; but if the workman objects 

to an examination by that medical practitioner, or is dissatisfied by the certificate of such practitioner upon his condition when communi- cated to him, he may submit himself for examination to one of the medical practitioners appointed for the purposes of this Act, as men- tioned in the Second Schedule to this Act, and the certificate of that medical practitioner as to the condition of the workman at the time of the examination, shall be given to the employer and workman, and shall be conclusive evidence of that condition," the next Amendment, being read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Lords' Amendment, by leaving out the words " in any dock, river, or tidal water near the yard."

(Mr. Sydney Biston.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words " near the yard " stand part of the said Lords' Amendment.—(The House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Lords' Amendment, by leaving out the words " in any dock, river, or tidal water near the yard."

(Sir William Harcourt.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said Lords' Amendment; 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. Fenwick, Noes, [Mr. Pickard;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Lords' Amendment was agreed to.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;
"consent," the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and 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. Balfour, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, Mr. Jesse Collings, Mr. Sydney Buxton, and Mr. Hayes Fisher:—And they are to withdraw immediately.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works Loans Bill.

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Application of Act to loans made under 55 & 56 Vic. c. 43, 60 & 61 Vic. c. 6, and 57 & 58 Vic. c. 60)—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time,—put, and agreed to. Another Clause added. Postponed Clauses 2, 7, and 8, agreed to. Schedule amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill; That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, as follow:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment in p. 3, l. 30, because the omission of the words "by the employer" would unduly widen the scope of the Clause.

The Commons disagree to the Amendment in p. 3, l. 31, because the words, "under all the circumstances of the case," would not substantially alter the meaning of the Clause, or might introduce matters which the Registrar should not consider.

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 Bill to the Lords.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain reported from the Committee on the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill, that they had drawn up Reasons in p. 3, l. 30, and agreed to.

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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 Bill to the Lords.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

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 Municipal Elections (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

At 107. Yeas, Mr. Anstruther: 31. Noes, Mr. Pigon: —Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, 1. 49, to leave out from the beginning of l. 49 to the word "Commissioners," inclusive, in l. 56.—(Mr. Howell.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lover 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 Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to.

Schedule proposed, in p. 4, to leave out Is. 23 and 24.—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Anstruther: 31.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance 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 Lover 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 same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Military Manoeuvres 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Military Manoeuvres 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Military Manoeuvres 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Military Manoeuvres Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time. —The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Isle of Man (Church Building Acts) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to.

Preamble 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 same, without Amendment.

The Burials Joint Committees Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Dangerous Performances Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, agreed to.

A Clause 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 this day.

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 Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 2 (Augmentation of Archdeaconry of London).

Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Labouchère)—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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Yorkshire Coroners Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 3, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, Nos. 4 and 5, 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 this day.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Licensing (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Short Title and extent of Act).

Question proposed, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Howell)—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 Supply Committee of Supply:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London University Commission [Expenses] Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) Bill:

Ordered, That the 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, 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 Licensing (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Introduction by the Medical Officer.

Vide Supplement to the Eighth Report.

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Government Board on the Preparation and Storage of Glycerinated Calf Vaccine Lymph, with an Introduction by the Medical Officer.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
30th—31st July, 1897.

East India
(Salaries of British Residents, &c.)
Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, —Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23rd day of this instant July, for a Return relative to East India (Salaries of British Residents, &c.)
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Explosions
(Explosions at Airdrie.)
Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of State by Captain J. H. Thomson, R.A., Her Majesty’s Inspector of Explosives, on the circumstances attending an Explosion which occurred at a Dwelling-house, known as Sutton Bank, in Drumbo Street, Airdrie, on the 15th July 1897.
Copy of Report of the Commissioners and the Directors of Convict Prisons (England and Wales), with Appendices, for the year ended 31st March 1897.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Prisons
(Ireland.)
Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Nineteenth Report of the General Prisons Board (Ireland), 1896–97, with an Appendix.
Copy of the Report of the President of Queen’s College, Belfast, for the Session 1896–97.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Horse Breeding
(National Prisons, &c.)
Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Sixth Report of the Royal Commission on Horse Breeding.
Copy of the Director’s Report to the Board of Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of Ireland for the year 1896.
Copy of Sixty-fifth Annual Report from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, with Appendices, for the year ending 31st March 1897.
Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of April last, for a Return relative to Government Department (Contracts).
Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 18th June 1897, declaring that Elizabeth Millard, Postmistress, Bishops Stortford, Postmaster General’s Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Head of her Department.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Colonies
(General.)
Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Proceedings of a Conference between the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Premiers of the Self-Governing Colonies at the Colonial Office, London, June and July 1897.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

East India
Revenue Accounts.
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 County Borough of Swansea, into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that County Borough, or of any part thereof, together with the Report on those Endowments for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837 (2) a Digest showing whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the County Borough ; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Report.—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

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 County Borough of Cardiff into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that County Borough, or of any part thereof, together with the Report on those Endowments for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (2) a Digest showing whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the County Borough ; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Report.—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Military Manoeuvres Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Duration of Act.)—(Mr. MacNeill) —And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 7, by leaving out the words “construct military works.” (Mr. Dillon.)
And the Question being proposed, That the word “five,” and inserting the words “one month”—(Mr. MacNeill) —instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word “three months” 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. 1, l. 9, by leaving out the word “five,” and inserting the word “ten”—(Mr. Stephens) —instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word “five” stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 30, by leaving out the words “construct military works.”—(Mr. Dillon.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words “construct military works” stand part of the
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. 2, l. 2, by leaving out from the first word " water " to the end of paragraph (b) of Clause 2.—(Mr. MacNeill).
And the Question being proposed, That the words from the first word " water " to the word " exercise," in l. 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. 16, by leaving out the words " except for the purpose of using authorised roads."—(Mr. Flynn.)
And the Question being proposed, That the word " except " stands 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. 33, by leaving out the words " forty-eight," and inserting the word " twelve " (Mr. MacNeill), instead thereof.
And the Question being proposed, That the words " forty-eight " 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. 3, l. 13, by inserting, after the word " forces," the words " or any portion thereof."—(Mr. Flynn.)
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. 11, after the word " assignees," to insert the words " and their staff."—(Mr. MacNeill.)
Question put, That the words " and their staff " be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment made.
Question proposed, That Clause 4, as amended, stand part of the Bill:—Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Clough):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question put, and agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 5, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSES, Nos. 6 and 7, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 8, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSES, Nos. 9 to 12, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 13, disagreed to.
CLAUSE, Nos. 14 to 16, agreed to.
A Clause (Provision with reference to salaries of Judgeships abolished and savings in case of offices consolidated or abolished)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—added.
Another Clause (Repeal of s. 18, c. 57, 40 & 41 Vic.—Salaries of future Judges)—(Mr. Flynn)—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. Anstruther |
Yea, | 120.
Tellers for the | Mr. Dillon |
Noes, | 32.
Clause agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 2 (As to Judgeships in Queen's Bench Division):—Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out the words " one of."—(Mr. Dillon.)
Question put, That the words " one of " stand part of the Clause:—
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the | Sir William Walrond |
Yea, | 113.
Tellers for the | Mr. Anstruther |
Noes, | 28.
Clauses, No. 3, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 4 (Transaction of bankruptcy business by the High Court):—Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 11, after the word " assignees," to insert the words " and their staff."—(Mr. Flynn.)
Question proposed, That the words " and their staff " be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment made.
Question proposed, That Clause 4, as amended, stand part of the Bill:—Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Clough):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question put, and agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 5, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSES, Nos. 6 and 7, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 8, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSES, Nos. 9 to 12, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 13, disagreed to.
CLAUSE, Nos. 14 to 16, agreed to.
A Clause (Provision with reference to salaries of Judgeships abolished and savings in case of offices consolidated or abolished)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—added.
Another Clause (Repeal of s. 18, c. 57, 40 & 41 Vic.—Salaries of future Judges)—(Mr. Flynn)—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. Flynn |
Yea, | 25.
Tellers for the | Mr. Dillon |
Noes, | 101.
Schedule agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lether reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to public Works Loans 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.

