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A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA E.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Saturday the Twenty-third 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 Second day of December One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-seven.

Given at Our Court at Balmoral, this Thirteenth day of October, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-seven, and in the Sixty-first Year of Our Reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.

By The QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Thursday the Second day of December One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-seven: 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 Tuesday the Eighth day of February One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-eight; and We do hereby further, with the Advice aforesaid, declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure that the said Parliament shall, on the said Tuesday the Eighth day of February One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-eight, assemble and be held for the despatch of divers urgent and important Affairs: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs, of the House of Commons, are hereby required and commanded to give their Attendance accordingly, at Westminster, on the said Tuesday the Eighth day of February One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-eight.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this Twenty-sixth day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-seven, and in the Sixty-first Year of Our Reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.
Tuesday, 8th February, 1898.

MESSAGES were delivered by Sir Michael Ridolph, 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 26th year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, c. 20, he had issued Warrants to the High Court of Justice in Ireland, to make out new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament, and to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out new Writs for the election of Members to serve in this present Parliament.

For Dunbar (Mid-Armagh Division), in the room of Dunbar Plunket Barton, Esquire, Member for Armagh, was sworn.

For York Borough, in the room of Sir Frank Lockwood, Knight, Q.C., deceased.

For Plymouth, in the room of Charles Harrison, Esquire, deceased.

For Durham (South Eastern Division), in the room of Sir Henry Morsham Havelock-Allen, Baronet, V.C., K.C.B., deceased.

For Wolverhampton Borough (South Division), in the room of Sir Henry Pelham Villiers, deceased.

For Pembroke, in the room of William Rees Davies, Esquire, Attorney General of the Bahamas Islands.

For Marylebone Borough (West Division), in the room of Sir Horace Brand Townsend Forster, Baronet, called up to the House of Peers.

And also to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out new Writs for the election of Members to serve in this present Parliament,

For Dublin Borough (Saint Stephen's Green Division), in the room of William Kenagy, Esquire, Q.C., Judge of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in Ireland.

For Armagh (Mid-Armagh Division), in the room of Dunbar Plunket Barton, Esquire, Q.C., Her Majesty's Solicitor General for Ireland.

James Duckworth, Esquire, Q.C., Justice of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice.

Rear Admiral Charles William de la Poer Beresford, commonly called Lord Charles Beresford, Member for York Borough, was sworn.

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

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be Privileges, appointed.

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

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 Francis Dashwood Pul Truman, Esq., the Clerk of this House.

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

The following 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 Papers relating to the Massacre of Abyssinia (No. 6, British Officials near Benin and the consequent Punitive Expedition.)

Copy of Report by Sir A. Hardinge on the Abyssinian War (No. 7, Condition and Progress of the East Africa Protectorate from its Establishment to the 20th July 1897 (with Map).
Copy of Correspondence with the French Government relating to Madagaskar.


Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 1979 to 2026.

Copies of Reports on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, Nos. 429 to 443.

Copy of Treaty and Additional Article between Great Britain and Mexico respecting the Boundary between Mexico and British Honduras (with a Map). Signed at Mexico, 8th July 1896, and 7th April 1897. Ratifications exchanged at Mexico, 21st July 1897.

Copy of Agreement between Great Britain and China, modifying the Convention of 1st March 1894 relative to Burma and Tibet (with a Map). Signed at Peking, 4th February 1897. Ratifications exchanged at Peking, 5th June 1897.

Copy of Commercial Agreement between Great Britain and Bavaria. Signed at Vienna, 6th July 1897.

Copy of Notes exchanged between Great Britain and China extending the Operation in Siam of the Treaty of 3rd September 1883.

Copy of Accession of Romania to the International Sanitary Convention, signed at Dresden, 15th April 1895, dated 3rd April 1897.

Copy of Convention between Great Britain and France relative to Tunes. Signed at Paris, 18th September 1897. Ratifications exchanged at Paris, 18th October 1897.

Copy of Protocol between Great Britain and Japan respecting Patents, Trade Marks, and Designs. Signed at London, 20th June 1897.

Copy of Accession of the Orange Free State to the Red Cross Convention, signed at Geneva, 22nd August 1894, dated 28th September 1897.


Copy of Accession of Servia and the Dominican Republic to Protocol III. of the Mediator Conference respecting the Endowment of the International Office (Protection of International Property).

Copy of Correspondence with the United States Government respecting the Seal Fisheries in Behring Sea.

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Affairs of Crete and the War between Turkey and Greece.

Copy of Further Correspondence relating to the Affairs of Crete.

Copy of Despatch from Professor D'Arcy Thompson forwarding a Report on his Mission to Behring Sea in 1897 (in continuation of United States (No. 3, 1897).

Copy of Joint Statement of Conclusions signed by the British, Canadian, and United States' Delegates respecting the Fur Seal Herd frequenting the Pribiloff Islands in Behring Sea.

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Provisions on Currency made by the Special Envoys from the United States.


Copy of Report of the West India Royal Commission, with Subsidiary Report by D. Morris, Esq., D.C.L., C.M.G. (Assistant Director of the Royal Gardens, Kew), (Appendix A.), and Statistical Tables and Diagrams, and a Map (Appendix B.).

Copy of Report of the West India Royal Commission, Appendix C., Volume I., containing Part I., Minutes of Proceedings, Reports of Evidence, and Copies of certain Documents received in London.

Copy of Report of the West India Royal Commission, Appendix C., Volume II., containing Part II., III., IV., V., Proceedings, Evidence, and Documents relating to British Guiana, Barbados, Trinidad, and Tobago.

Copy of Report of the West India Royal Commission, Appendix C., Volume III., containing Parts VI. to XIII., Proceedings, Evidence and Documents relating to the Windward Islands, the Leeward Islands, and Jamaica.

Copy of Reports on the Federated Malay States for 1896.

Copy of Papers relating to an Excess upon the estimated Cost of the Drainage Works at Gibralter.

Copy of Agreement for the Express Delivery of Parcels exchanged between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Switzerland.

Copy of Supplementary Parcel Post Agreement with Switzerland.

Copy of Agreement for the Express Delivery of Parcels exchanged between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Belgium.

Copy of Agreement for the Express Delivery of Parcels exchanged between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Holland.

Copy of Agreement between the General Post Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Postal Administration of the State of Honduras, in the Greater Republic of Central America, for the Exchange of Postal Parcels.

Copy of Reports, &c, respecting Peterhead Harbour Works (in continuation of (c. 5312)).

Copy of Customs Tariffs of the United Kingdom, Customs from 1800 to 1897, with some Notes upon Tariffs, and of Supplementary Rules dated 23rd November 1897, enacted by the Lords of the Treasury with the consent of the Treasury, under Section 11 of the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1897.
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Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the President of the Board of Trade to inquire into the existing system of Ventilation of Tunnels on the Metropolitan Railway, and report whether any, and if so, what steps can be taken to add to its efficiency in the interest of the public.

Copy of Annual Report on the distribution of Grants for Agricultural Education in the financial year 1896-7; with an Appendix.

Copy of Returns from every County Court in England and Wales of the Total Number of Plaints, &c., entered in each Court from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December 1896, both days inclusive, distinguishing those not exceeding £ 20, those above £ 20 and not exceeding £ 50, and those by Agreement over £ 50. —And, of the Sittings of the County Courts in England and Wales held before the Judges of such Courts in the year 1896.

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for 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.


Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on Liquor Licensing Laws, with Appendices and Index, Volume III.

Copy of Report of Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland, compiled for the Royal Commission on Liquor Licensing Laws, from Information supplied by the Police Authorities, Volume IV.

Copy of Statistics relating to the Number of Licensed Premises, &c., in Great Britain and Ireland, together with a Comparative Statement of the Licensing Laws in the three Kingdoms, compiled for the Royal Commission on Liquor Licensing Laws, Volume V.

Copy of Fifth and Final Report of the Royal Commission on Electrical Communication with Lighthouses, &c.

Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by the Departmental Committee appointed to inquire into the testing of Explosives to determine their safety for use in Coal Mines.

Copy of Third Annual General Report upon the Mining Industry of the United Kingdom for the Year 1896, by C. Le Neve Foster, Esquire, one of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Mines.

Copy of Further Papers on the Famine and Relief Operations in India in the years 1896-97, No. IV.

Copy of Report on Sanitary Measures in India in 1895-96, Vol. XXIX.

Copy of Review of the Trade in India in 1896-97, by J. E. O’Conor, C. E., Director General of Statistics to the Government of India.

Copy of Papers regarding British Relations with the Neighbouring Tribes of the North West Frontier of India, and the Military Operations undertaken against them during the year 1897-8, Volume I.

Copy of Papers regarding British Relations with the Neighbouring Tribes of the North West Frontier of India, and the Military Operations undertaken against them during the year 1897-8, Volume II.
Copy of Fifty-ninth Annual Report of the Loan Fund Board of Ireland, 1896.

Copy of Return of the Number of Evictions from Agricultural Holdings in Ireland which have come to the knowledge of the Constabulary, and also of the Number of Tenancies determined in the Quarter ended 31st December 1897.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, dated 4th October 1897.

Copy of Time Table of Intermediate Examination in Ireland for 1898, dated 14th December 1897.

Copies of Four Orders in Council, dated 4th November 1897, for the holding of Winter Assizes at certain Places in Ireland.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 8th January 1898, giving effect to additional Rules of Court under "The Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877."

Copy of Rules, dated the 14th December 1897, made by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland and County Court Judges as to Civil Bill Ejectments under the Local Land (Ireland) Acts, in pursuance of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act 1877.

Copy of Rules, dated the 18th December 1897, made by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland and County Court Judges as to Civil Bill Ejectments under the Local Land (Ireland) Acts, in pursuance of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act 1877.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 23rd October 1897, under "The Pharmacy Acts (Ireland)," 1876 and 1890, approving the Regulations made by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

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

Mr. Chaplin presented, — Return to an Order dated the 16th day of July in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Number of Instances in which, between the 27th day of December 1894 and the 24th day of June 1897, Local Authorities 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, the Acres, 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 so acquired.

Return to an Order dated the 3rd day of August in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns 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, 1893 [51 & 52 Vic. c. 98], Section 49, which Sum was limited to £2,000; (b) in making provision 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 [51 & 52 Vic. c. 99], which was limited by Section 3 to a Sum of £10,000 in addition to the Sum which the Council were authorised 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.

Mr. Chaplin also presented, pursuant to the Local Taxation Returns directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of the Annual Local Taxation Returns for the year 1895–6, Part IV, (Accounts of Metropolitan Vestries and District Boards, &c.), Part V, (Accounts of Commissioners of Sewers, &c.), Part VI, (Accounts of Highway Authorities in Rural Districts, &c.), and Part VII. (Summary).

Copy of Order of the Local Government Board, further amending their Order of 26th July 1896, making Regulations for the purposes of the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896, be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the Public Records directions of several Acts of Parliament, — (Board of Inquirers on the Universities of Scotland) — Report of a Committee appointed by the Secretary for Scotland to inquire into the present system of Land Registration in Scotland.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report of a Committee appointed by the Secretary for Scotland to inquire into the present system of Land Registration in Scotland.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant University of to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Glasgow, — Section of the Universities Act, 1889, for the year ending 31st August 1897.

Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Edinburgh, for the year ending 30th September 1897.

Copy of Report of the University of the Universities of Scotland, in terms of the 26th Section of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year ending 31st August 1897.

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 1896 to 30th September 1897.

Copy of Report to the Secretary for Scotland, under Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year ending 31st August 1897.

Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Aberdeen to the Secretary for Scotland, under Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year from 1st October 1896 to 30th September 1897.

Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Edinburgh to the Secretary for Scotland, under Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the Academic Year from 1st October 1896 to 30th September 1897.

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.
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1889, from 1st October 1896 to 30th September 1897.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of an Amended Form of Annual Account and Statement to be made by a Society under the Building Societies Acts, prescribed for general use by the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies with the approval of the Secretary of State.

Copy of Order of the Secretary of State, dated 10th August 1897; applying, with modifications, the provisions of Section 40 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1895, to Factories and Workshops in which Iron and Steel Cables, Chains, Anchors, and Gimbals are made.

Copy of Order of the Secretary of State, dated 22nd August 1897, applying, with modifications, the provisions of Section 40 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1895, to Factories and Workshops in which Felt Hats are made.

Copy of Order of the Secretary of State, dated 22nd August 1897, applying, with modifications, the provisions of Section 40 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1895, to Factories and Workshops in which Wool, Linen and Cotton Cloth Factories are required.

Copy of Order made by the Council of the Borough of Hastings re-dividing the Borough into Polling Districts.

Copy of Order made by the County Council of Westmorland re-dividing the County into Polling Districts.

Copy of Order made by the County Council of the County of Southampton altering certain Polling Districts in the New Forest and Hastingley Parliamentary Divisions.

Copy of Order made by the County Council re-dividing the County of the Isle of Wight into Polling Districts.

Copy of Order made by the London County Council re-dividing the Battersea Division of the Parliamentary Borough of Battersea and Chelsea into Polling Districts.

Copy of Order made by the Council of the Borough of Hartlepools re-dividing the Wards in the Parliamentary Borough of the Hartlepools into convenient Polling Districts.

Copy of Orders made by the County Council of Middlesex altering certain Polling Districts in the Parliamentary Division of Islington and Special Division of the City of Westminster.

Copy of Orders made by the County Council for the County Palatine of Lancaster re-dividing into convenient Polling Districts the Parliamentary Divisions of Barrow, Heysham, Reservoir, and Silloth.

Copy of Order of the Secretary of State, dated 30th July 1897, granting an exemption from the provisions of the Truck Act, 1896, in respect of persons engaged in Iron and Steel Quarries and Ironstone Quarries in the Furness, or detached part of Lancashire, and in the Millom Urban District, in the County of Cumberland, and Ironstone Mines in the North Riding of Yorkshire.

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

Mr. Henbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Additional Articles of Agreement between the British and Egyptian Post Offices concerning the Exchange of Parcels by Parcel Post.

Mr. Haslam also presented, pursuant to the Superannuation regulations of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 10th November 1897, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Kasper of the Wallace Collection of Works of Art, professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the Public Service are required.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 10th August 1897, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the Secretary of the Post Office Department, dated 21st September 1897; dated 21st September 1897;

Mr. Alfred Wright, Postmaster, Ross, Post Office Department, dated 16th September 1897;

Annuities, Postmistress, Helensworth, Post Office Department, dated 21st September 1897;

Mr. Alfred Wright, Postmaster, Ross, Post Office Department, dated 16th September 1897;

Annuity on the part of persons appointed to the Offices set against their Names without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Heads of their Department, viz.:

Mr. Thomas Hugh Fleming, Clerk in the Office of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, dated 3rd August 1897;

Mr. William Henry Smith, Postmaster, Tiverton, Post Office Department, dated 16th September 1897;

Annuity on the part of persons appointed to the Offices set against their Names without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Heads of their Department, viz.:

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Mr. Thomas Hugh Fleming, Clerk in the Office of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, dated 3rd August 1897;

Mr. William Henry Smith, Postmaster, Tiverton, Post Office Department, dated 16th September 1897;}
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Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing the Establishment of each Regiment of Militia in the United Kingdom; and the Numbers Present, Absent, and Missing in each; and the Number of Militia Reserve Men Enrolled and Effective at the Training Centre in 1897.

Copy of Return of the Yeomanry Cavalry for 1897.

Mr. Brodrick also presented, —Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 4th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return giving particulars of the Batteries and Battalions presented at Aldershot on the 1st day of July, showing the Effective Strength of each, the Number of Men who would be left at Home on Vot. 129.

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. Brodrick also presented, pursuant to the Army (Military directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of a Prisoners') Rule for Military Prisons, August 1897.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty’s Treaty Series No. 1, 1898.—Copy of Convention between Great Britain and France for the exchange of Postal Parcels between India and France. Signed at Paris, 1st December 1897. Ratifications exchanged at Paris, 8th January 1898 (in continuation of Treaty Series No. 15, 1897).

Copy of Treaty between Great Britain and Treaty Series Ethiopia. Signed by the Emperor Menelik II, No. 3, 1898, and by Her Majesty’s Envoy at Addis Ababa, 14th May 1897. Ratified by the Queen, 29th July 1897.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India (Loans raised in 1898 and relating to the directions of several Acts 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 1897, with the Rates of Interest and Total Amount payable thereon, and the Date of the Termination of each Loan, the Debts incurred 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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Copy of Minute by the Secretary of State for India extending the term of Sir James Brash and George Lyall as Members of the Council of India.

Copy of Minute by the Secretary of State for India extending the term of Sir Alfred Comyns Lyall as Member of the Council of India.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence relating to Affairs in the South African Republic (in continuation of [C 8425]).

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of additional Rules for the government of the Prison in Saint Vincent.

Copy of additional Rules to the Prisoners' Regulations of the Leeward Islands.

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

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the Number of 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, 1888).

Sir John Gorst also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Scheme under the Endowed Schools Act, 1869, and Amending Acts for the Management of the following Foundations in the Parish of Leysland, in the County of Lancaster: (1) the Charity of Richard Balhose for a School and other purposes founded and endowed by Deeds dated 14th June 1782, 12th July 1786, and 21st August 1790; and (2) Ellen Fisher's Gift by Deed dated 16th July 1792.

Copy of Scheme, under the Endowed Schools Act, 1869, and Amending Acts, and the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1888, 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 1893.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 13th October 1897, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the Mersey Channels Act, 1897, approving Rules of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board concerning Lights and Signals to be carried, and the steps for avoiding Collision to be taken by Vessels navigating the River Mersey and the Sea Channels or Approaches thereto.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875, dated 13th October 1897, directing that the Autumn Assize, 1897, for the County of Kent, shall be held at Canterbury instead of at Maidstone.

Copy of Order in Council, under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875, dated 10th October 1897, amending the Order in Council of 3rd August 1897, relating to the Circuits of the Design, by substituting in the Schedule to that Order the name of Welshpool for the name of Newsham.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 26th November 1897, under the Explosives Act, 1875, prohibiting under certain conditions the manufacture, importation, keeping, conveyance, or sale of Acetone.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of New College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 22nd June 1897, in substitution of Clause 23 of Statute III. of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Brasenose College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 17th March 1897, amending certain provisions in Statutes III. and XI. of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of University College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 20th March 1897, amending Statute V. of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Lincoln College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 1st June 1897, altering Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statute made by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 5th May 1897, altering Statute IV. of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 7th May 1897, altering and amending certain of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Clare College, Cambridge, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 25th April 1897, altering certain of the (Cambridge-) Statutes of the College.

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

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

(1.) Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor of the Upper House of Parliament, dated the 6th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return of the Number of Aliens that have arrived from the Continent at Ports in the United Kingdom in each Month of the Year 1898.

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Mr. Speaker reported, That the House has 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 follows.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

My relations with other Powers continue to be friendly. The negotiations between the Sultan of Turkey and the King of Greece have been brought to a conclusion by the signature of a Treaty of Peace, on which, under which the territorial relation of the two Powers is practically unchanged.

The question of an autonomous Government for the Island of Crete has occupied the attention of the Powers. The difficulty of arriving at an unanimous agreement upon some points has unduly protracted their deliberations, but I hope that these obstacles will before long be surmounted.

Intelligence, which is apparently trustworthy, has been received of the intention of the Khalifa to advance against the Egyptian Army in the Sudan, and I have therefore given directions that a contingent of British troops should be despatched to Berber to the assistance of His Highness the Khedive. I have concluded a Treaty of Friendship and Commerce with His Majesty the Emperor of Abyssinia.

The Report of the Commission which I appointed in December 1896 to inquire into the condition of certain of My West Indian Colonies has conclusively established the existence of severe depression in those Colonies caused by a heavy fall in the price of sugar, yet is readily attributable to the reduction in the cost of production and the great increase in its extent during recent years.

But this fall has been artificially stimulated by the system of bounties to the producers and manufacturers of beetroot sugar maintained in many European States. There are signs of a growing opinion in those States that this system is injurious to the general interests of their population; and communications are now in progress between My Government and the Governments principally concerned, with a view to a Conference on the subject, which I trust may result in the abolition of the bounties.

In the meantime, measures will be proposed to My Government, to attack military posts in their vicinity, and even to invade a settled district of My territory. I was compelled to send expeditions against the offending tribes for the punishment of these outrages; and to insure peace in the future. A portion of the Afridi tribes have not yet accepted the terms offered to them, but elsewhere the operations have been brought to a successful close.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

Proposals for the prevention of certain recognised abuses in connection with Church Patrons for the Constitution of a Teaching University for London, for the Amendment of the Law relating to Prisons, for dealing in part with the subject of Secondary Education, for amending the Law relating to the Mercantile Marine Fund, for guarding against fraud in the management of Limited Companies, for the better ascertainment of the rights of landlord and tenant with My Government, to attack military posts in their vicinity, and even to invade a settled district of My territory. I was compelled to send expeditions against the offending tribes for the punishment of these outrages; and to insure peace in the future. A portion of the Afridi tribes have not yet accepted the terms offered to them, but elsewhere the operations have been brought to a successful close.
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Account of the Imperial Ottoman Guaranteed Loan of 1855, for the year 1897, prepared under the Act 18 and 19 Vict. c. 99, s. 2.

Copy of Return by the Irish Land Commission (Purchase of Land (Ireland)) Act, 1892, up to and including the 31st March 1897, as required by Section 33 of the Act.

Annual Account of the Sea and Coast Fisheries (Non-Congested Districts) for the year ending 31st December 1897.

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 9th December 1897, declaring that Margaret McCull, Postmistress, Stonehaven (Glasgow), 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 be laid upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Duchy of Cornwall and the Duchy of Lancaster be printed.

Ordered, That there be no delay before this House, Parts (Great Britain, England and Wales) of Session 1897—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

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 Fleets of Great Britain, British and Foreign construction, distinguishing:—Battleships, built and building; Cruisers, built and building; Coast Defence Vessels, built and building; Torpedo Vessels, Torpedo Boat Destroyers, and Torpedo Boats, built and building:—Return to show date of launch, displacement, and Armaments reduced to one common scale (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 360, of Session 1896).—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

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 Names of the Rights and Interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That there be no delay before this House, Parts (Great Britain, England and Wales) of Session 1897—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

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 Names of all Aliens to whom Certificates of Naturalization have been issued and whose Oaths of Allegiance...
Ordered, That no Bills, other than Govern­ment Bills, be introduced in anticipation of the Ballot, and that all Members who desire to ballot, whether for Bills, or Motions for the first four Tuesdays of the Session, do hand in their names at the Table during the sitting of the House on the first or second day of the Session; and that a Copy of such Notices be handed in at the latest during the sitting of the House on the third day of the Session.

That the Ballot for the precedence of the said Bills and Motions be taken on the third day of the Session on convenient time and place to be appointed by Mr. Speaker, and the introduction and First Reading of Bills on the fourth day be taken at the commencement of Business and before Questions.—(Mr. Balfour.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament—-(Colonel Farquharson, Mr. Lockwood.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty have during the same period obtained Acts of Naturalization from the Legislature (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 164, of Session 1897).-(Mr. Jesse Collinson.)"

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection do consist of Thirteen Members, consist of Eleven Members.—Mr. Sydney Buxton, Sir John Darlington, Sir William Hart Dyke, Dr. Forsyth, Mr. Holley, Mr. Justin McCarthv, Mr. Albert Spence, Mr. Philip Stanhope, Mr. Wharton, Mr. Wodehouse, and the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders were accordingly nominated Members of the Committee.—(Sir John Mowbray.)

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to the University of India (Salaries of British Residents, &c.) which was presented upon the 31st day of July, in the 19th Session of Parliament, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Local Taxation Returns (England), which were presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Land (Compulsory Purchase and Hiring), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the University of Glasgow, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the University of Edinburgh, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the University of Aberdeen, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the University of Saint Andrews, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Public Accounts (Navy Votes), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to the Army (Questions) (Batteries and Battalions Present), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Select Committee on Standing Orders do consist of Thirteen Members:

Members.—Mr. Buchanan, Sir William Cod­lington, Mr. John Edward Ellis, Sir Thomas Elmore, Sir Edward Guestley, Mr. Holley, Mr. Humphreys-Owen, Mr. James Leother, Sir John Lubbock, Sir John Mowbray, Mr. William Red­mond, Sir Mark Stewart, and Mr. Whitmore were accordingly nominated Members of the Committee.—(Sir John Mowbray.)
Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Loans raised in England), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Irish Land Commission (Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

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 3rd February 1898, under the Bishoprics Act, 1874, and Bishoprics of England and Wales Act, 1883 and 1894, approving a Scheme of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners with respect to the Bishopric of Bristol.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 3rd February 1898, applying the Colonial Probates Act, 1892, to the Island of Grenada.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 3rd February 1898, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1895, enacting the Order in Council entitled "The Persia (Judicial Fees) Order in Council, 1898."

Copy of Order in Council, dated 3rd February 1898, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, approving certain Pilotage Bye-laws made by the Waterford Port and Harbour Commissioners.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 3rd February 1898, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, approving certain Bye-laws made by the Council of the County Borough of Newport (Mon.), relating to Seamen's Lodging Houses.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 3rd February 1898, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1895, enacting the Order in Council entitled "The Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on Education, sanctioning the subjects to be taught under Clause 9 of the Technical Instruction Act, 1899, for the following Counties, viz.——

City and County Borough of Coventry (3rd Minute), dated 30th July 1897; County of Monmouth (4th Minute), dated 16th August 1897; County Borough of Oldham (5th Minute), dated 17th August 1897; Urban District of Wimbledon, dated 26th August 1897; County of East Sussex (6th Minute), dated 27th September 1897; County of Southampton (7th Minute), dated 27th September 1897; County of West Riding of Yorkshire (7th Minute), dated 2nd November 1897; County of Gloucester (8th Minute), dated 27th October 1897; County of Gloucester (9th Minute), dated 17th November 1897; Urban District of Wimborne (2nd Minute), dated 9th December 1897; County of Durham (7th Minute), dated 21st December 1897; Waun Usk (County Gloucester) (2nd Minute), dated 6th January 1898; County of Glamorgan (5th Minute), dated 16th January 1898; Gorse Union (County Glamorgan) (2nd Minute), dated 12th January 1898; County of Norfolk (6th Minute), dated 30th January 1898.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Paymaster-General's) Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents which have been removed from the Office of Her Majesty's Paymaster-General and deposited in the Public Record Office, but which are not considered of sufficient Public Value to justify their Preservation therein.

Copy of Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents existing, or in an ordinary course about to exist, in the Office of the
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Her Majesty's Paymaster General which are not considered of sufficient Public Value to justify their Preservation in the Public Record Office.

Copy of Third Schedule containing a List of Titles and Particulars of Classes of Documents existing or accruing in the Office of Her Majesty's Postmaster General which are not considered of sufficient Public Value to justify their Preservation in the Public Record Office.

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

Public Records (Post Office.)

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Third Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents existing, or in ordinary course about to exist, in the Office of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department which are not considered of sufficient Public Value to justify their Preservation in the Public Record Office.

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

Public Records (House Office.)

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order, dated 6th February 1898, under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, relating to the conveyance of Animals by the Steamship "Alfalfa."

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

Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1895.

Mr. Goschen presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts made by the Board of Trade, on the 1st day of May 1896, of the proceeds of goods, and of the Income derived from the Lands and other Property held for the benefit of Greenwich Hospital and the Foundation of Smeaton Trusts, for the year ended on 31st March 1897; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

Greewich Hospital and Endowments. No. 43.

Mr. Chaplin presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for 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. 45, of Session 1892).

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

Urban Sanitary Districts. (Conditions of Contracts.)

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to Proposed Changes in the Administration of the British South Africa Company.

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

British South Africa Company's Territories.

Mr. Corydon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports on Trade and Finance, Nos. 2027 and 2028.

Trade Reports (Annual.)

Copy of Reports on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, No. 444.

Trade Reports (Miscellaneous.)

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

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (London), of which the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Charitable Endowments (London.) No. 44.

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

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 the new Parliament for the Borough of Birmingham (Edgbaston Division), in the room of George Dixon, Esquire, deceased.—(Sir William Walborn.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, 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 Carnarvon 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.—(Mr. Grant Lewes.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, 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 Cork, Waterford, Cork, Limerick, and Waterford, on Sundays between the 1st day of May 1896 and the 30th day of April 1897 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 76, of Session 1897).—(Mr. William Johnston.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, 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 Waterford 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.—(Mr. Grant Lewes.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, 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 Cork and Dublin 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.—(Mr. Grant Lewes.)
The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, Private Bills.

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 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. Alexander Corporation (Transvaal).
2. Aberystwyth Gas.
3. Agricultural Company of Mauritius.
5. Buxton Gas.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Heard the Speaker's Address.

John Lloyd Gibbons, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Waterloople (South Division), was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for renewing the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Main Question upon the 8th day of this instant February. That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addresed to both Houses of Parliament—Colonel Lockwood;—And which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that in large districts of Ireland considerable bodies of the population have been for some time, and are at the present moment, reduced to live on insufficient and unwholesome food, and are on the very brink of actual famine; that this condition of things has been brought about by a failure of the potato crop and partial failure of other crops in districts the population of which, impoverished by the general depression of agriculture, had even in better times existed under such conditions that the failure of one crop produced a famine; that the temporary relief measures proposed by Your Majesty's Government have been too long deferred and are entirely inadequate; and that we earnestly urge on Your Majesty the necessity, first, of applying measures of temporary relief on a large and generous scale to the suffering districts, and secondly, of introducing legislation calculated to avert the constant recurrence of famines in certain districts of Ireland."—(Mr. Davitt);

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

And the Question being put; The House divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Joseph A. Pease, Yeas, Mr. Thomas Bayley;] 120.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, Mr. Austen;] 181.

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 the artificial stimulus given to Competition.) Foreign competition with the staple trades of the United Kingdom by Foreign tariffs, bounties, and other fiscal means, should receive the attention of Your Majesty's Government simultaneously with the condition thereby brought about of certain of Your Majesty's West Indian Colonies, and particularly in the increase to £100,000,000 last year in the importation of Foreign manufactures, and the decline of the exports of British and Irish produce, and the consequent displacement of labour."—(Sir Howard Vincent.)

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

And the Main Question being again proposed;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to control the Arrangements for the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms, in the Department of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House:—And that the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members—(Sir William Walrond); And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Duncombe 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 House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

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And the Question being accordingly put; Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to control the Arrangements for the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms, in the Department of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House:—And that the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members.

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

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The House met at Three of the clock.
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Order, That the Paper relative to the University of Edinburgh, which was presented Edinburgh, upon the 8th day of this instant February, be No. 46. printed.

Order, That the Return relative to Urban Sanitary Districts (Conditions of Contracts) which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant, February, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Proceedings of the Board of Trade, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, during the Period ending 31st December 1897, and of the Proceedings of the Light Railways Commissioners during the Period ending 31st November 1897.
Copy of Trade Mark Rules, 1897, made by the Board of Trade, under the Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks Acts, 1883 to 1888.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copy of Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Inquiry into the system and practice and the methods of valuation followed by the Land Commission, the Land Judges Court, and the Civil Bill Courts in Ireland under the Land Acts and the Land Purchase Acts.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copy of Statement of the Surpluses and Deficits of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, —No. 52.

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

Mr. Hubbery presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Appropriation Account of the Sums granted by Parliament for the Expense of the Ordnance Factories, the Productions of which have been charged to other Votes, for the year ending 31st March 1897, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; also, Statement of the Surpluses and Deficits upon the Grants.

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

Mr. Baldwin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Further Regulations relating to the Army Reserve, —No. 64.

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Mr. Radnor presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Further Regulations relating to the Army Reserve, —No. 65.

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

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Civil Contingencies Fund, 1892-93, —No. 53.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Civil Contingencies Fund, 1894-95, —No. 54.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Supreme Court of Judicature in Ireland, in respect of the Sarumian Loan to be printed.

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

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Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Wilts (Northern or Cricklade Division), in the room of Alfred Hopkins, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Council learned in the Law, who, since his election for the said Division of the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Charters Hundreds of Stoke, Druceburgh, and Stonemunch, in the County of Buckingham. (Mr. William Walrond.)

Adjournment.

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

Bill to amend the Law relating to the Tenure of Estates in Wales.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in 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 that Mr. Daly, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Flavin, Mr. Marragahan, Mr. Doogan, Mr. MacAleese, Mr. Tully, Mr. Horace Plunkett, Mr. Tunney, and Captain Donelan do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Land Law (Ireland) Acts, and provide for the restoration of Evicted Tenants in Wales and Monmouthshire: And that Mr. Flavin, Mr. Dillon, Captain Donelan, Mr. Daly, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Harrington, Sir Thomas Emmode, Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Flavin, and Mr. Kilbride do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Ireland on Saturdays, and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Sir Thomas Lea, Mr. Justice McCarthy, Colonel Snowden, Mr. Maurice Healy, Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Renouf, Mr. Blake, Mr. Arnold Forster, and Mr. Fisherden do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Poors Act to midwives: And that Mr. A. Hopkinson, Mr. Esmonde, Mr. Martin, Mr. Esquire Griffith-Boscawen, Mr. John Haycock, Mr. Edward Gourley, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Benjamin Stone, Mr. Williams, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Robert Wallace, and Mr. Whitaker do prepare, and bring it in.

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 Colonel Williams, Sir Edward Guest, Mr. Howell, Sir William Howdsworth, Mr. Howard, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Tritton, and Mr. Whitaker do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish Dealers' or Grocers' Licences in Liciwse Scotland: And that Sir John Low, Mr. John Abbotson, Mr. Wilson (Green), Mr. Crombie, Mr. Dalziel, Captain Parke, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cobville, and Sir William Wedderburn do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Parliamentary Bill for extending the Parliamentary Franchise to duly qualified Women: And that Mr. Spencer, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Jebb, Sir John Macalister, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Drucker, Mr. Griffith-Boscawen, Mr. Rentoul, and Mr. Raehul do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Parliamentary Bill to amend the Revenue Acts: And that Mr. Hodderwick, Mr. Holdane, Sir William Wedderburn, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Buchanen, Mr. Crome, and Captain Sinclair do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Service Bill to amend the Service Franchise: And that Mr. McKee, Colonel Dunlavey, Sir George Forde, Mr. Captain Jessel, Sir J. Blandell Mapie, Sir Albert Reddix, and Mr. Harry Samuel do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Parliamentary Bill to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women: And that Mr. Spencer, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Jebb, Sir John Macalister, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Drucker, Mr. Griffith-Boscawen, Mr. Rentoul, and Mr. Raehul do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Public Works Loan Act: 1897: And that Mr. Fisher, Mr. Cross, Mr. Flenix, Mr. Hammond, and Captain Denham do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Taxation of Ground Values in Ireland: And that Mr. Scraps, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Maurice Healy, Mr. Caron, Mr. O'Neill, and Mr. Carew do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Land Law Acts, and to make provision for the Restoration of certain Evicted Tenants in Ireland to their Holdings: And that Mr. Clayney, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, and Mr. Flenix do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Taxation of Ground Values in Ireland: And that Mr. Patrick Aylgus M'Cullugh, Mr. Field, Mr. M'Gee, Mr. Green, and Mr. Collery do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Working Men's Bill to provide Facilities for the Acquisition of Dwellings: Working Men of their own Dwellings: And that Mr. Patrick Aylgus M'Cullugh, Sir Albert Bollit, and Mr. Spencer do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Merchant Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts: 1894, with respect to the Liability of Shareholders to Agricultural Holdings and for other purposes: And that Mr. Channing, Mr. Price, Mr. Francis Stevenson, and Mr. Lartell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Agricultural Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Agricultural Holdings: And that Mr. Channing, Mr. Price, Mr. Francis Stevenson, and Mr. Lartell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Legislation Bill to amend the Law in regard to Ecclesiastical Assessments in Scotland: And that Mr. Gordon, Sir Mark Stewart, Sir James Erskine, Mr. Baird, Mr. Parker Smith, and Mr. Thirsk do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Registration and Inspection of Steam Engines and Boilers: And that Mr. Flenix, Mr. Regl88, and Mr. Flenix do prepare, and bring it in.

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John Wilson (Durham), Mr. William Allan, Mr. Jonathan Samuel, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Joseph Walton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Merchandise Marks Act, 1867: And that Mr. Charles M'Arthur, Mr. Jonathan Samuel, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Draper, Sir George Baden-Powell, and Mr. Warr do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill relating to Cheap Trains for the Working Classes: And that Mr. Woods, Mr. Sydney Burton, Sir Albert Rollit, Sir Frederick Daland-Hartland, Mr. John Burns, and Mr. Wootton Lewes, do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Localities by a direct Vote to pre­ tend the issue of Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday: And that Mr. Robert Cameron, Mr. Charles Wilson, Mr. Arthur Peto, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Warr, Mr. Adderley, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Compton Ricketti, Mr. Hartnell, Mr. Fordham, Mr. Doughty, and Mr. Woods do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Leasesholders to become Freeholders for the Borough of London: And that Sir Edward Trenchard, Sir John-Jenkins, Sir William Balfour, Mr. Andrew, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. William Frederick Smith, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Flower, and Mr. Robert Cameron do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to control and regulate Street Noises: And that Mr. Warr, Mr. Walter Lang, Lord Stanley, Sir William Headworth, Sir Joseph Lee, Mr. T. P. O'Connor do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sunday Closing (Wales) Acts, and to make further provision restricting the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Wales: And that Mr. Herbert Roberts, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. William Jones, and Mr. Alfred Thomas do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for amending the Law as to Special Juries: And that Mr. Jacoby v. Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Bertie, Mr. Allinson, and Sir John Dillwyn-Llewen do prepare, and bring it in. WRITTS. 21
Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Meclean, and Mr. Frederick Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sale of Distress Act, 1889: And that Mr. Henry David Greene, Mr. Cozens-Hardy, and Mr. Loyd.