Burials Joint Committees Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Burials Joint Committees 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 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Stipendiary Magistrates’ Jurisdiction (Scotland) 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.

Stipendiary Magistrates’ Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Stipendiary Magistrates’ Jurisdiction (Scotland) 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.

Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Burial Grounds Loans (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Dangerous Performances Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Dangerous Performances 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.

Yorkshire Coroner’s Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Yorkshire Coroner’s Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Archdeaconry of London (Additional Endowments) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 2 and No. 3, agreed to.

Preamble 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 Licensing (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill.

Licensing (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Licensing (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the "Hull and South Yorkshire Extension Railway Bill" and the "Hull and South Yorkshire Extension 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 "Kingston-upon-Hull 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 "London County Council (Improvements) Bill" and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

"Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships."

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the "Manchester Corporation Bill" and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

"Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships."

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the "Metropolitan 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."

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the "North Metropolitan 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 "Southwark and Vauxhall 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 "Weston-super-Mare 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 "Nottingham Improvement Bill" and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

"Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships."

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the "Balby and Bythorne Benefices Union 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 "South Eastern Railway (Confirmation of Coter Agreement) 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, without Amendment."

The Dublin United Tramways (Electrical Power) 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 Dublin United Tramways (New Lines) 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 Fylde Water (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 Harrogate Corporation (Water Transfer) Bill was read the third time and a verbal Amendment was 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."

A Motion being made, That the Harrogate Water 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 Rhyllw Valley Gas and Water 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 Bill and accordingly read the third time and passed.

"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."

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Eastern Railway (Confirmation of Coter Agreement) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

"Ordered, That the Bablok and Bythorne Benefices Union Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow."

VoL. 152.
Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 246 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—[Dr. Egerton.] 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 Standing Orders 220 and 246 relating to Private Bills, be suspended for the remainder of the Session.

Ordered, That, as regards Private Bills already returned by the House of Lords, with Amendments, such Amendments be now considered.

Ordered, That, as regards Private Bills to be returned by the House of Lords, with Amendments, such Amendments be considered forthwith.

Ordered, That, when it is intended to propose and make Amendments thereafter, a Copy of such Amendments shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, and Notice given on the day on which the Bill shall have been returned from the Lords.—[The Chairman of Ways and Means.]

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Government Departments (Contracts), which was presented upon the 31st day of July last, be printed.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Copy of Annual Report, with Appendices, as desired by this House.

Copy of Report by Sydney Stephenson, Esquire, M.R.C.S., on an Inquiry undertaken by him at the request of the Local Government Board upon the Ophthalmic State of Poor Law Children in the Metropolis.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Copy of Annual Report, with Appendices, of the Local Government Board for Ireland, being the Twenty-fifth Report under the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 35 & 36 Vic. c. 69, for the year ended 31st March 1897.

Copy of the Sixty-third Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland (being for the year 1896-97).

Copy of Appendix to the Sixty-third Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland for the year 1896.

Copy of Returns of Local Taxation in Ireland for the year 1896, collected and compiled under the direction of the Local Government Board for Ireland, by desire of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Volunteers Bill be now taken into consideration.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Contract, dated the 2nd day of August 1897, entered into with the Holdfriz and Jordon, Bermudas No. 393.
2nd August.

Civil Services Estimates, 1897–98.

1. £ 27,373, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

2. £ 121,699, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 27,246, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin and London, and Subordinate Departments. Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £ 1,000, in respect of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant in Ireland. The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Dillon], Yeas, [Dr. Tanner], Noes, [Mr. Anstruther]; Original Question put, and agreed to. Class III.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 7,655,017, 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 1898, for the Expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary. — Debate arising: And, it being Ten of the clock, the Chairman, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 89th day of January last, proceeded to put the Questions necessary to dispose of the outstanding Votes in the Committee of Supply. Question put accordingly: The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther]; Tellers for the [Mr. Flynn], Noes, [Mr. Flynn]; 48. Class I.

5. £ 10,000 (Supplementary Sum), for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings:

The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther]; Tellers for the [Mr. Flynn]; 44.

7. £ 80,000 (Supplementary Sum) for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain not provided for on other Votes. Class II.

8. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 8,900, 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 1898, 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.

The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther]; Tellers for the [Mr. Flynn], Noes, [Mr. Anstruther]; 135.

9. £ 30,200, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings. The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther]; Tellers for the [Mr. Flynn], Noes, [Dr. Tanner]; 44.

10. Motion made, and Question put, 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 1898, for Her Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services. The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther]; Tellers for the [Mr. Flynn], Noes, [Dr. Tanner]; 143.

11. Motion made, and Question put, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther]; Tellers for the [Mr. Flynn], Noes, [Dr. Tanner]; 130.

12. £ 10,407, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registrar General of Births, &c., and the Expenses of Collecting Agricultural and other Statistics in Ireland. The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther]; Tellers for the [Mr. Flynn], Noes, [Dr. Tanner]; 134.

13. £ 6,649, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland. Class III.

14. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 40,229, 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 1898, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland.

The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther]; Tellers for the [Mr. Flynn], Noes, [Mr. Flynn]; 37.

15. £ 74,758 to complete the Sum for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Great Britain as are not provided for on other Votes. 36.
of Judicature and of certain other Legal Departments in Ireland as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.


17. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 80,869, 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 1898, for the Salaries, Allowances, Expenses, and Pensions of various County Court Commissioners, and of Magistrates in Ireland, and the Expenses of Revision;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther] 162.

Tellers for the Dr. Tanner, Noes, [Mr. Davitt] 18.

18. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 65,491, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioner of Police, the Police Courts, and the Metropolitan Police Establishment of Dublin;

The Committee divided.


Tellers for the Dr. Tanner, Noes, [Mr. Davitt] 44.

19. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,996, 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 1898, for the Expenses of the General Prisons Board in Ireland, and of the Prisons under their control, and of the Registration of Habitual Criminals;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther] 137.

Tellers for the Dr. Tanner, Noes, [Mr. Davitt] 44.

20. £ 5,588, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Ireland.

21. £ 3,946, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Ireland.

22. £ 2,500 (Supplementary Sum), for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses, including a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Incorporated Law Society.

Class IV.

23. £ 15,984, to complete the Sum for sundry Grants in Aid of Scientific Investigation, &c., and other Grants.

24. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 66,059, 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 1898, for Grants in Aid of the Teachers' Pension Fund, Ireland.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther] 142.

Tellers for the Mr. Cornell Williams, Noes, [Mr. Herbert Roberts] 38.

25. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,450, 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 1898, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther] 162.