Mr. John Blair Balfour 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 Wednesday the 11th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Burns, Mr. James Roche and Mr. Norton do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Lawrence presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Poor Law Union Association in England and Wales, and to enable Boards of Guardians to contribute to the Expenses of the Association: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Loyd presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the transfer and exercise of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor on Sundays, Bills 5.

Mr. Lupton presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the tenure of Town Holdings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Pickavill 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 the 16th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Perkins presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the attendance of Registrars at Marriages in Nonconformist Places of Worship: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Florin presented a Bill to amend the Land Law (Ireland) Acts, and provide 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 30th day of March next; and to be printed.

Captain Norton 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 27th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Blair Balfour presented a Bill for the establishment of a Poor Law Union Association in England and Wales, and to enable Boards of Guardians to contribute to the Expenses of the Association: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of May next; and to be printed.

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Mr. Herbert Lewis presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Tonnage in Wales and Monmouthshire: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next; and to be printed.

Sir Francis Sharp Powell presented a Bill to make more effectual provision for the Prevention of the Pollution of Rivers and Streams: And the same was read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Arrol presented a Bill to assimilate the Law relating to Police Pensions and to the service of indentured Servants in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Samuel Evans presented a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the Coal Mines Regulation Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Sergeant Hemphill presented a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the indentured Apprentices in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Carew presented a Bill to secure the Interests of Tenants in Towns in Ireland in their Improvements, and for other purposes connected with Town Holdings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

Captain Dowelan presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Asylums in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Farquhar presented a Bill for extending the Parliamentary Franchise to Women: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Johnstone presented a Bill to amend the Locomotive (Ireland) Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 33d day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Harley 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 22d day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Mr. Hollede presented a Bill to enable Courts to suspend the Certificates of Trawlers convicted of Illegal Trawling: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Marks presented a Bill to amend the Service Franchise; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3d day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Spencer presented a Bill for extending the Parliamentary Franchise to duly qualified Women: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2d day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Flynn presented a Bill to amend the Public Works Franchise Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Clancy presented a Bill to amend the Land Law Land Law (Ireland) Acts, and to make Provision for the Restoration of certain 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 16th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Patrick Aloysius M'Hugh presented a Taxation of Bill to provide for the Taxation of Ground Values in Cities, Boroughs, and Towns in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23d day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Alfred Hickman presented a Bill to pro- vide 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 next; and to be printed.

Mr. Allen presented a Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, with respect to the Liability of Shipowners; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Chowring presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Agricultural Holdings 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 5th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jordan presented a Bill to amend the Ecclesiastical Assessments Law in regard to Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill, 1897: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jonathan Samuel presented a Bill to Steam Engines and Boilers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22d day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Fenwick presented a Bill to provide for the Registration and Inspection of Boilers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Cameron presented a Bill to amend Poor Law the Law of Poor Law Settlement 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.
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Mr. Sydney Gedye presented a Bill to amend the Elementary Education Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Field presented a Bill to establish Manhood Suffrage for Parliamentary Elections in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Monk presented a Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of the County Courts, and to amend the Acts relating or giving Jurisdiction thereto: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Robert Cameron presented a Bill to prohibit the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. J. A. J. Tilley presented a Bill for the admission of Solicitors of Courts of Possessions to the Supreme Courts in the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. John Wilson (Govan) presented a Bill to control and regulate Street Noises: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Worrall presented a Bill for amending the Sale of Distress Act, 1689: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Wilson (Govan) presented a Bill for controlling the Liquor Traffic in their respective Areas in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. William Redmond presented a Bill to amend and extend the 'Labourers (Ireland) Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Charles MacArtur presented a Bill to amend the Merchandise Marks Act, 1887; and to make further provision restricting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Woods presented a Bill relating to Cheap Trains for the Working Classes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th 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 Wednesday the 16th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Faithfull Pegg presented a Bill to amend the Companies Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next; and to be printed.

Colonel Dalhousie presented a Bill to amend the Criminal Law: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 11th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. W. H. Churchill presented a Bill to alter the Division of London for the Election of the School Board, and thereby abolish the 23rd Constitutional Vote: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next; and to be printed.

General Lennie presented a Bill to enable Landholders to become Freeholders: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir W. H. W. Lawson presented a Bill to enable Localities by a direct Vote to prevent the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Howard Vincent presented a Bill to regulate the Immigration of Aliens: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Sir John Lubbock presented a Bill to provide Shops (Open for the Earlier Closing of Shops): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dilke presented a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Acts: 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.

Sir Albert Ballit presented a Bill to provide for the admission of Solicitors of Courts of British Possessions to the Supreme Courts in the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. W. H. Churchill presented a Bill to amend the Law of Label: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Henry David Greene presented a Bill to amend the Sale of Distress Act, 1692: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Edward Dalhousie presented a Bill to amend the Merchandise Marks Act, 1887, and to prevent Foreign Goods being sold as British: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Sir Andrew Vivian presented a Bill to amend the Companies Acts, 1897: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Howard Vincent presented a Bill to provide 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 23rd day of this instant February; and to be printed.
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Tenants' Occupying (Motion for an Outdoor Bill 63.
Bill 66. Interests.

Mr. Bartley presented a Bill to enable Occupying Tenants of Houses or Places of Business to purchase the Fee Simple of their Holdings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of March next; and to be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament,—(Colonel Luke Wood);—And the Main 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 the time has come when 'the cases of all prisoners convicted under the 'Treason Felony Act, who are, and have been "for many years, undergoing punishment for "offences arising out of insurrectionary move__ments connected with Ireland, may be advance__tageously reconsidered.'"—(Mr. William Redmond.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

Tellers for the [Mr. Bryan Jones, 129. Yes, (Mr. Herbert Roberts; 90.]

So it passed in the Negative, and the Main Question being again proposed:

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And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. William Redmond; 100. Yes, (Cork); 152.]

So it passed in the Negative, and the Main Question being again proposed:—A Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Customs Bill for the acquisition of Land at Southamptton as Offices therefor: And that Mr. Akers-Douglas and Mr. Henbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Customs and Bill for acquiring Land for Customs and other Offices at Barry Dock, and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Akers-Douglas and Mr. Henbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Akers-Douglas presented a Bill for the Customs acquisition of Land at Southamptton as a Site for Customs and other Offices connected therewith; and for other purposes connected therewith:—(Mr. Akers-Douglas.)

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 80 Customs andquiring Land for Customs and other Offices at Barry Dock, and for other purposes connected therewith:—(Mr. Akers-Douglas.)

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 Mr. James Baillie be a Member of the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons)—(Sir William Walrond)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Dr. Clark) —And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Richard Cavendish, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Thomas Curran, Mr. Horatio Davies, General Goldsworth, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Kearley, Mr. Laffan, Mr. Llewellyn, Colonel Lockwood, Mr. Meadon, Mr. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. Patrick Joseph Power, Mr. William Redmond, and Lord Stanley were nominated other Members of the Committee.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records—(Sir Wilfrid Lawson)—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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


Monday, 14th February, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That in respect of the Bills comprised in the List reported by the Chairman of Ways and Means as intended to originate in the House of Lords, they have certified that the Standing Orders have been complied with in the following cases, viz.:—

1. Aberdeen Corporation (Tramways).
2. Aberdeen Corporation Gas.
5. Biddulph Gas.
15. Brunswick Agri Northern Railway.
17. Caledonian Railway.
19. Central Electricity Supply.
20. Chelsea Electricity Supply.
25. Dover Harbour.
27. Eastern Telegraph Company.
32. Felixstowe and Walton Water.
33. Felixstowe Corporation Water (Transfer).
34. Folkestone Gas.
35. Folkestone Water.
36. Forest Water.
37. General Power Distributing Company.
38. Glasgow and South Western Railway.
40. Great Orme Tramway and Tramroad.
41. Gray’s Hospital.
42. Helmsley Corporation.
43. Helston Water.
44. Heywood Corporation Water.
45. Holford, Barnsley, and West Riding Junction Railway and Dock.
46. Inner Temple Buildings (King’s Bench Walk).
47. Isle of Wight Railway (Brading Harbour and Railway).
50. Lanarkshire and Dumfriesshire Railway.
51. Leicester Freight.
52. Liskeard Corporation Water.
54. London and North Western Railway.
55. London and North Western Railway (Steam Vessels).
56. London and North Western Railway (Water).
57. London and South Western Railway.
58. London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.
59. London, Chatham, and Dover Railway.
60. Manchester Carriage and Tramways Company.
61. Manx and Barrow Railway Company.
63. Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (New Works).
64. Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Various Powers).
65. Mersey Railway.
67. Midland Railway.
68. Midland Railway (West Riding Lines).
69. Midlothian and Peebles District Board of Lヌncy (Water).
70. Milford Docks.
71. Morley Corporation Gas.
72. Morley Gas.
73. Natal Land and Colonization Company.
74. Newcastle and Gateshead Water.
75. Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation.
76. Newhaven and Seaford Water.
77. Newhaven Harbour.
78. Newhaven Harbour and One Lower Navigation.
79. Preston Water.
80. North British Railway.
81. North Eastern Railway.
82. Norton and Halton Roads.
83. Paisley Corporation (Loans).
84. Patriotic Assurance Company.
85. Portsmouth Corporation Tramways.
86. Powell Duffryn Steam Coal Company.
87. Redhill and Reigate Gas.
88. Rochdale Corporation Water.
89. Saint Marylebone Churches.
90. Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green.
91. Saint Thomas, Southwark, and Saint Saviour, Southwark.
92. Seaham Harbour.
93. Sheerness Gas and Water.
94. South Eastern Railway.
95. Silvertown Gas.
96. Somerset Gas.
97. Tenterden Railway.
98. Todmorden Corporation Water.
99. Todmorden Corporation (Water Transfer).
100. Tottington and Okehampton Railway.
101. Tyne Improvement.
102. Tyne Improvement Commissioners (Consti­ tution).
103. Tyne Corporation Water.
104. Upper Asson Tea Company.
105. Waterford City Gas.
106. Withernsea-Dearne Urban District Council.
107. Windsor and Ascot Railway.
108. Wirral Railway.
110. Wokingham Railways and Docks.
111. Yeovil Corporation.
112. Yeovil Gas.

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

Agricultural
Agricultural Company of Mauritius.
Clanbrassil and Hill of Howth Tramroad.
Downie, Suburban Railway (Extension of Time).
Fife Water and Gas.
Newhaven and Seaford Water Board.
Sheringham and Boston Protection.

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, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.—:
Norfolk Electric Tramway Bill.
Renfree Burgh and Harbour Extension Bill.
Taff Vale Railway Bill.
Wyman Corporation Bill.

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

A Petition of the There-under signed, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Use of Electric and other Power on the Tramways of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Limited, being the Promoters of the Undertaking thereinbefore mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the use of Electrical and other Power on the Tramways of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Limited, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Buckett and Mr. Colston.

A Petition of the Brompton, Clapham, Gillingham, and Rochester Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Brompton, Clapham, Gillingham, Water, and Rochester Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Horatio Dumas, Sir William Henry Wills, and Mr. Skeys-Cez.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Custodii Car­burgesses of the County Borough of Cardiff, for leave to bring in a Bill to confirm two Agreements made by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgo­nesses of the County Borough of Cardiff for the acquisition and appropriation to public objects of the Sites of the Railways authorised by the Cardiff Railway Act, 1897; to make further provisions as to the Capital of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Edward Talbot, Mr. Alfred Thomas, and Mr. Maclean.

A Petition of the Corporation of Carmarthen, Carmarthen, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Improvement, Extension of the Borough of Carmarthen, and to make further provision in regard to the Water Supply of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Jenkins and Mr. Abel Thomas.

A Petition of the Charing Cross, Exton, and Hampstead Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Charing Cross, Exton, and Hampstead Railway Company; for authorising Agreements between that Company and the South Eastern and London and Westerly Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read;
A Petition of the Coventry Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cozens-Hardy, Mr. Samuel Hoare, and Mr. Broadhurst.

A Petition of the Drogheda Gas Light Company, Limited, of the Borough of Drogheda, in the County of Louth and County of the Town of Drogheda, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring powers on the Drogheda Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stephens and Mr. Harry Foster.

A Petition of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the constitution of the Dublin Port and Docks Board; to confer further powers on that Board with respect to the creation and issue of Stock and the borrowing of Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Horace Plunket, Mr. Field, and Mr. James Henry Campbell.

A Petition of the Dublin Southern District Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the provisions of the Dublin Southern District Tramways Act, 1893, relating to the speed at which Engines, Carriages, and Trucks may be driven or propelled on the Tramways of the Dublin Southern District Tramways Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Samuel Field, Mr. Charles Murray, Mr. Clayson, and Mr. Horace Plunket.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate and confer further Powers on the East Ham Gas Company, in the County of Essex, for the purpose of extending the Powers of the same Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Ernest Grey.

A Petition of the Edmonton Urban District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Edmonton Urban District Council to acquire Pyramids Park for a Public Park and Recreation Ground; for conferring further powers in relation to building Streets and Sanitary Matters; for making further and better provision for the Improvement, Health, and Local Government of the District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Henry Mooney, and Mr. Woods.

A Petition of the Enfield Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Powers of the Enfield Gas Company, and amend the
A Petition of the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer additional Powers upon the Company, to acquire additional Lands and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. J. F. X. O'Brien.

A Petition of the Gas Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon and to amend certain Acts relating to the Great Eastern Railway Company, to authorise the Company to subscribe towards the Undertakings of the Eastern, Thames, and Harrow, and the Kelvedon, Tiptree, and Witham Light Railway Companies, and to acquire the Undertakings of the Ely and Newmarket, the Colchester, Stanway, Sudbury, Halstead, and the Melia and Essex Railway Companies, and part of the Great Northern and Great Eastern Joint Railway, to make further provision as to certain Funds of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Caza-Hardy, Mr. Penn, Mr. Round, Mr. Jackson, and Sir Frederick Mappin.

A Petition of the Great Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon 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. Stuart Wortley, Sir John Macnair, and Mr. Rogers.

A Petition of the Great Central Railway Company and of the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee, for leave to bring in a Bill for confirming and giving effect to certain Heads of Agreement between the Great Eastern Railway Company and the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Caza-Hardy, Mr. Penn, Mr. Round, Mr. Jackson, and Sir Frederick Mappin.

A Petition of the Great Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon and to amend certain Acts relating to the Great Eastern Railway Company, to authorise the Company to subscribe towards the Undertakings of the Eastern, Thames, and Harrow, and the Kelvedon, Tiptree, and Witham Light Railway Companies, and to acquire the Undertakings of the Ely and Newmarket, the Colchester, Stanway, Sudbury, Halstead, and the Melia and Essex Railway Companies, and part of the Great Northern and Great Eastern Joint Railway, to make further provision as to certain Funds of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Caza-Hardy, Mr. Penn, and Mr. Round.

A Petition of the Great Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Eastern Railway Company in relation to payment of Pensions and Allowances or Gratuities to Servants on the Wages List of the Company, and to consolidate with amendments the Provisions with regard to the same contained in the Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Acts, 1890, 1893, 1895, and 1896, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Caza-Hardy, Mr. Penn, and Mr. Round.

A Petition of the Great Northern and City Great Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Northern Railway Company with respect to their own Undertaking and Undertakings in which they are jointly interested, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Penn.

A Petition of the Great Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Western Railway Company with respect to Railway No. 8 of the authorised New Ross and Waterford Extension Railway Railways of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Westport Railway Company; and to authorise Agreements between those Companies and the Waterford and Central Ireland, the Waterford, Limerick, and Western, the Waterford, Dungarvan, and Lismore, and

Acts affecting that Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Major Bowles, Mr. Clough, and Mr. Goddard.

A Petition of the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction by the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company of new Railways from Cork to Fermoy and Waterford to Rosslare, and the acquisition by the Company of the Undertakings of the Fermoy and Lismore and the Waterford, Dungarvan, and Lismore Railway Companies; to confer Running Powers over certain Railways; to extend the Time for completion of Works authorised by the Fishguard Bay Railway and Pier Act, 1856, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Maurice Healy, Sir John Colman, Captain Donelan, Mr. French, and Mr. J. F. X. O'Brien.

A Petition of the Corporation of the City of Glasgow, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Corporation of Glasgow to acquire additional Lands and to construct additional Works for Sewage purposes, to raise further Moneys, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cameron Corbett and Mr. Provost.
RiWar Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Great Western Railway Company in respect of their own Undertakings, and upon that Company and the London and North Western Railway company and the Midland Railway Company in respect of Undertakings in which they are jointly interested; for amalgamating the Golden Valley, Hilden and Lomwater, and Kingston 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 Sir William Henry Wills and Sir John Dilwyn-Llewellin.

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 Undertakings, and upon that Company and the London and North Western Railway company and the Midland Railway Company in respect of Undertakings in which they are jointly interested; for amalgamating the Golden Valley, Hilden and Lomwater, and Kingston 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 Sir William Henry Wills and Sir John Dilwyn-Llewellin.

Great Western Railway (New Works.)

A Petition of the Great Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Great Western Railway Company to make new Railways, a Harbour at Weymouth, and other Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Murdock and Sir William Henry Wills.

A Petition of the Great Yarmouth Port and Haven Commissioners, for leave to bring in a Bill for enlarging the Powers of the Commissioners of the Port and Haven of Great Yarmouth, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Henry Buller and Sir John Colnemb.

A Petition of the Hartlepoo Gas and Water Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Hartlepoo Gas and Water Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Thomas Richardson and Mr. Joseph Richardson.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for supplying with Water and Gas the District of Halsemore in connection therewith, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, Mr. Bigwood, Mr. Snear-Ross, and Mr. Hornor.

A Petition of the There-under signed, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Light Railway between Knott End and Pilling, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Foster and Sir Joseph Lesse.

A Petition of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, and for conferring further Powers on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company with relation to their own Undertakings, and upon that Company and the North Western Railway Company with relation to the Preston and Wemyss Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Harrery and Mr. Less Knowles.