Tellers for the Dr. Tanner, Noes, [Mr. Davitt] 18.

26. £ 2,300 (Supplementary Sum), for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery.

27. £ 14,800 (Supplementary Sum), for the Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, including a Grant in Aid of the Teachers' Pension Fund, Ireland.

Class V.

28. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,868, 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 1898, for a Grant in Aid of the Revenue of the Island of Cyprus;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther] 141.

Tellers for the Mr. Philip Stanhope, Noes, [Mr. Clark] 37.

Class VI.

29. £ 18,113, to complete the Sum, for a Grant in Aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics in Ireland.

30. £ 6,640, to complete the Sum for Hospitals and Infirmaries, and certain Miscellaneous, Charitable, and other Allowances in Ireland, including sundry Grants in Aid.

Class VII.

31. £ 2,048, for the repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund of certain Miscellaneous Advances.

32. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 80,000, 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 1898, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses connected with the Celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther] 162.

Tellers for the Dr. Tanner, Noes, [Mr. Davitt] 12.

Tuesday, 3rd August, 1897:

Army (Supplementary Estimate), 1897-98.

33. Motion made, and Question put, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 200,000, 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 1898, for Additional Expenditure in respect of the Garrison in South Africa on the following Army Services, viz.—

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Total £ 200,000
The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant
Committee on the Merchant Shipping (Exemp-
tions from Pilotage) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, re-
solve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the
House of the 15th day of July last, Mr. Speaker
adjourned the House without Question put, it
being then five minutes before One of the clock
on Tuesday morning, till this day.

Tuesday, 3rd August, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to

1. take into consideration the Amendments made
by the Lords to the Watford, Edgeware, and
London Railway Bill; and the same were
twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House
hath agreed to the Amendments made by their
Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to

2. take into consideration the Amendments made
by the Lords to the Birmingham City 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, according to Order, proceeded to

3. 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, according to Order, proceeded to

4. take into consideration the Amendments made
by the Lords to the Norwich Electric 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, according to Order, proceeded to

5. take into consideration the Amendments made
by the Lords to the Salford 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

6. take into consideration the Amendments made
by the Lords to the Harrow and Uxbridge Rail-
way 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

7. take into consideration the Amendments made
by the Lords to the Whitechapel and Bow Rail-
way Bill.
way 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 Southwark and Vauxhall Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Kingston and Kingsbridge Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cowes Harbour 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.)

Mr. Courtney, 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.

Standing Orders.

Standing Order 1 was read, and amended, in Part II., Heading, in line 5, by leaving out the word "and."

In line 8, after the word "tenant," by inserting the words,—

"The term 'Parish' means (as respects England and Wales) a place for which a separate poor rate is or can be made or for which a separate overseer is or can be appointed;"

"The term 'district,' with respect to the Administrative County of London, means any parish in Schedule A, and any district in Schedule B of the Metropolitan Management Act, 1855, as amended by any subsequent Act."

Standing Order 4 was read, and amended:—

In line 4, by leaving out the word "Town-ship."

In line 10, by leaving out the word "or town-ship."

In line 14, after the word "Peace," by inserting the word "and."

In lines 15 and 16, by leaving out the words "parish clergies, clerks of vestries, or district boards, sessional clerks, town clerks, and clerks of unions," and inserting the words "and also with the officers respectively mentioned in Standing Order 29."

Standing Orders 29 and 29A were read, and revised.

New Standing Order 29:—

Ordered, That where, under the powers of any Bill, any work is intended to be made, maintained, varied, extended, or enlarged, or any lands or houses may be taken compulsorily, or an improvement charge may be imposed, a copy of so much of the said plans and sections as relates to any of the areas hereinafter mentioned, together with a copy of so much of the book of reference as relates to such area, shall on or before the 30th day of November be deposited with the officer respectively hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, in the case of—

(a) Any parish in the City of London, with the parish clerk of that parish;

(b) Any district of the Administrative County of London (outside the City of London) with the clerk of the vestry or district board, as the case may be;

(c) Any county borough or other borough in England or Wales, with the town clerk;

(d) Any urban district in England or Wales, not being a borough, with the clerk of the district council;

(e) Any parish in England or Wales having a parish council, with the clerk of the parish council, or, if there is no clerk, with the chairman of that council;

(f) Any parish in England or Wales comprised in a rural district, and not having a parish council, with the clerk of the district council;

(g) Any parish in Scotland, with the clerk of the parish council;

(h) Any Royal or Parliamentary burgh in Scotland, with the town clerk;

(i) Any police burgh in Scotland, with the clerk to the burgh commissioners;

(j) Any parish in Ireland, with the clerk of the union within which that parish is included;

(k) Any urban sanitary authority in Ireland, with the clerk of the sanitary authority.

Ordered, That the said Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Standing Order 30 was read, and amended:—

In line 4, by leaving out the words "two copies," and inserting the words "a copy."

At the end, by adding the words "and a copy of so much of the said plans, sections, and books of reference as relates to such common or comonable land shall on or before the said day be deposited at the Office of the Board of Agriculture."

Standing Order 33 was read, and amended, in line 27, by inserting, after the word "revenues," the words "a printed copy of every Bill affecting any parish or charitable trusts at the Office of the Charity Commission."

Standing Order 33A was read, and amended, in line 9, by inserting, after the word "King-"don, the words "or whereby power is sought to take any common or comonable land."

Standing Order 45B was read, and amended, in line 5, by leaving out from the word "and," to the end of the Standing Order.

Standing Order 61 was read, and amended:—

In line 7, by leaving out the words "each parish," and inserting the words "any of the areas mentioned in Standing Order 29."

In lines 8 and 9, by leaving out the words "(subject to the provisions of section 17 (7) of the Local Government Act, 1894.)"

In line 9, by leaving out from the words "parish clerks," to the words "district board," inclusive, in line 19, and inserting the words "officers respectively mentioned in that order."

In lines 25 to 27, by leaving out the words "or if there be no such paper printed therein, then in the newspaper of the county adjoining thereto."

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Standing Order 158 was read, and amended in paragraph (D), line 11, by inserting, after the word "year," the words, "unless the Com- mittee on the Bill think fit, in the special circumstances of the case, to allow a longer period."

Standing Order 183A was read, and amended in line 31, by leaving out the word "includes," and inserting the word "means."

An Amendment was made to the Standing Orders, by leaving out Appendix (A), and inserting the following amended Appendix (A):

Appendix (A.)

[Form referred to in Pages 39 and 52.]

No.

Sir,

We beg to inform you, that Application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session for "An Act" [here insert the Title of the Act], and that the Property mentioned in the annexed Schedule, Part I., or some Part thereof, in which we understand you are interested as therein stated, will be liable to be taken compulsorily for the purposes of the said Undertaking [and that the Property mentioned in the annexed Schedule, Part II., in which we understand you are interested as therein stated, will be liable to have an improvement charge imposed upon it.]

We also beg to inform you, that a Plan and Section of the said Undertaking, with a Book of Reference thereto, have been or will be deposited with the [several Clerks of the Peace, or principal Sheriff Clerks, as the case may be] of the Counties of [specify the Counties in which the Property is situate], on or before the 30th of November, and that Copies of so much of the said Plan and Section as relates to the [Parish or other area in accordance with the terms of Standing Order 29, as the case may be], in which your Property is situate, with a Book of Reference thereto, have been or will be deposited for public Inspection with the [Clerk, or other Officer in the said Parish respectively mentioned, as the ease may be], on or before the 30th of November, on which Plan your Property is designated by the Numbers set forth in the annexed Schedule.