A Petition of the County Council of the Lancashire County Palatine of Lancaster, for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision respecting the Charge and Management of County Bridges, and of Hundred Bridges in the County of Lancaster, and to confer further Powers on the County Council of the County Palatine of Lancaster in relation to Bridges, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Huldenworth, Mr. Duckworth, and Mr. Verburb.

A Petition of the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill, to authorize the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company to construct certain new and substituted Railways in connection with their Chesterfield and Lincoln separate Undertakings, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bromley-Davenport, Mr. Bannard, Mr. Boulton, and Mr. Otheguy.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ilkeston, for leave to bring in a Bill to make further Provision in regard to the Water and Gas Undertakings of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ilkeston, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Walter Foster and Sir Henry Hemrose.
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A Petition of the Latimer Road and Acton Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to revive the Powers for the Compulsory Purchase of Lands for and to extend the Time for the completion of the Latimer Road and Acton Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Owen and Mr. Obregg.

A Petition of the Loughborough Urban District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Loughborough Urban District Council to work Tramways for the time being owned by them within their District, to exempt the District from the Jurisdiction of certain Commissioners of Sewers, to make further and better Provision for the good Government and Improvement of the District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Newton and Mr. Weeds.

A Petition of the Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Company to abandon the Construction of certain authorised Harbour Works, and to construct other Works in lieu thereof; to transfer to the Company the Undertakings of the Louth and East Coast and Sutton and Willington Railway Companies, to confer Agreements with those Companies, and with the Great Northern Railway Company, for the raising of additional Capital by the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Austen, Mr. Nesbitt-Dunlop, and Mr. Pollock.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Liverpool, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Corporation of the City of Liverpool to execute certain Street Improvements, and to acquire and appropriate permanently as Open Spaces certain Burial Grounds within the City; for conferring further Powers on the Corporation in relation to Children and others trading in the Streets, and other matters; for amending various Local Acts in force within the City, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Willet and Mr. Warr.

A Petition of the Thorne-under-wood, for leave to bring in a Bill for making a Railway from Louth to Pontardulais, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Abel Thomson and Sir John Jenkins.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the London Building Act, 1894, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cohen and Mr. Bond.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent or regulate the discharge of Sewage into the Metropolitan Main Drainage System from the Urban District of Acton, in the County of Middlesex, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Whitman and Mr. Goulding.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to make certain Street Improvements, to purchase Lands, to make Provision for Contributions in certain cases by Local Authorities, to remove Obstructions to certain Streets, to make various Miscellaneous Provisions relating to the London County Council, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cohen and Mr. Arthur Morton.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London County leave to bring in a Bill to enable the London County Council to construct Tramways over Westminster Bridge and along the Victoria Embankment, in the Administrative County of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Stewart and Mr. John Burns.

A Petition of the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Company to construct Works, and purchase additional Lands for the Improvement of their Undertaking; to subscribe towards the Undertaking of the Whitechapel and Bow Railway Company, or to guarantee Interest on the Capital of that Company; and for other Provisions with respect to the Use by the Tilbury Company of the London and Blackwall Railway and Stations thereon, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Rowd, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Aird.

A Petition of the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the abandonment of the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Allan Gibbs and Major Reath.

A Petition of the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for reviving and extending the Powers for the Purchase of Lands, and also to extend the Time for the Completion of the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Allan Gibbs and Major Reath.

A Petition of the Maldon Water Supply Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate and confer Powers on the Maldon Waterworks Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Round and Mr. Aird.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Maldon Urban District, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Maldon Urban District Council to acquire the Water Undertaking of the Maldon Waterworks Company, Limited; to construct Waterworks and Sewage Works; for conferring further Powers in relation to Police matters, and for making further and better provision for the Improvement, Health, and Local Government of the District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Henry Benrose and Mr. Victor Curenish.

A Petition of the Metropolitan Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring Railway powers upon the Metropolitan Railway Company in relation to their own Undertaking, and for the ventilation of their Railway, and upon...
that Company and the Metropolitan District Railway Company in relation to the working of their Undertakings by Electrical Power, and upon those Companies and the South Eastern Railway Company with respect to certain Lands at Conroy Street, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Miller and Mr. McLaren.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Middlesbrough, in the North Riding of the County of York, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Middlesbrough in relation to the supply of Gas, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Joseph Pease and Mr. Jonathan Samuel.

A Petition of the County Council of Middlesex, for leave to bring in a Bill to make more effectual provision for preventing the Pollution and Obstruction of the Streams in the County of Middlesex, and to confer further Powers on the County Council of Middlesex for that purpose, to give to the Council powers in relation to making Loans to Local Authorities, Main Roads, and other matters, and to enlarge in some respects the powers of District Councils in the said County, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Ambrose (Middlesex), Mr. Bigwood, and Mr. Stephens.

A Petition of the Mid-Kent Water Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to dissolve and re-incorporate the Mid-Kent Water Company, Limited; to extend their Limits of Supply, and to confer further Powers for the construction of Works, the raising of Capital, and otherwise in relation to their Undertaking, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Airey and Mr. Tomlinson.

A Petition of the Mumbles Railway and Pier Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Mumbles Railway and Pier Company to extend their Railway to Black Pill, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. John Jenkins, Mr. Berridge, and Mr. William Abraham (Rhondda).

A Petition of the Mawson Hill and Palace Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Mawson Hill and Palace Railway Company to construct new Railways and other Works, and acquire Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bolton and Dr. MacDowell.

A Petition of the North, Pontardawe, and Brynaman Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the North, Pontardawe, and Brynaman Railway Company to construct Additional Railways in the County of Glamorgan; to extend the times for the taking of Lands for and for the completion of their authorised Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Samuel Evans, Mr. Macleod, and Major Wyndham-Quin.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Northam, in the County of Devon, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of Northam to construct Waterworks for the supply of their District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Cameron Guild and Mr. Lambert.

A Petition of the North Pembroke and North Pembrokeshire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer upon the Pembroke and Pembrokeshire Railway Company to construct new Railways, to extend the Time for construction of other Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Abell Thomas and Mr. Samuel Evans.

A Petition of the There-under signed, for leave North Wales to bring in a Bill for supplying with Water certain Parishes in North Warwickshire, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alfred Lyttelton and Sir Joseph Leese.

A Petition of the City of Norwich Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the City of Norwich Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cooke-Hardy and Mr. Taylor.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Nottingham and County of Nottingham, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Corporation of the City of Nottingham to establish a Fire Insurance Fund, to make better provision in regard to the driving of Carts in the City, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Henry Bestock, Mr. Bodd, and Mr. Forrell.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Paignton, in the County of Devon, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer Powers upon the Urban District Council of Paignton, in the County of Devon, with respect to the purchase and laying out of Land for a Recreation Ground, to make better provision for the Improvement, Health, and Local Government of the District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Scale-Haynes and Captain Phippette.

A Petition of the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gaslight and Coke Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Seale-Hayne and Captain Phippette.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, for leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the Plymouth Corporation the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors for embanking part of the Leven, near Plymouth, to empower the Corporation to make new Street Works and Tramway; to vest in the Corporation the Undertaking of the Undertaking Commissioners; 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. Meadid.

A Petition of the Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time allowed for the completion of certain Railways authorised to be constructed by the Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly,
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Accordingly, by Mr. Samuel Evans and Mr. William Abraham (Hondata).

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Rhymney and A Ber Valleys Gas and Water Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring Powers on them for the Construction of Works, the Supply of Gas and Water, the Purchase of certain Gas and Water Undertakings, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Fred. Morgan and Mr. Alfred Thomas.

A Petition of the Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea Gaslight and Coke Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea Gaslight and Coke Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Matthew White Ridley and Sir Kenyon Jordonston.

A Petition of the Saint David's Railway, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of a Railway from Jordanston to Saint David's, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Joseph Leese and Mr. Richards.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Saint Helen's, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of Tramways in and near the Borough of Saint Helen's; to extend the Boundaries of that Borough, and to confer further Powers on the Corporation of Saint Helen's, for the better government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Joseph Leese and Mr. Richards.

A Petition of the Sheffield District Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to transfer to and vest in the Sheffield District Railway Company the Tramways and Brightside Railway of the Midland Railway Company, to abandon certain authorised Railways of the Company, to confirm Agreements between the Company, the Midland Railway Company, and the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, Mr. Batson, Mr. Harcourt, Mr. Potter, and Mr. Bowles.

A Petition of the Southampton Gaslight and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Limits of Supply of the Southampton Gaslight and Coke Company, and to confer on them further Powers for the acquisition of Lands, the raising of additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brach and Sir John Baker.

A Petition of the Southend Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Southend Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Rentoul and Mr. Ernest Spencer.

A Petition of the Southend Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Southend Waterworks Company for the construction of Works, the raising of Money, and other things 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. Finch, Mr. Rentoul, and Mr. Sinclair.

A Petition of the Southend and Vauxhall Southend Water Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Southend and Vauxhall Southend Water Company to acquire Lands, construct additional Works, take additional Water from the River Thames, and raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart-Westley and Mr. Aird.

A Petition of the Stroud Reservoirs Joint Committee, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Stroud Reservoirs Joint Committee to execute further Works to amend the Stroud Reservoirs, &c. Act, 1896, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Boultin and Sir Joseph Savery.

A Petition of the Isle of Thanet Gaslight and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Isle of Thanet Gaslight and Coke Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Lether and Mr. Akers-Douglas.

A Petition of the Tottenham and Edmonton Traction and Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the further Powers on the Corporation of Tottenham and Edmonton, to make further provisions as to the Capital of the Tottenham and Edmonton Gaslight and Coke Companies, and to empower them to extend the Boundaries of the Borough of Tottenham and Edmonton, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Major Boole and Mr. Howard.

A Petition of the Tunbridge Warehouses Tunbridge Warehouses Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Levy of Rates at the Tunbridge Warehouses Quays and Wharves at Hymouth, and to confer various Powers on the Owners of those Quays and Wharves, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edward Clarke and Mr. Mildmay.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Isle of Thanet Railway Valley Railway Company, and authorising them to construct a Railway in the Counties of Monmouth and Brecon, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Charles Merley and Mr. M'Kenna.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction of an Extension of the Victoria Embankment and John's Road, and the taking of Lands in the Parish of Saint Margaret and Saint John-the-Evangelist, Westminster, in the County of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Lidded, Mr. William Frederick Smith, and Mr. Price.

A Petition of the Great Western Railway watered Company and the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the transfer to the Great Western and Lismore Railway Companies of the Undertakings of the Great Southern and Western Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William...
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A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of West Ham, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of West Ham, and to make further provision for the good government of that Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mayor Bussa and Mr. Ernest Greg.

A Petition of the Whitechapel and Bow Railway, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Metropolitan District Railway Company and the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Company to subscribe towards the Capital of the Whitechapel and Bow Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Samuel Montagu and Mr. Cherrington.

A Petition of the several Persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, and of the Taff Vale Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Construction of a Dock near the mouth of the River Ely, in the County of Glamorgan, to be called the Windsor Dock, and Railway and Works connected therewith; for confirming an Agreement with the Taff Vale Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Maclean, Mr. David Thomas, and Major Wyndham-Quin.

A Petition of the Commissioners of the Borough of Whitehaven, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Commissioners of the Borough of Whitehaven to provide additional Water Supply to the Borough, and to make and maintain new and additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Caldewell, Mr. Colville, and Mr. John Wilson (Falkirk).

A Petition of the Trustees of the Fund established for making provision for the Widows of the Writers to Her Majesty's Signet in Scotland, constituted and elected under the provisions of the Act 1 & 2 Wills, c. 53, for leave to bring in a Bill to further regulate the working, management, and control of the Widows' Fund of the Writers to Her Majesty's Signet in Scotland, to enlarge the Powers of Investment of the Moneys of the Fund; to amend the Acts now regulating the Fund, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Lewis M'Lvor and Mr. Robert Cox.

A Petition of the Petition of the Borough of Westminster, for leave to bring in a Bill to supply with Water the Parish of Westminster and other Places in the County of Middlesex, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Richards and Sir John MacIver.

A Petition of the York United Gaslight Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the York United Gaslight Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Grant Leno and Mr. Butter.

A Petition of the Norvic Electric Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Norvic Electric 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 Provost, Magistrates, and Burgh Burgesses of the Borough of Renfrew, Mr. John Dillwyn-Llewelyn, Sir John Maclure, and Mr. John Maclure, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Municipal and Police Boundaries of the Borough of Renfrew, to authorise the construction of a Tidal Dock at Eastend, and other Works at the Harbour, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Taff Vale Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Taff Vale Railway Company to construct a new Railway and other Works, and acquire Lands; to confer upon them Running Powers over certain Railways of the Great Western and Ryhmen Railway Companies and of Lord Proprietor; to abandon certain authorised Railways of the Rhumbside and Swansea Bay Railway Company, and to amend certain provisions contained in the Acts relating to the Barry Railway Company and to the Bute Docks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Wigan, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Wigan in regard to the Construction of Tramways and Street Improvements and other matters, and to make further provision in regard to the Finance of the Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Light Railways Acts 1896, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Henbury presented, by Her Majesty's Civil Services Command,—Estimates,—Orders, &c., No. 55.
Copy of Estimates for Civil Services and Revenue Departments for the year ending 31st March 1899, 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 several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Moneys paid out of the Consolidated Fund, under the Acts No. 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121, and No. 9 Will. 5, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the Greek Loan which is guaranteed by this Country under the authority of the said Acts, and of the Amount repaid by the Greek Government on account of the same, up to the 31st December 1897.

An Account of the Gross Amount of all Sums received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, for Savings Banks and Friendly Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, from their commencement at 6th August 1817 to the 31st December 1897, 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 1897, do.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Army Estimates of Effective and Non-Effective Services for 1898-99, including the Increases and Decreases in the Estimates, the Amounts provided for each Arm of the Service and for various Miscellaneous Establishments.

Mr. Goschen, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Pamphlets showing the Conditions of Service in the Army and Militia respectively.

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

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1898-99.

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

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Customs Offices Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Mr. Aker'-Douglas.)

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Customs and Private Bills do examine the Customs and other Offices (Barry Dock) Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Mr. Aker'-Douglas.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving the Names of all Telephones and Exchanges which the Post Office has at any time opened in the United Kingdom, with the date of opening; the Number of Subscribers at opening; Date on which each Exchange had the largest Number of Subscribers, and their Number; the Date on which each Exchange now without Subscribers became so; the Number of Subscribers on 31st day of December 1896 on Exchanges then open; the Number of Subscribers who have given Notice to leave any Exchange; and the Tariff, in the following form:

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving the Names of all Private Bills and Provisional Orders relating to Scotland, whether unopposed or referred to a Committee in either House as opposed, on which Committees were named; showing whether passed, not passed, or how otherwise dealt with: also showing those opposed in Committees of both Houses and those that received the Royal Assent; also the Amount of Fees levied in respect of each Bill or Order; and Summary showing for each year the Number of Bills and Provisional Orders so dealt with; and the Total Amount of Fees received in respect of such Bills and Orders.—(The Lord Advocate.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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 express to Your Majesty Majesty our disapproval of the policy pursued by the Government in the permanent Military Occupation of India;—(Chelmsford.)

And the maintenance and fortification of the road from Peshawur through the territory of the Punjab.)
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and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

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

Tuesday, 15th February, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A BILL for incorporating the Andoverford and Andoverford and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Company, Stratford-upon-Avon and authorising them to construct a Railway from the Railway Bill, the Midland and South Western Junction Rail- way at Andoverford to Stratford-upon-Avon, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Barry Railway Company to construct new Railways and Works, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Barry Railway Company to provide and work Steam Vessels and to subscribe to the funds of any Steamship Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to extend the time for the Compulsory Purchase of Lands for and for the Completion of certain portions of the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway (Extension of Time) Bill.

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A Bill to empower the Bremle and Merthyr Tydfil Junction Railway Company to construct new Railways and other works and acquire Lands, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorize the use of Electrical and other power on the Tramways of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company (Limited), and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Brompton, Chatham, Woolwich, and Rochester Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confirm two Agreements made by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Corporation County
County Borough of Cardiff for the Acquisition and Appropriation to Public Objects of Cathays Park, to empower the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses to construct new Tramways in the said Borough, and to work the same and other Tramways hereafter acquired by them, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Cardiff Railway Bill.

A Bill for empowering the Cardiff Railway Company to construct new Railways in the County of Glamorgan, partly on the Sites of the Glamorganshire Canal and of the Aberdare Canal, and to abandon Portions of the Railways authorised by the Cardiff Railway Act, 1897; to make further Provisions as to the Capital of the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Carmarthen Improvement Act.

A Bill to authorise the extension of the Borough of Carmarthen and to make further Provisions in regard to the Water Supply of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Charing Cross, Eaton, and Hampstead Railway Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the Charring Cross, Eaton, and Hampstead Railway Company; for authorising Agreements between that Company and the South Eastern and London and North Western Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

City and Brixton Railway Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the City and Brixton Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct an Underground Railway from the City and South London Railway, in the Parish of Saint Saviour, Southwark, to Brixton Hill, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

City and South London Railway Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the City and South London Railway Company for the construction of Works and acquisition of Lands, and to empower the Company to sell a Portion of their existing Undertaking, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Clacton-on-Sea Gas and Water Bill.

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

Coventry Corporation Gas Bill.

A Bill for the Extension and Enlargement of the Foreign Cattle Market at Deptford, and to authorise the Corporation of the City of London to construct, maintain, and work certain Railways and a Tramway between the said Market and the Deptford Wharf Branch of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Coventry Corporation Gas Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Coventry in regard to their Gas Undertaking, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Cromwell and District Water Bill.

A Bill to enable the Cromwell and District Water Company to extend their Limits of Supply, construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Cromer Gas and Water Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the Cromer Gas and 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.

Cromer Gas and Water Bill.

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

Croydon Gas Bill.

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

Croydon Gas Bill.

A Bill to alter the Constitution of the Croydon Port and Docks Board; to confer further Powers on that Board with respect to the Creation and Issue of Stock and the borrowing of Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Croydon Gas Bill.

A Bill to amend the Provisions of the Dublin Dublin Southern District Tramways Act, 1893, relating to the Speed at which Engines, Carriages, and Trains may be driven or propelled on the Tramways of the Dublin Southern District Tramways Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Croydon Gas Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the East and West East and West Water Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Croydon Gas Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the East Ham Urban District Council for the District of East Ham, in the County of Essex, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Croydon Gas Bill.

A Bill to extend the time for the completion of the Authorised Railways of the Easton Church and Church Hope Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Croydon Gas Bill.

A Bill to enable the Edmonton Urban District Council to acquire Pymmes Park for a Public Park and Recreation Ground; for conferring further Powers in relation to building Streets and Sanitary Matters; for making further and better provision for the Improvement, Health, and Local Government of the District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Croydon Gas Bill.