As we are required to report to Parliament whether you assent to or dissent from the proposed Undertaking, or whether you are nearer in respect thereto, you will oblige us by writing your Answer of Assent, Dissent, or Neutrality in the Form left herewith, and returning the same to us with your Signature on or before the day of [next]; and if there should be any Error or Misdescription in the annexed Schedule, we shall feel obliged by informing us thereof, at your earliest convenience, that we may correct the same without delay.

We also beg to inform you that it is intended that the Act shall provide to the effect that, notwithstanding Section 92 of the Land Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845 [or Section 90 of the Land Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845], you may be required to sell and convey a part only of your property, numbered on the deposited Plans.

We are, Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

To

Note.—If the Application be forwarded by Post, the words "Parliamentary Notice" are to be printed or written on the cover.

Another Amendment was made to the Standing Orders, by leaving out the Schedule, and inserting the following new Schedule:—

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(Schedule referred to in the foregoing Notice describing the Property therein alluded to.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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 1896.

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the United Kingdom in each of the last Fifteen Years, from 1882 to 1896. [Forty-fourth Number.]

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the several Colonial and other Possessions of the United Kingdom in each of the last Fifteen Years, from 1882 to 1896. [Thirty-fourth Number.]

Copy of Statistical Tables relating to the Colonial and other Possessions of the United Kingdom. Part XXI., for the years 1891, 1892, and 1893.

Ordered, That the said Paper relative to the Copyright (Amendment) Bill, which was communicated from the Lords upon the 2nd day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report, No. 201, (Trinidad and Tobago, Annual Report for 1896. (Annual),) for the year 1896.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report for the years 1891, 1892, and 1893. (Sir Henry Craik, K.C.M.G., on the In- spection of Higher Class Schools in Scotland, and the Examination for Leaving Certificates.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hasbury presented, pursuant to the direc- tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report for the year ended 31st March 1897, of the Army and Navy Officers permitted, under Rule 2 of the Regulations drawn up under Section 6 of "The Superannuation Act, 1887," to hold Civil Employment of Profit under Public Departments.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report for the year 1897, by Sir Henry Craik, K.C.M.G., on the In- spection of Higher Class Schools in Scotland, and the Examination for Leaving Certificates.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee of Council on Education on Schools for the Blind and Deaf, with Appendices, 1896-97. (Blind and Deaf, with Appendices, 1896-97.)
Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copies of Appendices III. to IX. to the Final Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the subject of Vaccination, consisting of Reports to the Commission relative to Outbreaks of Small Pox or the prevalence of the Disease in certain Districts; and Papers relating to Cases in which Death or Injury was said to be traceable to Vaccination.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Adjournment Motions under Standing Order, No. 17.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Closures of Debate (Standing Order, No. 25.).

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Divisions of the House.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Private Bills.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Public Bills.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Public Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Select Committees.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Sittings of the House.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Business of the House (Days occupied by Government and by Private Members.)

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Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Petitions.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Colonial Orders.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Procedure in the House.

Mr. Attorney General reported from the Select Committee on Divorce Bills; That they had examined the allegations of Vanston'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 Divorce, a mensa et throno, 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 said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Attorney General reported from the Committee on Divorce Bills; That they heard the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings in the House of Lords on the Second Reading of Vanston's Divorce Bill, together with the Deposits deposited in the case, be returned to the House of Lords: And that the Clerk do carry the same.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, London County Council a Return showing the Amount expended by the London County Council since the year 1890 to the present time—

(a) in prosecuting and conducting Inquiries and Negotiations relative to the Supply of Water, or Companies supplying Water, in or near the Administrative County of London, under the London Council (General Powers) Act, 1890 [53 & 54 Vict. c. xxvii.], Section 38, which Sum was limited to £ 6,000;

(b) in making Inquiries as to the existing Supply of Water within the Metropolitan Water Area, and the Charges made for the same, and as to the possible Sources of Supply, under the London Water Act, 1892 [55 & 56 Vict. c. xxx.], which was limited by Section 3 to a Sum of £ 10,000 in addition to the Sum which the Council were authorized to pay for similar purposes by Section 38 of the London Council (General Powers) Act, 1890, above mentioned;

(c) distinguishing any Sums expended upon like purposes during the period in question which may have been considered as properly applicable to the Cost of the Promotion of any Bills in Parliament dealing with the general question of Water Supply within the whole of the Metropolitan Water Area.

—(Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland.)

Mr. Chaplin reported from the Committee of Supply on the Resolution, which was read, as follows:

Civil Services Estimates, 1897-98.

Ordered, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 49,705, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

Ordered, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 121,659, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Ordered, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 27,373, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relating to the Rates of Import Duties levied upon the Produce and Manufactures of the United Kingdom.

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The said Resolution being read a second time; And the Question being put, That "£ 49,705." stand part of the Resolution; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Anstruther, Mr. Robson; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. A. Cattermole, Mr. Pilkington; So it was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Horsley reported from the Committee of Supply on the Resolution, which was read, as follows:

Civil Services Estimates, 1897-98.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, London County Council a Return showing the Amount expended by the London County Council since the year 1890 to the present time—

(a) in prosecuting and conducting Inquiries and Negotiations relative to the Supply of Water, or Companies supplying Water, in or near the Administrative County of London, under the London Council (General Powers) Act, 1890 [53 & 54 Vict. c. xxvii.], Section 38, which Sum was limited to £ 6,000;

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(c) distinguishing any Sums expended upon like purposes during the period in question which may have been considered as properly applicable to the Cost of the Promotion of any Bills in Parliament dealing with the general question of Water Supply within the whole of the Metropolitan Water Area.

—(Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland.)

Mr. Chaplin reported from the Committee of Supply on the Resolution, which was read, as follows:

Civil Services Estimates, 1897-98.

Class II.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 27,373, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

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Class II.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 27,373, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commission.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 121,659, 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
the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 27,246, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin and London, and Subordinate Departments.

Royal Irish Constabulary.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 780,017, 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 1898, for the Expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary.

Science and Art Department (Great Britain) (Buildings.)

5. 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 1898, for Expenditure in respect of Science and Art Buildings, Great Britain.

Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

6. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 3,000, 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 1898, for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

Public Buildings (Great Britain).

7. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 80,000, 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 1898, for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain not provided for on other Votes.

Colonial Office.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 28,900, 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 1898, 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.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 36,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

Secret Services.

10. 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 1898, for Her Majesty's Foreign and Secret Services.

11. 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 10,107, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., and of the Expenditure of Collecting Agricultural and other Statistics in Ireland.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 6,649, 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 1898, for General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland.

Class III.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 40,229, 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 1898, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 74,758, 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 1898, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 68,451, 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 1898, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland, in respect of the Court of Judicature and of certain other Legal Departments in Ireland as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 80,869, 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 1898, 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.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 65,491, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 69,096, 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 1898, for the Expenses of the General Prisons Board in Ireland, and of the Prisons under their control, and of the Registration of Habitual Criminals.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 55,087, 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 1898, for the Expenses of Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Ireland.

21. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,946, 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 1898, for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Ireland.

22. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 2,509, 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 1898, for the Expenses of the Incorporated Law Society.