A Bill to extend the Powers of the Enfield and Enfield Gas Company and amend the Acts affecting that Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
A Bill to authorise the Construction by the Edinburgh and Rosslare Railways and Har­bours Company of new Railways from Cerk to Fernow and Waterford to Rosslare, and the acquisition by the Company of the Undertakings of the Fernow and Lime­more, and the Waterford, Dungarvon, and Lime­more Railway Companies; to confer additional Works over certain Rail­ways; to extend the Time for completion of Works authorised by the Edinburgh Bay Rail­way and Pier Act, 1893, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Eastern Railway Company in respect to Payment of Pensions and Allowances to Servants on the Wages List of the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for extending the Limits of Supply of and to confer further Powers upon the Edin­burgh and Rosslare Railways and Har­bours Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Great Western Railway Company with respect to Railway and Other Works and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

A Bill for amending certain Acts relating to the Great Eastern Railway Company, to authorise the Company to subscribe towards the Undertakings of the Elsenham, Duston, and Benefield, and the

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

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

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Great Northern Railway Company to make new Railways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
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A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Hartlepool Gas and Water Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to supply Water and Gas the District of Haislmerne, in the County of Surrey and adjacent Places, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the Hundred and Hundred of the Hundred of Ilford, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Urban District Council for the District of Ilkeston, in the County of Derby, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to make the provision in regard to the Water and Gas Undertakings of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Ilkeston, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Urban District Council for the District of Ipswich Dock Commissioners, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Borough of Ipswich, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to enable the Ipswich Dock Commissioners to make certain Works in connection with their Dock, and to confer various further Powers upon the Commissioners, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Kibeho to construct additional Waterworks; to purchase Lands for the protection of their Waters and Waterworks; to make new Streets and Street Improvements; and to extend the Powers of the Corporation in regard to 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.

A Bill to empower the County Councils of the Administrative Counties of Middlesex and Surrey to rebuild New Bridge and to make new Approaches thereto, and to execute other Works in connection therewith, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Light Railway between Knott End and Pilling, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the London and Yorkshire Railway Company, with relation to their own Undertaking, and upon that Company and the London and North Western Railway Company with relation to the Preston and Wyre Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer special Powers in the Charge and Management of County Bridges and of Hundred Bridges in the County of Lancaster, and to confer further Powers on the County Council of the County Palatine of Lancaster in relation to Bridges, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company to construct certain new and substituted Railways in connection with their Chesterfield and Lincoln separate Undertakings, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to revive the Powers for the compulsory purchase of Lands for and to extend the Time for the completion of the Luton Road and Acton Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Lepton Urban District Council to work Tramways for the time being owned by them within their District, to exempt the District from the Jurisdiction of certain Commissioners of Sewers, to make further and better Provision for the good Government and Improvement of the District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Lincoln and East Lincoln and Coast Railway and Dock Company to abandon East Coast Railway and Dock Bill. Works and to construct other Works in lieu thereof, to transfer to the Company the Undertakings of the London and East Coast and Sutton and Willoughby Railway Companies, to confirm Agreements with those Companies and with the Great Northern Railway Company, for the raising of additional Capital by the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for authorising the Corporation of the Liverpool City of Liverpool to execute certain Street Improvements and to acquire and appropriate permanently as Open Spaces certain Burial Grounds within the City; for conferring further Powers on the Corporation in relation to Children and other matters; for amending various Local Acts in force within the City, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for making a Railway from Llanelli to Portadale, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend the London Building Act, London Building Act, 1894, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to prevent or regulate the discharge of London Sewage into the Metropolitan Main Drainage System from the Urban District of Acton, in the County of Middlesex, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to make better Provision respecting the Charge and Management of County Bridges Vol. 153.
A Bill to empower the London County Council to make certain Street Improvements, to purchase Lands, to make provision for Contributions in certain cases by Local Authorities, and to remove Obstructions in certain Streets, to make various miscellaneous provisions relating to the London County Council, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the London County Council to construct Tramways over Land, and along the Victoria Embankment, in the Administrative County of London, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the London County Council to construct Tramways over Westminster Bridge and along the Victoria Embankment, in the Administrative County of London, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the London, Tilbury and Southend Railway Company to construct Works and purchase additional Lands for the improvement of their Undertaking; to subscribe towards the Undertaking of the Whitechapel and Bow Railway Company, or to guarantee Interest on the Capital of that Company; and to make other provisions with respect to the use by the Tilbury Company of the London and Blackwall Railway and Stations thereto, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to revise and extend the Powers for the purchase of Lands, and also to extend the Time for the completion of the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for the Abandonment of the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to incorporate and confer Powers on the Maldon Waterworks Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for authorising the Maldon Urban District Council to acquire the Water Undertaking of the Maldon Waterworks Company, Limited; to construct Waterworks and Sewage Works; for conferring further Powers in relation to Police matters, and for making further and better provision for the Improvement, Health, and Local Government of the District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Metropolitan Railway Company in relation to their own Undertaking, and for the Ventilation of their Railway, and upon that Company and the Metropolitan District Railway Company in relation to the working of their Undertakings by Electrical Power, and upon those Companies and the South Eastern Railway Company with respect to certain Lands at Cannon Street, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Metropolitan Railway Company in relation to the Supply of Gas, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to make more effectual Provision for Midlothian preventing the Pollution and Obstruction of the Streams in the County of Midlothian, and to confer further Powers on the County Council of Midlothian for that purpose; to give to the Council Powers in relation to making Loans to Local Authorities, Main Roads, and other Matters; and to enlarge in some respects the Powers of District Councils in the said County, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to dissolve and re-incorporate the Mid-Kent Water Company (Limited); to extend their Limits of Supply; and to confer further Powers for the Construction of Works, the raising of Capital, and otherwise in relation to their Undertaking, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Mumbles Railway and Pier Company to extend their Railway to Blackpill, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Maxwell Hill and Palace Railway Company to construct new Railways and other Works and acquire Lands, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the North, Powys, and Brynmawr Railway Company to construct additional Lines and Railway in the County of Glamorgan, to extend the Times for the taking of Lands for and for the Completion of their authorised Railways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the North Warwickshire North Warwickshire Railway Company to construct new Railways; to extend the Time for Construction of other Railways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Corporation of Nottingham to establish a Fire Insurance Fund, to make Corporation better
better Provision in regard to the driving of Carts in the City, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Paignton Improvement Bill.

A Bill to confer Powers upon the Urban District Council of Paignton, in the County of Devon, with respect to the purchase and laying out of Land for a Recreation Ground; to make better Provision for the Improvement, Health, and Local Government of the District, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Southend-on-Sea Gas Bill.

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

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the Southend Waterworks Company for the construction of Works, 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.

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gaslight and Coke Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Rhonea and Seacune Bay Railway Bill.

A Bill to extend the Time limited for the construction of the Railway authorised to be constructed by the Rhonea and Seacune Bay Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Rymanc and Valley Gas and Water Bill.

A Bill for incorporating the Rymanc and Valley Gas and Water Company; for conferring Powers on them for the construction of Works, the supply of Gas and Water, the purchase of certain Gas and Water Undertakings, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea Gas Bill.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea Gas Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Southport and Finsbury Water Company to acquire Lands; construct Works; and raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Saint's Reservoirs Joint Committee to execute further Works to the Water Bill, and in relation to their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Saint David's Railway Bill.

A Bill to authorise the construction of a Railway from Jordanston to Saint David's, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Saint Helen's Corporation Bill.

A Bill to authorise the construction of Streets and other Works in and near the Borough of Saint Helen's; and to confer further Powers on the Corporation of Saint Helen's in regard to Streets, Sewers, drains, and 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.

Saint Helens Railway Bill.

A Bill to transfer to and vest in the Sheffield District Railway Company the Treeton and Brightside Railway of the Midland Railway Company, to abandon certain authorised Railways of the Company, to confirm Agreements between the Company, the Midland Railway Company, and the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to extend the Limits of Supply of the Southampton Gaslight and Coke Company, and to confer on them further Powers for the acquisition of Lands; the raising of additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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Southampton Gas Bill.
A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Borough of West Ham, and to make further Provision for the good Government of that Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers upon the Way Valley Water Company; for extending the Limits of Supply of and conferring further Powers upon the Frimley and Wymondham District Water Company and the Fareham Water Company (Limited); for authorising Agreements between those Companies and other Water Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Metropolitan District Railway Company and the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Company to subscribe towards the Capital of the Wincehall and Ross Railway Company, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers upon the Wincehall and Cowdrilla Gas Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for authorising the Construction of a Dock near the mouth of the River Ely, in the County of Glamorgan, to be called the Windsor Dock, and Railways and Works connected therewith; for confirming an Agreement with the Yaff Vale Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Commissioners of the Borough of Wimsham to provide an additional Water Supply to the Borough, and to make and maintain new and additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to further regulate the working, management, and control of the Widowe Fund of the Writers to Her Majesty's Signeys in Scotland, to enlarge the Powers of Investment of the Moneys of the Fund; to amend the Acts now regulating the Fund, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for supplying with Water the Parish of Wymondham and other places in the County of Norfolk, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the York United Gaslight Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

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 1897, and the Balance of the Receipts over the Expenditure; prepared in pursuance of Section 4 of the 36th Vic. c. 5; and a Statement additional to the above Account prepared in pursuance of the same Section.

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 East India Company, pursuant to 22 & 23 Vic. c. 26, from the 15th September 1845 to the 5th January 1898. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Account of the Sums received and paid by the Board of Trade for the Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen in the year ended 31st March 1897; and 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 Battersea Harbour, for the year ended 31st March 1897, together with an Account of the Receipt and Issue of Stores. Account showing the Duties received, and Expenditure incurred, in the Construction, Repair, and Maintenance of Lighthouses in British Possessions Abroad, during the year 1896-97. Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Board of Trade on account of Seamen's Savings Banks under the authority of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, during the year 1897 (end of August). Statement of the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Transmission of Seamen's Wages, Home and Foreign, from 1878 to 31st March 1897. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Relations relating to the Famine and Relief Operations in India in 1896-7 (Vol. V., Resolution of Parliament, for a Return of the Wounded in War or Warlike Operations carried on by Her Majesty's Forces in India during the years 1896 and 1897 respectively (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 154, of Session 1896). 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 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 1897 to the 5th January 1898, with a Copy of the Minutes of the Court of Directors thereof; and
The Order for reading a second time, upon Friday next, the Poor Law Settlement (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Ordered, That the adjourned Debate on the Motion for an Address to Her Majesty have precedence this day of the Notices of Motion and Orders of the Day, and Tomorrow of the Orders of the Day.—(Mr. Goomer.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Superannuation (Metropolis) Act, 1866 : And that Colonel Hughes, Mr. William Frederic Smith, Mr. James Bailey, Sir Mancherio Bhawanggar, Sir Albert Rolli, Mr. Bentfield, and Mr. Holland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Compulsory Purchase of the Estates of Lord Clanricarde in Ireland : And that Mr. John Roche, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Candon, Mr. Kilbride, and Mr. Sheehy do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish Disabilities still affecting Roman Catholics in the United Kingdom : And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Luttrell presented a Bill to abolish Disabilities still affecting Roman Catholics in the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Alexander Cross presented a Bill to amend the System of House-letting in the Boroughs of Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of March next; and to be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 14th day of this instant February, was an Address! proposed to be made to the Main Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:—

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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—(Colonel Lockwood);

And which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words, "And we military operations ordered to be read a second time upon the 1st day of March next; and to be printed.

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

Wednesday, 16th February, 1898:

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur, 208, Mr. Thomas Ellis, 311, Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 208, Mr. Amstruther]: So it passed in the Negative.
And the Main Question being again proposed, and a Debate arising thereupon; And, it being after Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Special Juries 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.

Wednesday, 16th February, 1898.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A BILL to vest in the Plymouth Corporation the Undertaking of the Company of Proprietors for embanking part of the Looe, near Plymouth; to empower the Corporation to make new Street Works and Tramway; to vest in the Corporation the Undertaking of the Catermole Commissioners; to extend the Boundary of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That Standing Order 195 be suspended, and that the time for presenting the Petition for the Blackburn Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Bill be extended to Thursday the 17th day of this instant February. — (Dr. Fergusonson.)

Ordered, That Standing Order 195 be suspended, and that the time for presenting the Petition for the Burnley Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Bill be extended to Thursday the 17th day of this instant February. — (Dr. Fergusonson.)

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

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

Ordered, That the Account relative to National Debt (Military Savings Banks) was presented upon the 15th day of this instant February, be printed.

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

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

Ordered, That the Account relative to Seco-Denier's Savings Banks and Transmission of Wages), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Warlike Operations) (Killed and Wounded), which was presented upon the 15th day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Emigration Statistics of Ireland for the year 1897.
Copy of Return, according to Provinces and Irish Land Counties, of Judicial Rents fixed by Chief Commis- sion, Sub-Commission, and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms, as notified during the month of July 1897; also Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Application of Landlords and Tenants.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Order in Council, under the Military Manuvers Act, 1897, to be issued for Military Manuvers to be held within specified limits from the 15th August 1898.

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

Endorsed Charities (Army, Navy, and Military) (Killed and Wounded), which was presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Order of the Council of Northumberland constituting the Polling Place at Alnwick Colliery, one of the places at which Revising Barristers shall hold their Courts.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Digest of the Endowed Charities in the County of York, North 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 Endowed Charities for that County, 1873-5 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 155, of Session 1876).— (Mr. Grant Lawson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Digest of the Endowed Charities in the County of Southampton, 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 Endowed Charities for that County, 1869-71 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 25 (4), of Session 1873).—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the House's adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 8th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which
Mr. Brynmor Jones presented a Bill to amend the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869 to 1889: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Sir Stafford Northcote presented a Bill for the Registration of Firms: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bosvillfield presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Weight and Measures: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 3rd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wootton Isaacson presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Patents and Proprietary Chemical Compositions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Kenmaney presented a Bill to amend the Law of the Transfer of Church Patronage: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words “And we humbly request to Your Majesty that the Catholics of Ireland have long suffered and still suffer under an intolerable grievance in respect of University Education; that the existence and the oppressive character of this grievance have been recognized by successive Governments; and that it is the duty of Your Majesty’s Government, immediately to propose legislation with a view to placing Irish Catholics on a footing of equality with their fellow countrymen of other religious denominations in all matters concerned with University Education.” —(Mr. Dillon.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added: —And a Debate arising thereupon; And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

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 Colonial Solicitors Bill:
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Special Juries Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869 to 1889: 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 have Power to Report thereon: — The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Aercoft, Mr. Thomas Bagley, Mr. Caldwell, Captain Chalmers, Mr. Gaffy, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Archie Lloyd, Mr. Macdonnell, Mr. Price, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Warr, Mr. George Whiting, and Mr. Yorkburgh.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the alleged Evils attending the System of Money Lending by Professional Money Lenders at high rates of Interest, or under oppressive conditions as to Repayment, and to report thereon: — The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Aercoft, Mr. Thomas Bagley, Mr. Caldwell, Captain Chalmers, Mr. Gaffy, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Archie Lloyd, Mr. Macdonnell, Mr. Price, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Warr, Mr. George Whiting, and Mr. Yorkburgh.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Weights and Measures: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That a Bill be read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Patents and Proprietary Chemical Compositions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

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

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

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

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Blackburn, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Corporation of the County Borough of Blackburn to acquire the Undertaking of the Blackburn Corporation Tramways Company, Limited; to construct new Tramways in the Borough; to improve and work the Undertaking; to partially consolidate the Redeemable Debt and Mortgages of the Corporation; to consolidate and apply Sinking Funds; to repeal Borrowing Powers; to borrow Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Codlington and Mr. Hornby.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Burnley, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Corporation of the County Borough of Burnley with respect to Tramways and to their Electric Lighting and other Undertakings; to
make further Provision for the Improvement and
good Government of the Borough; to amend
and extend the Provisions of the Local Acts relating to
the Borough, and for other purposes, was
presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be
brought in accordingly, by Sir Joseph Lanes, and
Mr. Philip Stanhope.
Several Public Petitions were presented, and
read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the
Commissioners, and modified and confirmed
by the Board of Trade, in pursuance of the
Light Railways Act, 1896, authorising the
construction of Light Railways in the Potteries
District of Staffordshire (Potteries Light Rail-
way Order, 1897),

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway
Commissioners, and modified and confirmed by
the Board of Trade, in pursuance of the Light
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Alton, in the County of Southampton (Rivingstoke
and Alton Light Railway Order, 1897),

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Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Com-
mand,—Copy of Memorandum of the Secre-
tary of State for War, relating to the Army
(Military Manoeuvre Act, 1897), which
was presented upon the 16th day of this instant
February, be printed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
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Resolved, That an humble Address be pre-
sented to Her Majesty, that she will be
graciously pleased to give directions, that there
be a Return of the Marching-out (Field) Strength of each Bat-

talion of British Infantry detailed for service in the recent Operations on the North West Frontier of India:—Of the Number of Non-
commissioned Officers and Men as were left behind in
Quarters:—And, of the actual Number who
joined the Field Force and engaged in Active Operations.—(Sir James Ferguson.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be pre-
sented to Her Majesty, that she will be
graciously pleased to give directions, that there
be laid before this House, a Statement of the
Reasons for the retention in Quarters of such
Non-commissioned Officers and Men as were
left behind by the Battalions of British Infantry
detailed for service in the recent Operations on the North West Frontier of India.—(Sir James Ferguson.)

Francis William Lowe, Esquire, Member for
the Birmingham Borough (Edgbaston Division),

John Wyndham Phillips, Esquire, Member for
the County of Pembroke, was sworn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming
the adjourned Debate on the Amendment
which, upon the 16th day of this instant Febru-
ary, was proposed to be made to the Main
Question [8th February], That an humble
Address be presented to Her Majesty, as
followeth:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal
subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament
assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks
to Your Majesty for the Gracious Speech which
Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of
Parliament—(Colonel Lockwood); 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, and still suffer
under an intolerable grievance in respect of
University Education; that the existence and
the oppressive character of this grievance
have been recognised by successive Govern-
ments; and that it is the duty of Your
Majesty's Government immediately to propose
legislation with a view to placing Irish
Catholics on a footing of equality with their
countrymen of other religious denomina-
tions in all matters concerned with Univer-
sity Education."—(Mr. Dillot): And the
Question being once again proposed, That
those words be there added—The House re-
sumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

And the Main Question being again pro-
posed;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Question, by adding, at the end thereof,
the words, "And we humbly pray that Your
Indian Subjects, looking to the necessities of
India, Majesties, to the innumerable and
endured by the Indian people from famine,
paban, poverty, and other afflictions during
this last year, will graciously direct that
special forbearance be shown towards them,
and that careful inquiry be made into their
present condition in order to restore confidence
among the suffering masses, and thus prepare
the way for healing measures tending to bring
back peace and prosperity."—(Sir William
Wedderburn).

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

And the Main Question being again proposed:

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Friday, 16th February, 1898:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Customs Offices (Southampton) 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 Customs and other Offices (Barry Dock) 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 Special Juries 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 the Inspection and Registration of Boilers: And that Sir William Houldsworth, Sir Edward Gower, Mr. Mathew Scott, Mr. Finucan, Colonel Denmy, and Mr. Clare do prepare, and bring in it.

Sir William Houldsworth presented a Bill to provide for the Inspection and Registration of Boilers: And the same Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir William Houldsworth presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Rating of Hereditaments containing Machinery: And that Sir William Houldsworth, Mr. Stroopey, Sir William Codington, Mr. Batty Langley, Mr. Oldroyd, Colonel Meller, and Mr. Cawley do prepare, and bring in it.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table, and ordered to be read a second time, was read, and discharged.

The Order made upon the 15th day of this instant February, That the Turnchapel Wharves and Warehouses Bill be read a second time, was read, and discharged.

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

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Factories (Cotton Cloth Factories Acts, 1889 to 1897) be printed. No. 73.

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Education Department (Education Department on Defective and Epileptic Children) (Committee), a Return relative to Parliamentary Constituencies (Electors, &c.) (United Kingdom) (in connection of Parliamentary Paper, No. 151, of Session 1897).

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

Received, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before Vol. 165.
before this House, a Return of the Number of Victuallers’ Beerhouses and other Licensers for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors the renewal of which has been refused in the year 1897. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the proceedings on the Address in answer to Her Majesty's Speech if under discussion at Twelve o'clock this night be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Sittings of the House—(Mr. Balfour); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yes, (Mr. Asquith:), 188. Tellers for the Sir Jacoby, Nos, (Mr. Warner); 103. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Presemtments of Grand Juries submitted to the Secretary of State between the 1st day of January 1894 and the 31st day of January 1898 in favour of the Legislation for the infliction of Corporal Punishment in cases of Offences against Women and young Girls, giving the Dates and Substance of the Presentments.—(Mr. Warr.)

Resolved, That 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 Comparative Return showing the Total Cost of Administration in the War Office and Admiralty, giving Particulars of the Number of Military and Naval Officers employed in the War Office and Admiralty, with their Rank, Salaries, and Allowances; also the Total Number of Civilians employed, showing their Rank, Salaries, and Allowances, together with the Total Amount estimated by the War Office and the Admiralty in the Financial Year 1898-9, showing the Amount expended on Wages, Allowances, and the Amount expended on Material and Works, in the following Form:

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The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Yes, Sir William Weld-Corbet. Noes, Mr. Austruther.
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 Your servants in the Post Office are not permitted to exercise the franchise, generally allowed to other departments in the State; nor to serve on electoral committees; nor to take part in political agitation; and are otherwise deprived of the privileges of citizenship in defiance of the letter and spirit of the law; that the officials of the Post Office refuse to recognise the Postmen’s Trade Union; their officials are illegally and unjustly dismissed for circulating Parliamentary Candidates; and we humbly beg Your Majesty to instruct the Postmaster General to remedy these grievances."—(Mr. Woods).

And the Question being put, That those words be there added;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Mr. Woods, 86. Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 163.
Yes, Mr. Patrick O’Brien. Noes, Mr. Austruther.
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 urgent need of a measure to check the widespread Adulteration of Food Products, and to express our regret for checking the widespread Adulteration of Great Britain and Ireland; and that, although the Commission appointed by Your Majesty in 1892 to inquire into the Land Question in those districts has reported that nearby 2,000,000 acres of land, now occupied as deer forests, grouse moors, and grazing tracts might be cultivated to profit, or otherwise advantageously occupied by crofters and 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 conditions of the crofters, cottars, and small tenants may be improved."—(Dr. Clark)

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 (Dr. Clark, 50. Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 171.
Yes, Mr. Wein. Noes, Mr. Austruther.
So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being again proposed:
—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to Closure Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question, because it appeared to him that the House was prepared shortly to come to a decision without that Motion:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday Ways and Means, next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.—(Mr. Hanbury.)
Ordered, That the several Estimates presented to this House during the present Session be referred to the Committee of Supply.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday Ways and Means, next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Special Juries Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And, it being a quarter of an hour after One of the clock on Saturday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till Monday next.
Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report.

Private Bills. Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report

Committee.

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.:—

Mr. Arthur O'Connell,

Mr. John Edward Hills,

Mr. John Grant Lawson, and

Mr. Edward Robert Woodhouse,

to act during this Session as temporary Chairman of

Committees when requested by the Chairman of

Ways and Means.

William Court Gully,

Speaker.

18th February 1898.

Monday, 21st February, 1898.

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.:—

Barry Railway Bill.

Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill.

Brompton, Chatton, Gillingham, and

Richester Water Bill.

City and South London Railway Bill.

Cromford District Water Bill.

Enfield Gas Bill.

Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill.

Gaslight and Coke Company Bill.

Great Eastern Railway Company and Midland and

Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Bill.

Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill.

Great Northern Railway Bill.

Hastings and Have Water Bill.

Higham and Hundred of How Water Bill.

London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Bill.

London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest

Railway Bill.

Mumbles Railway and Pier Bill.

Northumberland and Fishguard Railway Bill.

Norwich City Water Bill.

Southend-on-Sea Gas Bill.

Southport and Mount cliton Water Bill.

Thanet Gas Bill.

Whitechapel and Romford Railway Bill.

York United Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bills

Standing Order No. 62 complied with.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report

from one of the Examiners of Petitions for

Private Bills, That, in the case of the following

Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof,

Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with,

viz.:—

Saint Anne's-on-the-Sea Gas Bill.

Westwich and Caistable Gas Bill.

Writers to the Signet Widows' Fund Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Andoverford and Stratford-upon-Avon

Railway Bill was read a second time;

Bolton, Turton, and Westhoughton Ex-

\tension Bill was read a second time; and

comitted.

The Cardiff Corporation Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

The Carmarthen Improvement Bill was read

a second time; and committed.

The City and Briston Railway Bill was read

a second time; and committed.

The Corporation of London (Foreign Cattle

Markets, Deptford) Bill was read a second time;

and committed.

The Coventry Corporation Gas Bill was read

a second time; and committed.

The Crawley and District Water Bill was read

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The East Ham Improvement Bill was read

a second time; and committed.

The Edmonton Urban District Council Bill was

read a second time; and committed.

The Fredbridge Gas Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

The Order for reading a second time the Great

Yarmouth Port and Haven Bill was read

dr and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Haslemere District Water and Gas Bill

was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Ilford Improvement Bill be

read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of

March next.

The Ilfracombe Corporation Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

The Ipswich Dock Commission Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

The Keighley Corporation Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

The Kent Bridge and Approaches Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

The Knott End Railway Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

The Lancaster County Council Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

The Leyton Urban District Council Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

The Liverpool Corporation Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

The Llanelli and Pontardulais Railway Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

Ordered, That the London Building Act (1894)

Amendment Bill be read a second time upon

Tuesday the 1st day of March next.

The London County Council (Acton Sawage

Council Bill was read a second time; and

Committee.

The London County Council Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

The Maltese Urban District Council Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

The Middleham Corporation (Gas) Bill was read a second

time; and committed.

The Middlesbrough Corporation (Gas) Bill.
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The Middlesex County Council Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

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

The Railway and Aber Valleys Gas and Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Saint Davids's Railway Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

The Staines Reservoirs Joint Committee Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Victoria Embankment Extension and Saint John's Improvement Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 1st day of March next.

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

A Petition of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company, Limited, to extend their Tramways, and to confer further Powers upon that Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Edward Hill and Mr. Bucknill.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Persors and Pensions, No. 27.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Endowed Charities applicable to the maintenance of Almshouses and Penitentiaries, and of those applicable to Gifts of Money ..., in kind in England and in Wales, with particulars as far as possible brought up to date. — (Mr. Drage.)

Ordered, That the said Returns be printed.
The House proposed, That, so soon as the Committee of Supply shall be allotted for the Business of a Motion was made, and the Question being put, was read, and discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that so soon as the Committee of Supply has been appointed and Estimates have been presented, the Business of Supply shall (until it be disposed of) be the first Order of the Day on Friday, unless the House otherwise orders. The Speaker ordered that the Motion be put forthwith every Question necessary to dispose of the outstanding Votes in Committee of Supply; and on the last, not being earlier than the twentieth of the allotted days, the Speaker shall, at Ten o'clock p.m., proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to complete the outstanding Reports of Supply:

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

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Report of the Committee of Supply shall be deemed equivalent to one Three o'clock Sitting:

Ordered, That the House, except of Standing Order No. 5.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for amending the Law relating to Local Government in Ireland; and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring in it.
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 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 Ordnance Offices (Southampton) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read for the Customs and other Offices (Southampton) Bill:

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read for the Chemical Compounds (Southampton) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Special Juries 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 this day.

Tuesday, 22nd February, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions (Standing Orders, Order 63) for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:

Dublin Southern District Tramways Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order, made upon the 15th day of this Dublin Port instant February, That the Dublin Port and Dock Company (Southampton Dock) Bill be read a second time, was read, and discharged.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the London County Council London County Council Bill; and that it be read a second time upon Thursday the 10th day of March next.

A Bill to authorise the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company (Limited) to extend their Tramways, and to confer further powers upon that Company.
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Company was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Board of Agriculture (Metropolitan Commons Acts, 1866 to 1879), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant February, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Code of Regulations (Code of Regulations, 1898.)

Petitions. read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government (Scotland) Bill to extend the provisions of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896, to the Officers and Servants of other Local Authorities; And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Acland do prepare, and bring it in.

Order for Adjournment. Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to the Houses of Workmen in certain Tenure of the Houses of Workmen in certain Employments: And that Mr. Catlin, Mr. Scoular, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Holburn, and Mr. Wilson (Govan) do prepare, and bring it in.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Acland: Tellers for the [Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Noes, Mr. Daly: So it was resolved in the A Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government (Scotland) Bill to amend the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894: And that Mr. Alexander Cross, Sir William Walrond, Walter Foster, Sir Charles Cameron, Sir William Amussen, Pringles, Sir William Arrad, Dr. Forquharson, and Mr. Nicol do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896, to the Officers and Servants of other Local Authorities: And that Sir Seymour King, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Blundell Maple, Colonel Dalhousie, Mr. Arbuthnot-Jones, Mr. James Bailey, and Captain Norton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Appeal for Bill to amend the Court of Session Act, 1868; And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Acland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt certain Chairmen of Parish Councils in Scotland who have already taken the Oath from again taking Oath before acting as Justices of the Peace: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Acland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896, to the Officers and Servants of other Local Authorities: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Acland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government (Scotland) Bill to amend the Law with regard to Clerks of the Peace and Clerks of the County Council; And that Mr. Luttrell, Sir Alexander Acland, Hood, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Stephens, and Mr. Courtney Warner do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to the Tenure of Office of Sheriffs Depute in Scotland: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Acland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Court of Session Act, 1868; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Seymour King presented a Bill to extend the provisions of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896, to the Officers and Servants of other Local Authorities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of April next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to amend the Court of Session Act, 1868; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 3rd day of March next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to extend the provisions of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896, to the Officers and Servants of other Local Authorities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of April next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to exempt certain Chairmen of Parish Councils in Scotland who have already taken the Oath from again taking Oath before acting as Justices of the Peace: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Acland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Government (Scotland) Bill to amend the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Alexander Cross presented a Bill to exempt certain Chairmen of Parish Councils in Scotland who have already taken the Oath from again taking Oath before acting as Justices of the Peace: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Acland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. William Houlds­ly, Mr. Atherley-Jones, Mr. Arbuthnot-Jones, Mr. James Bailey, and Captain Norton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt certain Chairmen of Parish Councils in Scotland who have already taken the Oath from again taking Oath before acting as Justices of the Peace: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Acland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with regard to Clerks of the Peace and Clerks of the County Council; And that Mr. Luttrell, Sir Alexander Acland, Hood, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Stephens, and Mr. Courtney Warner do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896, to the Officers and Servants of other Local Authorities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of March next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt certain Chairmen of Parish Councils in Scotland who have already taken the Oath from again taking Oath before acting as Justices of the Peace: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Acland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896, to the Officers and Servants of other Local Authorities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of March next; and to be printed.
the Peace: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to amend the Law in regard to the Tenure of Office of Sheriffs Depute in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Lattimer presented a Bill to amend the Law with regard to Clerks of the Peace and of the Peace. Mr. Colville presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the Tenure of the Houses of Workmen in certain Employments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of March next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, the expenditure involved in the recent operations beyond the frontier of India ought not to be charged entirely upon the revenues of India— (Mr. Samuel Smith); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Samuel Smith, Yeas, (Mr. Soutter: Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Noes, (Mr. Austerlitz: So it passed in the Negative.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present,—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at ten minutes before Eight of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

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The House met at Two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Wymondham Water Bill.

Saint David's Railway Bill.

Public Petition.

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Army and Militia.

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East India (Expenditure on the Frontier War.)

Prisons (England and Wales) (Offences and Punishments.)

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Home Department, in pursuance of the Prisons Act, 1877, with respect to Prison Offences and Punishments. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the direct- Communications in an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Rules in pursuance of the 20th Section of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1898, in relation to Applications to the Commissioners made under the Metropolitan Water Act, 1897.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) (Compulsory Purchase Powers) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Daly, Yeas, (Mr. Davitt: Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Noes, (Mr. Austerlitz: So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the New Licences Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Veto (Scotland) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandise Marks Act, 1897 Amend- (No. 2)ments (No. 2) 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 Dwellings Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Justices Ordinance of the Peace and Calm Act. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Papers regarding the Famine and Relief Operations in India in 1896-97, Vol. IV. (Correspondence regarding the Appointment of a Famine Commission).

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated 5th July 1897, made by the Secretary of State for the Vol. 153.
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 Endowed Schools Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of May next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

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

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

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

Shops (Early Closing) Bill.

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

Shops Bill.

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

Sir William Welbourn reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Supplementary Estimates, 1897-98.

Class I.

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,647, 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 maintaining certain Harbours, Lighthouses, &c. under the Board of Trade, including a Grant in Aid.

2. 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 the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission.

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

Special Juries Bill.

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

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 Walter Foster, Sir Albert Rollett, Mr.Stanley Hill, Mr. George Whiteley, Mr. Dalkeith, Mr. 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 the 8th day of June next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-Morrow.
Mr. Hanbury, presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Appropriation of Funds of certain Excess Expenditure on Contract Vessels under the Naval Defence Act, 1889, in the year ended 31st March 1897, together with the Report of the Controller and Auditor-General thereon.

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

Trade Reports (Miscellaneous Series), No. 3, 1898.

Copy of Reports on Subjects of General and Local Government, and the Declared Value thereof, and where a Return of the Amount of all Public Revenue, from any other sources, which are not paid into the Her Majesty's Exchequer for the year 1896-7, distinguishing from the lst day of October 1896 to the 30th day of September 1897, the Number of Brewing Licences taken out last year by persons who paid no Beer Duty in (continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 92, of Session 1897).

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Return.

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

Local Government Board (Ireland) (General Orders).

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

Judicial Statistics (England and Wales.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Amounts of all Public Revenue, derived from Taxes levied by Parliament and from any other sources, which are not paid into Her Majesty's Exchequer for the year 1896-7, together with an Estimate of the corresponding Sums for the year 1897, with the Totals in each case (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 166, of Session 1897).—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions to give the directions to be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of all Deaths in the Administrative County of London, in the year 1897, upon which a Coroner's Jury has returned a Verdict of Death from Starvation or Deaths from Privation and Expenditure, and Return of the Number of Persons admitted to the Public Charities 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 in the Premises, and to sell Beer not to be drank on the Premises; stating also the Quantities of Malt and Corn, and Sugar, including the Equivalents of Syrups, used by them, particularly each Class in each Collection, from the 1st day of October 1896 to the 30th day of September 1897.—(Mr. Talbot.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Accounts of the Number of Persons 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 drank in the Premises, and to sell Beer not to be drank on the Premises; stating also the Quantities of Malt and Corn, and Sugar, including the Equivalents of Syrups, used by them, particularly each Class in each Collection, from the 1st day of October 1896 to the 30th day of September 1897.—(Mr. Dillon); the House divided.

Mr. Curzon, presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Papers relating to Recent Events in the Egypt Protectorate.

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

Africa (No. 2, 1898.)


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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Accounts of the Number of Persons 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 drank in the Premises, and to sell Beer not to be drank on the Premises; stating also the Quantities of Malt and Corn, and Sugar, including the Equivalents of Syrups, used by them, particularly each Class in each Collection, from the 1st day of October 1896 to the 30th day of September 1897.—(Sir Charles T. Dilnot.)

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

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Income and Expenditure of the British Museum (Special Trust Funds) for the year ending the 31st day of March 1898; and Return of Number of Persons admitted to the British Museum (Natural History) in each year from 1892 to 1897, both years inclusive; together with a Return of the Statement of the Progress made in the Arrangement and Description of the Collections, and an Account of Objects added to them in the year 1897.—(Mr. Dillon, in the House for the Member for East Mayo, now in adjournment.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the Income and Expenditure of the British Museum (General Orders) for the year ending the 31st day of March 1898; and Return of the Number of Persons admitted to the British Museum, the French Museum, and the Natural History in each year from 1892 to 1897, both years inclusive; together with a Return of the Statement of the Progress made in the Arrangement and Description of the Collections, and an Account of Objects added to them in the year 1897.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Persons admitted to the British Museum, the French Museum, and the Natural History in each year from 1892 to 1897, both years inclusive; together with a Return of the Statement of the Progress made in the Arrangement and Description of the Collections, and an Account of Objects added to them in the year 1897.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Accounts of the Number of Persons 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 drank in the Premises, and to sell Beer not to be drank on the Premises; stating also the Quantities of Malt and Corn, and Sugar, including the Equivalents of Syrups, used by them, particularly each Class in each Collection, from the 1st day of October 1896 to the 30th day of September 1897.—(Mr. Dillon); the House divided.

So it passed in the Negative.
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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 this day.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Resolution Second Reading of the Registration (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Customs and other Offices (Southampton) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Customs and other Offices (Barry Dock) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Special Juries Second Reading of the Special Juries 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 Pharmacy Acts, 1852 and 1858; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 3rd day of March next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed Public Petitions, to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, with the exception of such as relate to Private Bills; and that such Committee do classify and prepare Abstracts of the same, in such form and manner as shall appear to them best suited to convey to the House all requisite Information respecting their Contents, and do report the same to the House; and that the Reports of the Committee do set forth the Number of Signatures to each Petition only in respect to those Signatures to which Addresses are affixed.—And that such Committee have Power to direct the printing in extenso of such Petitions, or of such parts of Petitions, as shall appear to require it.—And that such Committee have Power to report their Opinion and Observations thereupon to the House.—(Sir Charles Daldy.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Friday, 25th February, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

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 Ordinary Services for the year 1898-99.