23. That...
23. That a Sum, not exceeding £15,984, 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 1898, for sundry Grants in Aid of Scientific Investigation, &c., and other Grants.

24. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,059, 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 1898, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of certain Universities and Colleges in Great Britain, and of the Expenses under the W-bish Intermediate Education Act, 1889.

25. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,440, 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 1898, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland.

26. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £2,300, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery.

27. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £18,000, 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 1898, for the Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, including a Grant in Aid of the Teachers' Pension Fund, Ireland.

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 1898, for a Grant in Aid of the Revenue of the Island of Cyprus.

29. That a Sum, not exceeding £18,113, 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 1898, for the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics in Ireland.

30. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,640, 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 1898, for Hospitals and Infirmaries, and certain Miscellaneous, Charitable, and other Allowances in Ireland, including sundry Grants in Aid.

31. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,048, 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 1898, for the Repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund of certain Miscellaneous Advances.

32. That a Sum, not exceeding £80,000, 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 1898, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses connected with the Celebration of the Sixtieth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Accession.
4. Sec. 1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,126,000 (including a Supplementary Sum of £ 130,000), be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Personnel for Ship-building, Repair, Maintenance, &c., 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 1898.

5. Sec. 2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,064,000 (including a Supplementary Sum of £ 40,000), be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Material for Ship-building, Repair, Maintenance, &c., 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 1898.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 85,600, 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 1898.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 66,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Scientific Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898.

8. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £ 100,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Cost of Naval Armaments, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898.

Civil Services Estimates, 1897-98.

Class II.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 28,000, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for England and Wales, including the Endowed Schools Department.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 350,830, 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 1898, 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 Repayments of Parliamentary Debates.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 13,904, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and of the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Akers-Douglas reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Army Estimates, 1897-98.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 248,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charges and Miscellaneous Charges of the War Office which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 894,000, 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 1898.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,328,800, 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 1898.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,522,600, 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 Compensation 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 1898.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 173,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Superannuation Allowances and Grants; which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 560,17, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Expense of the Post Office Packet Service.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,177,925, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for Telegraph Service.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Akers-Douglas 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 1898, the Sum of £ 51,759,260 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by the Lord Commissioners of His Majesty's Most Honourable prerogatives over the Lords, was received:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Consolidated Bill to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament:

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, by the Lords' Commissioners of His Majesty's prerogatives over the Lords, was received:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 17) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Bill.
Naval Works Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Naval Works Bill, without any Amendment.

Out-door Relief (Ireland) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Out-door Relief (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

Post Office and Telegraphs (Facilities and Pensions) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Post Office and Telegraphs (Facilities and Pensions) Bill, without any Amendment.

Metropolitan Police (Borrowing Powers) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Police (Borrowing Powers) Bill, without any Amendment.

Burials Joint Committees Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Burials Joint Committees Bill, without any Amendment.

Dangersous Performance Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Dangerous Performance Bill, without any Amendment.

Yorkshire Coalers Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Yorkshire Coalers Bill, without any Amendment.

Conveyed Districts (Scotland) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Conveyed Districts (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

Military Manoeuvres Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Military Manoeuvres Bill, without any Amendment.

District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) Bill, without an Amendment.

Wicklow Harbour (Coalers) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Wicklow Harbour (Coalers) Bill, without any Amendment.

Public Works Loans Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Public Works Loans Bill, without any Amendment.

Archaeology of London (Additional Endowments) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Archaeology of London (Additional Endowments) Bill, without any Amendment.

Expending Laws Continuance Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Expending Laws Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

Colwyn Bay and Colwyn Urban District Council Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Colwyn Bay and Colwyn Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Metropolitan Water Companies Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill, with an Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) Bill, without any Amendment.

South Eastern Railway Bill [Lords.]
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the South Eastern Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

Bristol Extension Bill [Lords.]
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bristol Extension Bill, without any Amendment.

Fylde Water (Transfer) Bill [Lords.]
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Fylde Water (Transfer) Bill, without any Amendment.

Harragate Water Bill [Lords.]
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Harragate Water Bill, without any Amendment.

South Eastern Railway (Confirmation of Cator Agreement) Bill [Lords.]
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the South Eastern Railway (Confirmation of Cator Agreement) Bill, without any Amendment.

Workmen (Compensation for Accidents) BILL [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Workmen’s (Compensation for Accidents) 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 to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Foreign Lords to the Foreign Prison Made Goods 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 to the Amendment made by the Foreign Lords to the Foreign Prison Made Goods Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the East India Committee on East India Revenue Accounts. Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Constabulary (Ireland) Bill [Lords.]

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 3, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Ritchie reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Transfer (revised) Bill [Lords.]

(In the Committee.)

A Clause (Provision for the Yorkshire Registries of Deeds) (Mr. Attorney General) —— brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again — (Mr. Stuart-Wortley) —— Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O’Conor reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill, as amended by the Standing Committee and in Committee of the whole House, 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. Butcher.)

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 taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (As to succession and estate duty)—(Mr. Attorney General)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 22, by leaving out the words “so long as.”—(Commander Bethell.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words “so long as” 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. 7, l. 8, by inserting, after the word “until,” the words “notice of the application for a certificate.”—(Mr. Halsehous.)

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. 12, l. 37, by leaving out Clause 20.—(Mr. Sydney Geddes.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words “Her Majesty the Queen may, by Order in Council, declare,” 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. 13, l. 33, by inserting, after the word “county,” the words “and no further or other Order shall be made under this section before the expiration of three years after such resolution has been communicated to the Privy Council.”—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, and in Committee of the whole House, be taken into further consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Merchant Shipping (Exemptions from Pilotage) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, agreed to.

Preamble disagreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, 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 the Lords do desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 15th day of July last, Mr. Speaker vol. 132.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Kingstown and Kingsbridge Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that Vaunt's Divorce 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 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.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Criminal and Judicial Statistics of Ireland for the year 1895.

Part I. Criminal Statistics.

Copy of the Criminal and Judicial Statistics of Ireland for the year 1896.

Part II. Civil Proceedings in Central and Larger and Smaller District Courts.

Copy of Third Report of the Commissioners on Manual and Practical Instruction in Primary Schools under the Board of National Education in Ireland, together with Minutes of Evidence.

Copy of Return, according to Provinces and Counties, of Judicial Rents fixed by Sub-Commissions and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms, together with a Return prepared in a similar manner of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Land Commission on Appeal, as notified to the Irish Land Commission during the month of April 1897; also, Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.


Copy of Sixth Report of the Congested Districts Board for Ireland, for the Period from 1st April 1896 to 31st March 1897.

Copy of Tables showing the Extent in Statute Acres and the Produce of the Crops for the year 1897, with Observations of 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 1887-96; also Bee-keeping Statistics for the Season 1896.

General Abstracts of Agricultural Statistics in Agricultural Ireland, showing the Acreage under Crops, also the Number and Description of Live Stock in each County and Province, 1896-97; also Reports from the Superintendents of Enumeration upon the State of the Crops in their several Districts in the last week of July 1897, &c.
Agricultural Statistics (Ireland) (Migratory Agricultural Labourers), 1897.

Copy of Report and Tables relating to Migratory Agricultural Labourers (Ireland), 1897.

Banking, Railway, and Shipping Statistics (Ireland), 1897.

Copy of Report on the Banking, Railway, and Shipping Statistics of Ireland, for the half year ended 30th June 1897.