Copy of Return giving the Establishment of each Unit and the Number of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men under Seven Years and over Seven Years' Service, actually serving on the 1st day of July and the 1st day of October 1897, and the 1st day of January 1899, showing those under One Year's Service and those under 20 Years of Age, the Numbers of Army Reserve and Militia Reserve available for each Unit, and the Drafts remaining to be sent between the 1st day of January and the 31st day of March 1898.

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Endowed Charities by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant February, for a Return giving the Establishment of each Unit and the Number of Non-Commissioned Officers and Men under Seven Years' Service, actually serving on the 1st day of July and the 1st day of October 1897, and the 1st day of January 1899, showing those under One Year's Service and those under 20 Years of Age, the Numbers of Army Reserve and Militia Reserve available for each Unit, and the Drafts remaining to be sent between the 1st day of January and the 31st day of March 1898.

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on Subjects of General and Commercial Interest, Nos. 447 and 448.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of this instant February, for a Return relative to Endowed Charities (York, North Riding).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with regard to the Rating of certain Cemeteries: And that Mr. Sheppard, Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Bigwood, Mr. Howard, Major Bowes, and Mr. Curroff Williams do prepare, and bring in.

The Select Committee on Public Petitions was nominated of Mr. Reddulph, Major Brymer, Colonel Cotton-Jobrell, Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, Sir Charles Dalrymple, Mr. Doughty, Dr. Fox, Colonel Kenyon-Sneyd, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Sir Henry Mergay-Thompson, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. William Frederick Smith, Mr. Tollemache, and Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee (Sir Charles Dalrymple).

Mr. Stephens presented a Bill to amend the Law with regard to the Rating of certain Cemeteries: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of March next; and to be printed.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put that the said Paper 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 Vol. 163.

That, "to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "no Scheme for the Reorganisation of the Army will be satisfactory which involves the Sacrifice of one Unit to secure the efficiency of any other.""—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

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 put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair: It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Supply Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1898-99.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 180,015, 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 1899. —Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Army (Supplementary) Estimates, 1897-98.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,290,000, 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 on the following Army Services, viz.:

- Vote 1. Volunteer Corps, Pay and Allowances - £33,000
- Vote 2. Transport and Remounts - £100,000
- Vote 7. Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies - £15,000
- Vote 8. Clothing Establishments and Services - £220,000
- Vote 9. Warlike and other Stores - £435,000
- Vote 10. Works, &c. - £105,000

Total - £1,290,000

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 Committee of Ways and Means:

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

Mr. Speaker moved the Chair; and Mr. Great Lwenas 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.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary) Estimates, 1897-98.

Class IV.

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding (Supplementary) Estimates, 1897-98, for Public Education in England and Wales.

- £207,710. 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.

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2. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £34,500, 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 1898, for the Expenses of Her Majesty’s Embassies and Missions Abroad, and of the Consular Establishments Abroad, and other Expenditure chargeable on the Consolidated Fund.

3. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £161,200, 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 1898, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Special Juries 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, 28th February, 1898.

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. 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill.
Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill.
Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.
Sheffield District 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill.
Southend Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

York North Wharves and Warehouses Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in 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 case, viz.:—

Holmes’s Patent.

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

Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramway (Tramway Extension).

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.:—

Norwich City Water Bill.

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

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

Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramway (Tramway Extension).

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

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

The Barry Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Brompton, Chatham, Gillingham, and Rochester Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The Dublin Southern District Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Fishguard and Rassilvere Railways and Harbours Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 22nd day of March next.

Ordered, That the Gaslight and Coke Company Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 10th day of March next.

The Great Eastern Railway Company and Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

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

The Higham and Hundred of How Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The London, Wallington, and Epping Forest Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the North Pembroke and Tramway Bill (Tramway Extension) be read a second time; and committed.

The Norwich City Water 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 Southend-on-Sea Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Southwark and Vauxhall (Submarine) Water Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of March next.

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

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

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

The Writers to the Signet Widow's Fund Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

A Petition of Charles Chadwell and John James Briggs, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Davenport, Plymouth, and Stoke Tramways Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Keay and Mr. Edward Morton.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Endowed Charities (York, North Riding), 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," relating to Provisional Orders, Session 1898. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Musbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —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 1897–98 was prepared, with Amount and Date of Pension in each Case. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, —Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of this instant February, for Returns relative to Arrears for Drink-sources (Ireland). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copy of Code of Regulations for Day Schools and School Buildings, and for other purposes, ordered to lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Copy of Revised Instructions issued by the Education Department to Her Majesty's Inspectors, and applicable to the Code of 1896.

Copy of Revised Regulations of the 25th February 1898, as to Certificates of Age, Proficiency, and School Attendance.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee on the Pupil-Teacher System, with Minutes of Evidence and General Index. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, Vol. 153.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Local Taxation, with Index, Vol. I. (1st to 29th Days).

Copy of Appendix to Minutes of Evidence Local Taxation taken before the Royal Commission on Local Taxation, Vol. I. (Part I. Memoranda prepared by Witnesses representing certain Government Departments.)

Copy of Appendix to Minutes of Evidence Local Taxation taken before the Royal Commission on Local Taxation, Vol. I. (Part II. Memoranda prepared and Papers handed in by Witnesses other than those representing Government Departments.)

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table: Inquiries into the County of Carnarvon.) a Return relative to Inquiry into Charters No. 96. (County of Carnarvon.)

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Contract, dated the 30th day of September 1897, entered into with Mr. Fredrick No. 96. Moore by printing and publishing Reports of Proceedings in Parliament.

Mr. Humbery accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Edmond George Potty Fitzmaurice, commonly New Member called Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, Member for Wiltshire, was sworn.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, the Weights and Measures Bill, Measures, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 10th day of March next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with regard to the provision for the Payment of certain Expenses under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and with regard to the levying of Light Dues: And that Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Walter Long do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Police Act, 1897: And that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to amend the Law Merchant, with regard to the provision for the Payment of certain Expenses under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and with regard to the levying of Light Dues: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jesse Collings presented a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Police Act, 1897: And that the said 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 Supply (First allotment Day).
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 

Victoria Embankment Extension and Sir John's Improvement Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; 

and committed to the Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
1866 to 1878, relating to Barnes Commons, in the Parish of Barnes, Surrey: And that Mr. Walter Long and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Walter Long presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme relating to East Sheen Commons, in the Parish of Mortlake, Surrey: And that Mr. Walter Long and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme relating to East Sheen Commons, in the Parish of Mortlake, Surrey: 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.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, to serve in the present Parliament for the Borough of Tower Hamlets (Stepney Division), in the room of Frederick Westton Esquire, deceased. —(Sir William Walrond.)

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Congested Districts (Ireland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 23rd day of this instant March.

Sir John Mzenwray reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, which were agreed to:—

1. 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, provided that the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 2 and 3 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 Haydon Railway 2nd Tays Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Class 9 be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Orders have been complied with.

3. That, in the case of the Wigan Corporation Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 4, 4A, and 4B are struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Orders have been complied with.

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

The Order for reading a second time, tomorrow, the Parliamentary Elections (Manhood Suffrage) (Ireland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant March.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise Parliamentary, Police, and other Burgess in Scotland to create Honorary Burgess: And that Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Armstrong, Captain Sinclair, Sir Thomas Suther­land, Mr. Keir, and Mr. John Wilson (Govan) do prepare, and bring it in.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copies of Presentments made by Grand Jurors in Ireland, and filed by the Court of Amours, during the year 1897. Ordered, That the said Paper 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 (Ecclesiastics) to sit in this present Parliament for the Borough of Tower Hamlets (Stepney Division), in the room of Frederick Westton Esquire, deceased. —(Sir William Walrond.)
Mr. Parker Smith presented a Bill to enable Persons of Irish Birth or Extraction to adopt and use the prefix O or Mac before their Surnames: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Army (Military Savings Banks), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Hardy presented, by Her Majesty's Attorney-General, a Bill to confer further powers upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Wigan in regard to the Construction of Tramways and Street Improvements and other matters, and to make further provision in regard to the Finance of the Borough, and for other purposes: And that Sir Francis Sharp Powell, Lord Balcarres, and Colonel Blundell do prepare, and bring in the Wigan Corporation Water Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, &c. to Order, read a second time; and committed to (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Service Franchise Bill. Reading of the Service Franchise Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, 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."—(Mr. E. A. March. 1898.)

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; and committed to (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Benefices Bill. Reading of the Second Benefices Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, 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."—(Mr. E. A. March. 1898.)

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, &c. to Order, read a second time; and committed to (Ireland) Bill.

The Solicitors (Ireland) Bill was, according Solicitors to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, &c. to Order, read a second time; and committed to (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Service Franchise Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, 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...
words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Keaz.)

And the Question being proposed, that the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Markrose 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 Johnson 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 tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Franchise (Women) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June 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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Distress Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant March.

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 the 30th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Men's Dwellings (No. 2) Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Aliens Bill;

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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 Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops Bill;

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Trusts (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1894: And that Mr. Heizer, Dr. Forgach, Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Coldwell, Mr. Renkney, Mr. Hill, Mr. Nicol, Mr. John Wilson (Riblark), and Mr. Cothille do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Sale of Food and Drugs: And that Mr. Keary, Sir James Woodhouse, Mr. Horace Plunkett, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Nicol, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Clissold, Mr. Cunliffe, Mr. Lough, and Mr. Maurice Healy do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Heizer presented a Bill to amend the Trusts (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1894: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Keary presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Sale of Food and Drugs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and Report upon the administration and cost of the Museums of the Science and Art Department:—The Committee was accordingly nominated of Lord Balcarres, Mr. Bartley, Sir Mungo Dawson, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Daly, Dr. Forgach, Sir John Girt, Mr. Ernest Grey, Sir Henry Horne, Mr. Humphreys-Owen, Mr. Kerrich, Mr. Platt-Higgins, Sir Francis Sharp Powell, Mr. Woodall, and Mr. Foulsh.

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, Mr. Mancherjee, Mr. Woodall, and Mr. Foulsh.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five and twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Tomorrow.

Thursday, 3rd March, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Great Northern Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Abstract of the Accounts of the University of Saint Andrews to the Secretary for Scotland, for the year ending the 30th September 1887, being the Annual Report on the State of the Finances of the University, under the Provisions of Section 30 of the University (Scotland) Act, 1889.

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

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Mr. Heald presented, by Her Majesty's Civil Service Command,—Estimate of the Sums required to be voted for the Service of the year ending 31st March 1898, for Civil Services and Revenue Departments, in addition to the Sums voted for the Service of the year ending the 30th June 1897, being the Report of the Commissioner for the year ending the 30th June 1897, and the Appendices thereto.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Explosions by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department,
Department, on the circumstances attending an
Exemption which occurred at Porteous, in the
County of Glamorgan, on the 10th day of
January 1891.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.
Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, presented by Her
Majesty's Command,—Copy of (I.) Charter of the
British South Africa Company, 29th October
1892; (II.) Order in Council, 9th May, 1891; and
(III.) Order in Council, 18th July 1894.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.
Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Statute made by the Governing Body of
Magdalen College, Cambridge, under the
University of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877,
on 12th November 1897, amending Statute VIII.
of the Statutes of the College.
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. 2032 and
2033.
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
Return to the Lord Chancellor, under the 3rd
B.C. v. 3, s. 192, 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, 1890.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a
Return showing the Fleets of Great Britain
and Foreign Countries, and the Numbers of
Vessels, built and building: Cruisers, built and
building; Coast Defence Vessels, built and
building: Torpedo Vessels, Torpedo Boat
Destroyers, and Torpedo Boats, built and building:
—Return to show the Year of Launch, Displace-
ment, and Armanent reduced to one common
Scale (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No.
360, of Session 1890.)—(Sir Charles Dilke.)
Ordered, That an humble Address be presented
to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously
informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, and
be printed.

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(continued from the House of Commons and Expenditure.)
pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Net Income and Expenditure of British India, in Africa, in each specified Head, for the eleven years from 1886-87 to 1895-96.—(Sir Henry Fowler)

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, the Shops (Early Closing) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Shops Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

The Order for reading a second time, tomorrow, the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Patronage of Benefices, and to amend the Pluralities Acts, 1838 and 1885: 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.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary) Estimates, 1897-98.

Class IV.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £12,500, 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 1898, for Public Education in Scotland;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £12,500, be granted for the said Service—(Captain Sinclair);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Captain Sinclair],
Yea, [Mr. M'Kinnon], 115.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],
Noe, [Mr. Austruther], 197.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class V.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £85,000, 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 Grants in Aid of Expenses of the British Protectorates in Uganda and in Central and East Africa, and under the Uganda Railway Act, 1896;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Uganda, Grant in Aid), be reduced by £1,000.—(Mr. Leboucher);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Leboucher],
Yea, [Sir Charles Dilke], 55.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],
Noe, [Mr. Austruther], 212.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item C (National Debt Commissioners, on Account of “The Fund for the Banks of Savings,” and “The Fund for Friendly Societies,” and “The Post Office Savings Bank Fund,” was insufficient to meet the Interest which the said Commissioners are obliged by Statute to Pay and Credit to Trustees of Savings Banks and to Friendly Societies; (2) the Sum by which the Interest accrued in the years ended 31st December 1896 and 31st December 1897, from Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners on Account of “The Post Office Savings Bank Fund,” was insufficient to meet the Interest which the said Commissioners are obliged by Statute to Pay and Credit to Depositors and the Expenses incurred during those years in the execution of the Acts relating thereto.

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his Question put in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put”;

Dr. Turner was appointed a Teller for the Yeas, and no Member being willing to act as the Teller, the Chairman declared that the Ayes had it.

Question put accordingly, That a Sum, not exceeding £44,424, 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, to make good the net loss on Transactions connected with the raising of Money for the various Treasury Chests Abroad in the year 1896-97.

Class VI.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,533, be granted to the Post Office, to meet the Deficiency which will arise in the course of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, in relation to the operations of the Post Office Savings Bank;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item E (Compensation Claims) be reduced by £6,817.—(Sir Charles Dilke);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Charles Dilke],
Yea, [Mr. McKinnon], 81.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],
Noe, [Mr. Austruther], 191.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Item E (Compensation Claims) be reduced by £6,817.—(Sir Charles Dilke) — Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. £1,533, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, to make good the net loss on Transactions connected with the raising of Money for the various Treasury Chests Abroad in the year 1896-97.
Friday, 4th March, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

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

Great Western Railway (General Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, on Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report by Colonel Sir Vivian Majendie, K.C.B., Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives, relative to the circumstances attending the Destruction by Explosion of a Drying Store at the Gunpowder Factory of Messrs. F. C. Dickson and Company, at Blackheek, Haverthwaite, Lancashire, on the 19th January 1898.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of February last, for Returns relative to Post Office (Telephone Exchanges).

Ordered, That the said Papers 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 the Lords one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Public Record Office Act 1877; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Sir John Monbouquette reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had selected the following Six Members to be the Chairman's Panel and to serve as Chairman of the two Panels:

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. Whitaker, and Mr. Stuart-Wortley.

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

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: And that Mr. Holland, Sir Mancherjee Bhownaggree, Mr. Sydney Buxton, Mr. Fawcett, 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 Discipline in the Forces of the Church of England and Wales: And that Colonel Standish, Mr. Harry Foster, Mr. Cradock, and Sir Edward Gourley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections by providing for the Payment of necessary Expenses out of the Rates, and for a Second Election in certain cases: And that Mr. Jacoby, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Lonsdale, Mr. William Allen, Mr. Thomas Bayley, Dr. Clark, Mr. Woods, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Philip Stanhope, and Mr. Mekease do prepare, and bring it in.

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.:

Metropolitan Police Courts Bill; and several other Bills.

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

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And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Mr. Holland presented a Bill to provide for the Protection of Dangerous Places on Canals in the County of London: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

Colonel Sandys presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Discipline in 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 18th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Jacoby presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Elections by providing for the Payment of necessary Expenses out of the Rates, and for a Second Election in certain cases: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next; and to be printed.

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

In the Committee.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments, 1898-99

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Total for Civil Services £9,070,518

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**Grand Total**: £12,878,000

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### Class IV

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £12,000, 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 Public Education in Scotland.

### Class V

2. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £280,000, 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 Grants in Aid of 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 £1,533, 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, to make good the Net Loss on Transactions connected with the raising of Money for the various Treasury Chests Abroad in the year 1896-97.

### Class VI

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,643, 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, to make good (1) the Sum by which the Interest accrued in the year ended 31st December 1897, from Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners, on account of "The Fund for the Vol. 150.

### Banks of Savings " and "The Fund for Friendly Societies" was insufficient to meet the Interest which the said Commissioners are obliged by Statute to Pay and Credit to Trustees of Savings Banks and to Friendly Societies; (2) the Sum by which the Interest accrued in the years ended 31st December 1896 and 31st December 1897, from Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners on account of "The Post Office Savings Bank Fund," was insufficient to meet the Interest which the said Commissioners are obliged by Statute to Pay and Credit to Depositors and the Expenses incurred during those years in the execution of the Acts relating thereto.

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

### Monday, 7th March, 1898

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

- **Norwich Electric Tramways Bill**
- **Devonport, Plymouth, and Stoke Tramways Bill**
- **Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill**
- **Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill**

**Ordered**: That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.
Bankruptcy Courts (Ireland.)

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Annual Returns of the Official Assignees of the Court of Bankruptcy in Ireland, and the Local Bankruptcy Courts at Belfast, Cork, showing the state of every Bankruptcy and Insolvency under their Charge, for the year ending on the 31st day of December 1897.

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 Clerks of License in Ireland by Deputy Lieutenants during the year 1897, and furnished to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

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 Statement of the Funds of the Museum of the late Sir John Soane on 5th January 1898.

Naval Expenditure, Mercantile Marine (Great Britain, &c.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Paper showing Aggregate Naval Expenditure on Seagoing Forces; Aggregate Revenue; Aggregate Tonnage of Mercantile Marine; Annual Clearances of Shipping in the Foreign Trade; Annual Clearances of Shipping in the Coasting Trade; Annual Value of Imports by Sea, including Bullion and Specie and Transhipment Trade; and Annual Value of Exports by Sea, including Bullion and Specie and Transhipment Trade, of various Countries, including British self-governing Colonies, for the year 1897 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 416, of Session 1897).—(Sir John Collier.)