Queen's College (Cork) Fisheries (Ireland).

Copy of the Report of the President of Queen's College, Cork, for the Session 1896-97, with Appendices.

Copy of Report of the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries on the Sea and Inland Fisheries of Ireland for 1896.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Local Government Act, 1888.

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the County Councils of various Counties in England and Wales under the Local Government Act, 1888, as far as it relates to Highways within the Administrative Counties of East Suffolk and West Suffolk.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Report of the Board of Trade respecting the Proceedings of the Board of Trade under the Railway Construction Act, 1893, 56 and 57 Vict. c. 29, during the year ended 27th July 1897.

Copy of Report by the Board of Trade on Weights and Measures, 1878 and 1889.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Railway Servants (Hours of Labour) and Weights and Measures be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Local Government Act, 1897.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table, Charitable Endowments (London), containing the Reports on the parishes of the county of London, of General Report of the Board of Commissioners for Charitable Endowments (Anglesey), (Inquiries Held).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Further Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (London), containing the Reports on the parishes of the county of London, of General Report of the Board of Commissioners for Charitable Endowments (Anglesey), (Inquiries Held).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Return to an Order, dated the 29th day of July last, for a Return relative to Huddersfield County Borough (Charities).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of July last, for a Return relative to Swansea County Borough (Charities).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Further Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of March in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (Anglesey) (Inquiries Held).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Further Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of July last, for a Return relative to Cardiff, County Borough (Charities) and to Cardiff, County Borough (Inquiry into Charities), printed together in combined form.

Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

The Order made upon the 29th day of July last, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House,
House, a Return relative to Army (Aldershot Review) (Batteries and Battalions present), was read and discharged.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give it to be laid before this House, a Return giving particulars of the Batteries and Battalions present at Aldershot on the 1st day of July, showing the Effective Strength of each Battery and Battalion, the Establishment of the Person or Man who would be liable at Home on account of Length of Service in the event of the Battery or Battalion being ordered abroad on War Service, and the Number which would be required to raise each unit to War Strength. The Return to relate to any day during the months of June or July which it may suit the convenience of the War Office to select for the purpose.—(Mr. Arnold-Forster.)

Resolved, That 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 Bye-laws made by the Councils of Counties and Boroughs as to Lights upon Vehicles, giving particulars, as far as possible, of the points of difference therein.—(Colonel Milward.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing in respect of each Urban Sanitary District whether the Contracts entered into by the authority for the execution of Works specify any Conditions as to the Wages to be paid by the Contractor, or other Conditions with respect to the Persons employed by him; and, if so, what are the Conditions so specified (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 435, of Session 1893.)—(Mr. John Burns.)

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Water Companies 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.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders of this House, as amended, be printed.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Land Transfer Bill, as amended by the Standing Committee and in Committee of the whole House.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 33, by inserting, after the word “county,” the words “and such county shall not be the County of London.”—(Mr. Sydney George.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted, it passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in Clause 22A (Provision for the Yorkshire Registries of Deeds), at the end of Sub-section (3) of the Clause, by inserting, after the word “agreement,” the words “but no sum shall be payable for compensation in respect of any future loss of fees consequent upon such transfer.”—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

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 Yeas, (Sir Henry Fowler.)
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Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Brideg.)
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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, 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 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill consolidated, was, according to Order, read a second time;—(Scotland) Bill, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:—The Lords have agreed to the Education Bill (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Licensing Acts Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bradford Corporation Tramways and Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Parish Councils (Scotland) Casual Vacancies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Health (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Land Transfer Bill made by this House to the Land Transfer Bill, Bill (Lords.), with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords request that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships Copies of the Reports from the Select Committees appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament on Agricultural Produce, the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have agreed to the Session of Parliament on Agricultural Produce (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments, and the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That printed Copies of the said Reports of the Proceedings of the Committees and Minutes of Evidence be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Land Transfer (Scotland) Bill be (Scotland) 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.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Land Transfer Lords to the Amendments made by this House Bill (Lords.), to the Land Transfer 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 Amendments made by their Lordships to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Constabulary (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, 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 Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the East India Revenue Accounts:
Resolution, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 15th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour after Six of the clock, till to-morrow.

Thursday, 5th August, 1897.

THE House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Bradford Corporation Tramways and Improvement Bill.

Colwyn Bay and Colwyn Urban District Council Bill.

Kingstown and Kingsbridge Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill (Lords.)

Public Petitions.

Vide Supplement to the Eighth Report on Naval Prize Money, No. 402.

Education Department.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of the Pupils in Public and Private Secondary Schools in England (excluding Monmouthshire), and of the Teaching Staff in such Schools on 1st June 1897.

Copy of Directory of the Department of Science and Art, for the year 1897, with Regulations for establishing and conducting Science and Art Schools and Classes.

Sir John Gorst also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Minutes sanctioning the Subjects to be taught under Clause 8 of the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, for the following Counties and Cities:

1. County of East Suffolk (Fourth Minute), dated 11th June 1897;
2. County of Southampton (Eighth Minute), dated 18th June 1897;
3. City of Belfast (Fourth Minute), dated 2nd July 1897.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875, dated 3rd August 1897, amending the Order in Council of 26th July 1895, with respect to the Autumn, Winter, and Easter Assizes on the Northern Circuit, and to the Winter Assizes on the North and South Wales Circuit.

Copy of Eight Orders in Council, dated 3rd August 1897, under the Winter Assizes Acts, 1876 and 1877, relating to the ensuing Winter Assizes.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of April last, for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue (Collection and Expenditure) (Great Britain and Ireland).

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Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of May last, for Returns relative to Taxes and Imposts.

Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of May last, for a Return relative to Ecclesiastical Charges.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return of the Amount payable on the 5th January 1897, out of the Consolidated Fund, for Ecclesiastical purposes in the West Indies, and of the appropriation of it to different Islands and Persons therein, with their respective Offices.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns be printed.

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The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of April last, for a Return relative to the Crofters' Commission (Scotland).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst also presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of State on the circumstances attending the Accident which occurred at Fairwaterbank, No. 1 Pit, Devon Colliery, Clacket-manus, on the 26th March 1897, by Robert Younger, Esquire, Advocate, and J. B. Atkinson, Esquire, Her Majesty's Inspector of Mines.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-sixth Report (with Appendices) of the Inspector of Lunatics (Ireland).

Reformatory and Industrial Schools (Ireland.)

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Thirty-fifth Report of the Inspector appointed to visit the Reformatory and Industrial Schools of Ireland.

Irish Land Commission.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to an Order of the Irish Land Commissioners for the Period from the 1st April 1896 to 31st March 1897.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns by Railway Companies of the United Kingdom on the use of Continuous Railways, for the Six Months ending the 30th June 1897.

Railways (Continuous Railways.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns by Railway Companies of the United Kingdom on the use of Continuous Railways, for the Six Months ending the 30th June 1897.

Board of Trade (Labour Department.)


Strikes and Lock Outs.

Copy of Report by the Chief Labour Correspondent of the Board of Trade on the Strikes and Lock Outs of 1896, with Statistical Tables.

Trade Unions.

Copy of Ninth Report by the Chief Labour Correspondent of the Board of Trade on Trade Unions, 1896, with Statistical Tables.

Tramways, and Gas and Water Orders.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports which have been received from Her Majesty's Representatives Abroad as to the statutory provisions existing in Foreign Countries for the preservation of Historical Buildings.

Historical Buildings (Foreign Countries) (Miscellaneous, No. 2, 1897.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Further Returns to an Order, dated the 10th day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (West Riding of the County of York); and to an Order dated the 8th day of February last, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (City of Sheffield).

Ordered, That the said Returns be printed.

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 Rules of the Supreme Court, dated 4th August 1897, in substitution of Rules 4 and 5 of Order LXIV. of the Rules of the Supreme Court, 1883.

Ordered, That the said Returns be printed.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (West Riding of the County of York), No. 408.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Charitable Endowments (West Riding of the County of York.) No. 408.

Further Returns to Orders dated the 10th day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (West Riding of the County of York); and 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 County Borough of Bradford into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1891, and appropriated in whole or in part for the Benefit of that County Borough, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for Inquiring concerning Charities, 1815 to 1897; (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.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Parish Councils (Scotland) (Casual Vacancies) 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement showing the Production and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages (Wine, Beer, and Spirits) in the various Countries of Europe and in the United States, together with Statistical Tables relating thereto, for recent years, as far as the particulars can be stated.

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 Memorials addressed to the Secretary of State for India by the British Committee of the Federation for the Abolition of State Regulation of Vice against the New Cantonment Regulations proposed by the Government of India, and by the British Women's Temperance Association, against any intervention of the State for the Regulation of Immorality. (Mr. James Stuart.)

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons) have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House.

Lord Stanley reported from the said Committee; That they had considered the matters to them referred, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments (West Riding of the County of York) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments, (Sites) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments, (Exemptions from Pilotage) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Merchant Shipping (Exemptions from Pilotage) Bill (Lords).

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Dublin United Tramways (Electrical Power) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Dublin United Tramways (New Lines) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Harrogate Corporation (Water Transfer) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Cowes Harbour Bill, without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reading of the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

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, "this House views with grave disapproval the fact that famine, plague, and pestilence in India have been seized by the Indian Government for an attack on the freedom of the Press in India, and for the revival of the system of arrest of British subjects in India under the Law of lettre de cachet, and of the indefinite imprisonment without trial of persons thus arrested; and desires to place on record its conviction that the only safe foundation for government in India is to be sought in the extension to British subjects in India of the full privileges of the British Constitution"—(Mr. MacNeill)—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 Walbord, Yeas, 97.]

Tellers for the [Mr. MacNeill, Noes, 17.]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed:

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Mr. Speaker drew the attention of the House to the tedious repetition of his own arguments and of those of other Members by Mr. Weir, Member for Ross and Cromarty, and directed him to discontinue his speech.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

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 Contract dated the 2nd day of August, 1897, entered into with the Halifax and Bermuda Cable Company for the construction, laying, and maintenance of a submarine cable between Bermuda and Jamaica, be approved.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Food and Drugs 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 15th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes before One o'clock on Friday morning, till this day.

Friday, 6th August, 1897.

The House met at Ten of the clock.

PRAYERS.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Ecclesiastical Charges), was presented upon the 5th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Crofters' Commission (Scotland), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Metropolitan Cemeteries, which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Prisoners (England and Wales), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant August, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Treasury Minute, dated 30th July 1897, authorising the Sale of a Plot of Land at Dublin, with Buildings thereon, not required for the purposes of Kingstown Harbour, Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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East India (Contagious Diseases) No. 7, 1897.

No. 415.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 5th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to East India (Contagious Diseases), No. 7, 1897.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Naval Expenditure and Mercantile Marine (Great Britain, &c.) No. 416.

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order dated the 21st day of June last, for a Return relative to Naval Expenditure and Mercantile Marine (Great Britain, &c.); Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Universities and College Estates Acts, 1858 to 1889 (Departmental Committee.)

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Agriculture to inquire into the working of the Universities and College Estates Acts, 1858 to 1889, and to report whether any, and if so what, Amendments therein are desirable, with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Irish Land Commission, No. 417.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order dated the 9th day of July last, for a Return relative to the Irish Land Commission.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Parliamentary Papers, No. 418.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—List of the Bills, Reports, Estimates, and Accounts and Papers printed by Order of the House, and of Papers presented by Command, Session 1897, with a General Alphabetical Index thereto, 26th Parliament, Third Session, 60 & 61 Vic., 19th January 1897 to 6th August 1897.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

supplementary Estimates.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Supplementary Estimates laid upon the Table from the 1st day of April to the 2nd day of August in each of the last Five Years, giving the nature of each Estimate, the Dates when so laid, and when voted; and showing also which Estimate was voted without discussion under the Time Closure in 1896 and 1897.—(Mr. Bartley.)

Court of Criminal Appeal Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of March last, That the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill be committed to a Select Committee; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Post Office Telegraphists employed by the Post Office, their Wages, Allowances, and other E mouments generally, with conditions of Employment in 1872 and 1897 stated separately for London and for the rest of the United Kingdom.—(Mr. Provand.)

Madagascar.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give Directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of Correspondence with the French Government on the subject of Madagascar.—(Sir James Ferguson.)

Employment of Children (Half-Timers) in the Inspected Schools of each County of England and Wales, and in the County Boroughs of England and Wales, in the year ending the 31st day of August 1896 (in continuation of Appendix E, of the Report of the Departmental Committee on School Attendance and Child Labour, 1895).—(Mr. Ernest Gray.)

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.

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 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Consolidatory (Ireland) Bill [ Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hastings Harbour District Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

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 Commissions, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts, agreed upon by both Houses, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissions read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and the Lords, thereby authorised, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Appropriation Act, 1897.
4. Public Offices (Whitsbail) Site Act, 1897.
5. Poor Law Officers Superannuation Act Amendment Act, 1897.
7. Merchant Shipping Act, 1897.
11. Police (Property) Act, 1897.
12. School Board Conference Act, 1897.
13. Infant Life Protection Act, 1897.
15. Municipal Elections (Scotland) Act, 1897.
17. Weights and Measures (Metric System) Act, 1897.
18. Naval Works Act, 1897.
20. Local Government (Joint Committees) Act, 1897.
22. Yorkshire Coroners Act, 1897.
23. Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897.
24. Post Office and Telegraph Act, 1897.
25. Metropolitan Police (Borrowing Powers) Act, 1897.
27. District Councils (Water Supply Facilities) Act, 1897.
29. Public Works Loans Act, 1897.

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31. Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1897.
32. Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897.
33. Foreign Prison Made Goods Act, 1897.
34. Metropolis Water Act, 1897.
35. Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act, 1897.
36. Education (Scotland) Act, 1897.
37. Stipendiary Magistrates' Jurisdiction (Scotland) Act, 1897.
38. Licensing Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1897.
40. Parish Councils Casual Vacancies (Scotland) Act, 1897.
41. Land Transfer Act, 1897.
42. Constabulary (Ireland) Act, 1897.
43. Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1897.
44. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1897.
45. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 11) Act, 1897.
46. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Act, 1897.
47. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 13) Act, 1897.
48. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 14) Act, 1897.
49. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 15) Act, 1897.
50. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 16) Act, 1897.
51. Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1897.
52. Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 17) Act, 1897.
53. Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1897.
54. Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (London) Act, 1897.
55. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1897.
56. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1897.
57. Pier and Harbour Order Confirmation (No. 6) Act, 1897.
58. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1897.
59. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1897.
60. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1897.
61. Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1897.
62. Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1897.
63. Water Orders Confirmation Act, 1897.
64. Pilotage Order Confirmation Act, 1897.
65. Borrowmonness Water Order Confirmation Act, 1897.
66. Dunoon and Dalnuir Water Order Confirmation Act, 1897.
67. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1897.
68. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Act, 1897.
69. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Act, 1897.
70. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Act, 1897.
71. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 11) Act, 1897.
72. London (Green Street, Southwark) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1897.
73. Post Office (Sites) Act, 1897.
74. London and South Western Railway (Various Powers) Act, 1897.
75. Newport Corporation Act, 1897.
76. North Pembrokeshire and Fishguard Railway Act, 1897.
77. Mersey Dock Act, 1897.
78. Glasgow and Renfrew District Railway Act, 1897.
79. Glasgow and South Western Railway Act, 1897.
80. Treforest and District Gas Act, 1897.
81. Vale of Rheidol (Light) Railway Act, 1897.
82. Paisley and Barrhead District Railway Act, 1897.
83. Newy Navigation Act, 1897.
84. Taff Vale Railway Act, 1897.
85. Deal and Walmer Water Act, 1897.
86. Collander and Ohan Railway Act, 1897.
87. Cirencester Water Act, 1897.
88. Colne Corporation Act, 1897.
89. Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Act, 1897.
90. Midland Railway Act, 1897.
91. Newark Corporation Waterworks Act, 1897.
92. Llandudno Urban District Council Act, 1897.
93. Saint Noel's Water Act, 1897.
94. Swadlincote District Gas Act, 1897.
95. Alexandra (Newport and South Wales) Docks and Railway Act, 1897.
96. Belfast Water Act, 1897.
97. North London Railway Act, 1897.
98. Great Western Railway (Bristol Lines) Act, 1897.
100. Great Northern and City Railway Act, 1897.
101. Westow-super-Mare Grand Pier Act, 1897.
102. Yorkshire Dales Railway (Skipton to Grassington) Act, 1897.
103. King's Lynn Conservancy Act, 1897.
104. Dundee Corporation Act, 1897.
105. East Londo Waterworks Act, 1897.
106. Leeds Corporation Act, 1897.
111. Great Yarmouth Corporation Act, 1897.
112. Penketh Corporation Act, 1897.
113. Weymouth Waterworks Act, 1897.
114. Cardiff Railway Act, 1897.
115. Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Act, 1897.
116. Tyne Improvement Act.
117. Tynemouth Corporation (Water) Act, 1897.
118. Birmingham Churches Act, 1897.
119. Gravesend and Milton Waterworks Act, 1897.
120. Didcot, Newbury, and Southampton Railway Act, 1897.
121. East Warwshire Waterworks, 1897.
122. Glasgow Corporation (Improvements and General Powers) Act, 1897.
124. Invergarry and Fort Augustus Railway Act, 1897.
125. Leicester Corporation Act, 1897.
126. Lochearnhead, Saint Fillans, and Comrie Railway Act, 1897.
127. London County Council (Money) Act, 1897.
128. Newburgh
My Lords, and Gentlemen,

At the close of a Session during which there has been disturbance and conflict in Europe, I am glad to be able to inform you that the cordiality of My relations with Foreign Powers remains unchanged. The united influence of the Six Powers, signatories of the Treaty of Paris, was earnestly exerted early in the year to dissuade the King of Greece from the war upon which he unhappily desired to enter. Though they failed in this endeavour they were able to bring about an early suspension of hostilities between the two belligerents, and to open negotiations for peace. These proceedings have been followed by a formal Treaty has not yet been signed. But there is good ground for believing that all the more important matters in controversy have been adjusted, and that, in return for an adequate indemnity, the territory conquered by Turkey will, with a slight modification of frontier, be restored to Greece.

I have given notice to the King of the Belgians and the German Emperor to terminate the Treaties of Commerce of 1862 and 1865, by which I am prevented from making with My Colonies such fiscal arrangements within My Empire as seem to Me expedient.

In consequence of the infraction by the Chinese Government of certain stipulations of the Convention of 1894, a fresh Convention has been concluded, establishing a frontier between Burma and China more advantageous to My Empire, and opening the West River in China to European commerce.

I have concluded a Treaty of Commerce and Friendship with Meculh, the Emperor of Abyssinia.

The presence of the Representatives of the Colonies and of the Indian Empire, who, on My invitation, have come to celebrate the fiftieth year of My reign has contributed to strengthen the bond of union between all parts of My Empire, and an additional proof of the attachment of the Colonies to the Mother Country has been furnished by the fiscal legislation of Canada, and by the contribution which the Cape Colony, following the example of Australasia, has offered to Our naval defence.

The famine which, to My profound grief, has prevailed throughout large portions of My Indian dominions since the autumn of last year has taxed severely the resources of that country. I gladly acknowledge the energy and self-sacrifice of My officers of all ranks, both Europeans and Natives, and of many private persons, who, with untiring zeal, have laboured to save life and to relieve suffering. An appeal to the sympathy of My subjects in all parts of My Empire has been responded to in a most generous manner; and I rejoice to learn that, owing to a satisfactory rainfall, there is now every prospect that the area of distress will be very greatly diminished.

The plague, which caused a large number of deaths in certain districts in India during the earlier part of the year, has now almost disappeared. This improvement is mainly due to the energetic and judicious steps which were taken by the Local Governments to prevent it from spreading. Every precaution will be adopted in view of the possibility of its recurrence, but at present there is a steady decrease both in its prevalence and in its fatal effects.

I am grateful to you for the liberal provision to which you have assented for increasing the maritime forces of My Empire.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

It has given Me great pleasure to sanction the arrangements you have made for enlarging the important harbours of Dover and Gibraltar, and for strengthening the military defences of the Empire. I anticipate that the facilities you have given for the practice of military manoeuvres will conduce to the greater efficiency of the Army.
Army. The assistance which your legislation has given to the support of necessitous schools will secure an adequate provision for education in the localities where it is most required, and will, I trust, close for some time a difficult and anxious controversy. The measure which you have passed for the compensation of workmen who are injured by accidents in the course of their employment will confer great benefits on a large section of the population.

I recognise with satisfaction the steps you have taken to facilitate the transfer of land, to protect the interests of the consumers of water in the Metropolis, to relieve distress in the congested districts of Scotland, and to reform the law of public health in that country.

I am rejoiced that you have been able to provide a more efficient and economical system for the judicial institutions of Ireland.

I pray that the fruit of your labours may be assured by the protection and blessing of Almighty God.

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 twenty-third day of October next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Saturday the twenty-third day of October next.
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York, County of (North Riding or Cleveland Division).

IN THE ROOM OF

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ON WHAT ACCOUNT

Deceased, 3.
Deceased, 3.

WRITS ISSUED DURING THE SESSION.

FOR WHAT PLACE

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Essex County (Walthamsow Division).
Folkestone Borough - - - - -
Glasgow Burgh (Bridgehead Division) -
Halifax Borough - - - - -
Hants (Eastern or Petersfield Division) -
Romford (South Romford Division -
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Sheffield Borough (Brightside Division) -
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| **London University** (to complete) | **Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in Great Britain** (to complete) |

#### 18 June:

| **Superannuations** (to complete) | **Temporary Commissions** (to complete) |
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