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, praying for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Procedure for obtaining Parliamentary Powers by way of Provisional Orders in matters relating to Scotland; and that the Lord Advocate, Mr. Balfour, and Mr. Asaunt Chudleigh do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for improving and extending the Procedure for obtaining Parliamentary Powers by way of Provisional Orders in matters relating to Scotland; and that the Lord Advocate, Mr. Balfour, and Mr. Asaunt Chudleigh do prepare, and bring it in.

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

Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Bail; to amend the Hospital Acts, 1865 to 1892; and to make good certain Sums 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, including a Grant in Aid.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item E. (Congested Districts (Scotland) Board, Grants in Aid) be omitted from the proposed Vote—(Mr. Gibson Bowles) ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Hedderwick;—62.

Tellers for the Noses—Mr. Asaunt Chudleigh;—135.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £. 44,789, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, to make good certain Sums written off from the Assets of the Local Loan Fund.

3. £. 42,000, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for a Grant in Aid to the Highland Railway Company of the Cost of constructing a Line of Railway and certain Piers.

4. £. 23,038, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for certain Expenditure, including sundry Grants in Aid, in connection with the Relief of Distress in Ireland.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lomax, reported, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Strode)—put, and agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and at the end of the Question, striking the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Bruynsor Jones.)

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 Melvold, Year, Mr. Austruther;—243.

Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Spier;—57.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Law, &c.

Procedure.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary Estimates, 1897-98).

Class VII.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £. 8,810, 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 connection with certain Public Works, and for improved Communications, and other purposes, within the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, including a Grant in Aid.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item E. (Congested Districts (Scotland) Board, Grants in Aid) be omitted from the proposed Vote—(Mr. Gibson Bowles) ;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Hedderwick;—62.

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Original Question put, and agreed to.

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4. £. 23,038, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for certain Expenditure, including sundry Grants in Aid, in connection with the Relief of Distress in Ireland.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 20,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Royal Commission for the British Section at the Paris International Exhibition, 1898.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Strode)—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lomax, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday 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 Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Tuesday, 8th March, 1898:

The House according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Registration (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Making of Lists of Voters by Poor Law Electoral Divisions, and addition of Local Government Supplement).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to leave out the words after the word "Act," to the end of sub-section (5), in order to insert the words "and may include the division of a town," "and which is situate partly within and partly or without an urban sanitary district or town"—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

And, it being after Midnights, 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 Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on the Registration (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Merseyside Marine Fund) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Committee of the Chairmen of Parish Councils (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 Committee on the Sheriffs Depute Tenure of Office (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (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 Local Government (Ireland) Bill;

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

Prisons Bill.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the Second Reading of the Prisons Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Customs Offices (Southampton) (Expenses); Customs and other Offices (Barry Dock) (Expenses);

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Special Juries Committee on the Special Juries Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill was, Pharmacy according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the 17th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Service Franchise Bill.

The adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 2nd day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Service Franchise Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be farther adjourned till Monday the 28th day of this instant March.

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

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Tuesday, 8th March, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills

from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereto, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.:

Charles Cross, Easton, and Hampton Railway Bill.

Latimer Road and Acton Railway Bill.

Muswell Hill and Fulham 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:

Cromer Gas Bill.

Foreign Bondholders Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Southend Water Bill was read a second time and committed.

The Wigan Corporation Bill was read a Wigan Corporation Bill.

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

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 3rd day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Land and Agricultural Banks. Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Accounts, for the year 1896-97, of Shipbuilding and Dockyard Transactions, &c., including Manufactures; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. 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 the Forty-seventh Report from the Church Estates Commissioners, for the year preceding 1st March 1898. Copy of Notes on Proposed Rules for Convict and Local Prisons under the Prisons Bill of this Session.

Copy of Explanatory Memorandum on the Prisons Bill of this Session.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of February last, for Returns relative to Institution to Benefices. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Corwen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Report of the Registrar General on Births, and Legal Procedure. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders made by the County Councils of various Counties in England and Wales under the Local Government Act, 1888, and confirmed by the Local Government Board. Copy of Order of the County Council of Cornwall constituting the Urban District of Wadebridge, and the Parish of St. Breock, to which Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1888, as confirmed by the Local Government Board.

Copy of Order of the County Council of Cornwall constituting the Urban District of Liskeard and the Parishes of Trelawny and West Liskeard, under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1888, as confirmed by the Local Government Board.

Copy of Order of the Council of the County Borough of Derby for uniting the Parishes of Townships of Saint Werburgh, New Normanton, Bredinford, Saint Alkmund, All Hills Chester, Saint Michael, Litchurch, and Saint Peter, under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1888, as confirmed by the Local Government Board.

Copy of Order of the County Council of Stafford constituting the Parish of Amblecote an Urban District under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1888, as confirmed by the Local Government Board.

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

Mr. Meant, Captain Norton, Mr. Arthur Pease, Mr. Pickersgill, Sir Francis Sharp Powell, Mr. Poulton, Sir Robert Reid, Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, Mr. Bray Roberts, Sir Andrew Scobie, Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Malcolm Stewart, Sir Francis Stenhouse, Sir Edward Vincent, Mr. Warr, Sir James Woodhouse, and Mr. Samuel Woods.

Sir John Moubray further reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had nominated the following Members to serve on the Standing Committee for the consideration of all Bills relating to (including Agriculture and Fishing) Shipping, and Manufacture:—Mr. Ascroft, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Baird, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Beckett, Mr. Blake, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Brown, Mr. Brye, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Burt, Sir Charles Cogges, Mr. Claxton, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Jesse Collings, Mr. John Colson, Sir Charles Dalrymple, Mr. Doley, Mr. Davitt, Mr. Fenwick, Sir Robert Pentre Fitzgerald, Sir Henry Foster, Mr. Gilliat, Sir Edward Gourley, Sir Reginald Hankey, Mr. Harrington, Sir Alfred Hickman, Sir Edward Hill, Sir William Hamilton, Major Jameson, Mr. Jeffreys, Sir James Joyce, Mr. Keir, Mr. Lamberti, Sir Thomas Lee, Sir Elliot Lee, Mr. Walter Long, Sir John Lockie, Mr. Machen, Dr. MacDonnell, Sir Samuel Montagu, Sir Stafford Northcote, Mr. Oldrey, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Rendall, Mr. Ross, Mr. Rowbotham, Sir Thomas Richard, Sir Ritchie, Sir Albert Rollit, Mr. Round, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Seccombe, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Tom Harrow Sidebottom, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Strawbery, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Tomkyns, Mr. Tully, Mr. Robert G. Webster, Mr. George Whiteley, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. John Wilson (Falkirk), Mr. John Wilson (Govan), Mr. Wolff, Mr. George Wyndham, and Mr. Young.

Sir John Moubray 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: Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Griffith-Boscawen, Lord Edward Fitzgerald, Mr. Harry Foster, Sir William Harcourt, Mr. Humphreys-Owen, Mr. Jebb, Mr. Brynner Jowes, Mr. Alfred Jones, Mr. John Keir, Mr. Perke, Colonel Sandys, Mr. Talbot, and Mr. C. W. Williams.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Six John Moubray reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Sheringham and Besse Protection Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, on condition that a Clause be inserted in the Bill that the rail controversy shall not be taken or in any way interfered with under the power 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 Harrow and Harlesden Extension Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with—That the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, on condition that a Clause be inserted in the Bill that the rail controversy shall not be taken in any way interfered with under the power of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the provisions of the Solicitors Acts, 1877 and 1894, relating to the examination of persons applying to be admitted Solicitors of the Supreme Court in England: And that Mr. Warr, Mr. Brye, Mr. Haldane, Sir John Brunner, Sir James Woodhouse, and Mr. Charles M'Arthur do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894: And that Sir John Wills, Lord Charles Ammon, Bessford, Sir Charles Dike, and Mr. William Frederick Smith do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend certain enactments relating to Dogs: And that Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Women to be elected and to act as County Councillors in Scotland: And that Mr. Napier Ferguson, Mr. Haldane, John Long, (Scotland), Mr. Farquharson, and Captain Sinclair do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the provision of Cottage Houses for the Aged Deserving Poor: And that Mr. John Hutson, Mr. Bryd, Mr. Grant Launces, Mr. Milbank, Mr. Joseph A. Peter, Mr. William Todd, and Mr. Wylly do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the use of Locomotives on Highways, and with respect to Extraordinary Traffic: And that Mr. Griffith-Edwards, Sir John Darlington, Sir William Hamilton, Mr. Stale-Hayne, Mr. Hobhouse, Mr. Luttrell, Captain Bagot, Colonel Ward, Mr. Tully, and Mr. Hennan-Hodge do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable a transfer of certain Irish Antiquities from the British Museum to the National Museum, Dublin: And that Mr. William Boland, Mr. Davitt, Mr. Thomas B. Curran, Mr. Casey, Mr. M'Laren, Mr. Sharp, Mr. William bosanquet, Mr. Chadwick, Mr. Colquhoun, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Vickers do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Warr presented a Bill to amend the provisions of the Solicitors Acts, 1877 and 1894, relating to the examination of persons applying to be admitted Solicitors of the Supreme Court in England: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Sir John Wills presented a Bill to amend Merchant Shipping Act, 1894: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in the Harrow and Harlesden Extension Bill that the rails on the properties numbered 2 on the plans shall not be taken or in any way interfered with under the power of the Bill: that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.
Mr. Walter Long presented a Bill to consolidate and amend certain enactments relating to Dogs; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Walter Long presented a Bill to amend the Universities and College Estates Acts, 1858 to 1880: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Muir Ferguson presented a Bill to enable Water Commissioners to elect and to act as County Commissioners in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Hutton presented a Bill to authorise the provision of Cottage Homes for the Aged Deserving Poor: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Griffith-Boscawen presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the use of Locomotives on Highways, and with respect to Extraordinary Traffic; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Redmond presented a Bill to enable the transfer of certain Irish antiquities from the British Museum to the National Museum, Dublin: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, inasmuch as the present conditions of the Law relating to Habitual Inhabitants, both criminal and non-criminal, is unsatisfactory, it is desirable that the Government should introduce legislation dealing with the subject, and amend and extend in particular the Habitual Offenders Acts, 1875, and the Inhabitants Act, 1888.—(Mr. LeesKnowles.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words "Coast of the United Kingdom" be there inserted;—It was negatived. The House divided.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words "British Coasts" stand part of the Question:—It was negatived. So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words "Coast of the United Kingdom" be there inserted;—It was negatived. The House divided.

The Members for the constituencies returned under the provisions of the Ballot Act, 1889, are now to be returned on the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

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

Tellers for the (Mr. Cameron Guild) 121.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond) 141.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words "British Coasts" stand part of the Question:—It was negatived. So it passed in the Negative.

The Members for the constituencies returned under the provisions of the Ballot Act, 1889, are now to be returned on the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

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

Tellers for the (Mr. Buchanan) 66.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond) 85.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words "British Coasts" stand part of the Question:—It was negatived. So it passed in the Negative.

The Members for the constituencies returned under the provisions of the Ballot Act, 1889, are now to be returned on the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

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

Tellers for the (Mr. Buchanan) 88.

Tellers for the (Mr. Tomlinson) 95.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words "British Coasts" stand part of the Question:—It was negatived. So it passed in the Negative.

The Members for the constituencies returned under the provisions of the Ballot Act, 1889, are now to be returned on the 21st day of April next; and to be printed.

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

Tellers for the (Mr. Buchanan) 73.

Tellers for the (Mr. Tomlinson) 117.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words "British Coasts" stand part of the Question:—It was negatived. So it passed in the Negative.
The House divided.

The Yeas for the Right:
The Noes for the Left:

Tellers for the Mr. Tomlinson, Yes:
Mr. Cuch inve; Tellers for the Mr. Tennant: No.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Resolved, That it is the imperative duty of the Government to see that the Law with regard to Trawling in the waters round the British Coasts is properly enforced.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, in lieu of Local Property in the extent and character of such Property; (3) the valuation put upon such Property for local rating; (4) the Amount of Contribution paid to each Parish, County, or Municipal Borough in the last financial year; and (5) special Acts of Parliament (if any) applicable to the case, in the following Form:

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(in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 454, Section 2 of 1893.—(Sir Albert Reilly.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Act, 1897, Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Clerks of the Peace and County Councils) Bill;

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

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Resolution of this House of the 6th day of July, in the last Session of Parliament. 
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 Ninth Annual Report of the Railway and Canal Commission, under the Railway and Canal Traffic Acts, 1854-1894, with Appendix, 1897. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports and Statistics, relating to Training Colleges for the year 1897. 
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Naval Works. No. 194. 
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing (1) the Name of each Parish in which the Government occupies Property; (2) the extent and character of such Property; (3) the Valuation put upon such Property for local rating; (4) the Amount of Contribution paid, or to be paid, to each Parish in the last financial year; and (5) Special Acts of Parliament (if any) applicable to the case, in the following Form:—

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(in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 42, of Session 1898.)—(Sir Albert Rollit.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Common Employment Abolition 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 Arthur Forwood, Yeas: Mr. Hart; Tellers for the: Mr. Seton Kerr, Noes: Mr. Cohen; So it was resolved in the Affirmative. 
The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 28th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rivers Pollution (Prevention) Bill; 
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; 

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now" and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Samuel Henry.)

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 upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act (1887) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

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 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 Wednesday the 30th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act (1887) 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 Working Men's Dwellings (No. 2) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Men's Dwellings (No. 9) 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 Colonial Second Reading of the Colonial Solicitors Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the New Licences (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 17th day of this instant March.

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 Supply 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 of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Registration (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; 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 Metropolitan Police Courts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Special Juries Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sea Fishery Bill; Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Sea Fisheries: And that Sir Albert Rolliit, Mr. Victor Cawdish, Sir Thomas Sutherland, Mr. Charles Henry Winder, Captain Price, Mr. Compton Rickett, and Mr. Doughty do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors (Magistrates) Bill; Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Solicitors of the High Court to act as County Justices: And that Mr. Warr, Sir Robert Reid, Mr. Fry, Mr. Venliison, Mr. Clark, Mr. Bilton, and Mr. Herbert Lewis do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for the Pensions (Old Age) Bill; Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide Pensions for Poor Persons over the Age of Sixty-Five Years: And that Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Laslomere, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Billson, Mr. Alfred Thomas, Mr. Logan, and Mr. Lambert do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Albert Rolliit presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Sea Fisheries: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 23rd day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Warr 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 the 23rd day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Mr. Walter Foster presented a Bill to provide Pensions (Old Age) Bill. 127.

Mr. Arthur O'Conor 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.

Sir Charles Dalrymple reported from the Public Select Committee on Public Petitions; That Petitions they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 28th days of February last, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th days of this instant March; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

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

Thursday, 10th March, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the London and South Eastern and Westerminster Bridge and Embankment Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Plymouth Corporation Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 25th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Gaslight and Coke Company Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time after the other Private Business.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Building Act Amendment Bill: Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of April next.

A Bill to extend the Municipal and Police Boundaries of the Burgh of Hinckley; to author, by a Provisional Order for the Enclosure or Regulation of a Common, and presented to the House during the last or present Session, before a Bill be brought in for the Confirmation of such Order.

Ordered,
Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power in respect of each such Provisional Order, to inquire and Report to the House whether the same should be confirmed by Parliament; and, if so, whether with or without modification, and, in the event of their being of opinion that the same should not be confirmed, except subject to modifications, to report such modifications accordingly with a View to such Provisional Order being remitted to the Board of Agriculture.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Twelve Members, Seven to be nominated by the House, and Five by the Committee of Selection.

Mr. Bankfield, Mr. Stans-House, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Haywood Johnstone, Mr. William Jones, Mr. Peatson, and Mr. Tozer were accordingly nominated Members of the Committee.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Gaslight and Coke Company 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. Pickersgill.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nays to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Bankfield

Yea, Mr. Knocker; 171.

Nay, Mr. Woods; 89.

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.

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

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, according to Sections 3 and 2 of the Act, which was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. Holdcroft presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of the Sum required to be voted in order to make good Excesses on certain Grants for the year ended 31st March 1897.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of the Commissioners of the National Debt, 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 1897, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

William Charles Stedman, Esquire, Member for the Tower Hamlets Borough (Stepney Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That the Report and Evidence of the Committee of Select Committee on Museums of the Science and Art Department, Session 1897, be referred to the Select Committee on Museums of the Science and Art Department.—(Mr. Woodfill.)

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Canals Protection (London) Bill, was read, and directed, without modification, and, in the event of the Bill being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords was brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have come to the following Resolutions, etc.:

That it is desirable that a Select Committee be appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Commons to consider and report—

1. Whether, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 12 (1) of the Electric Lighting Act, 1882, powers should be given in any cases for acquiring land compulsorily for generating stations; and, if so, under what conditions as respects liability for nuisance, notices to surrounding owners and otherwise;

2. Whether compulsory powers of acquiring land for generating stations, if proper to be given in any case, should be given where the proposed site is not within the area of supply;

3. Whether, in case of a generating station, however acquired, not being situated within the area of supply, power should be given for the breaking up of streets between the generating station and the boundary of the area of supply;

4. Whether powers should be given in any case for the supply of electrical energy over an area including districts of numerous local authorities, involving plant of exceptional dimensions and high voltage; and, if such powers may properly be given, whether any, and what, conditions should be imposed—

(a) With respect to system and plant, and to the construction and location of generating stations, in view of the powers of purchase conferred upon local authorities by sections two and three of the Electric Lighting Act, 1882; and

(b) With respect to the relations of the promoters to other undertakers and to local authorities within parts of the area;

5. Under what conditions (if any) ought powers to be conferred upon promoters seeking to supply electrical energy to other undertakers and not directly to consumers; and—

That
That it is desirable that all Statute Law Revision Bills and Consolidation Bills of the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament—

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "This," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “this House desires to see a fuller provision for Manning the Fleet”—(Mr. William Allen), instead thereof.

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

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported Supply from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; [6th March] Report.

That a Sum, not exceeding £13,900,000, 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 1899, viz.:

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| Motion made, and Question proposed, That 10000000 of the Sum be employed for the Sea and Coast Guard Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, including 18,000 Royal Marine.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. House of Lords, Offices —

Resolved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments, (Supplementary) Estimates 1897-98.

Class VII.

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £2,610, 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 connection with certain Public Works, and for improved Communications, and other purposes, within the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, including a Grant to the Highland Railway Company to aid the Highland Railway Company in the completion of a Line of Railway, and certain Piers.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,478, 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 outlay in connection with various Public Works, and for improved Communications, and other purposes, within the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, including a Grant to the Highland Railway Company (Great in Aid.)

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,038, 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 certain Expenditure, including sundry Grants in Aid, in connection with the Relief of Distress in Ireland.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £20,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for sundry Grants in Aid, in connection with the Relief of Distress in Ireland.
And the Question being proposed, That "£13,900,000" stand part of the Resolution —
The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made, by leaving out "£13,900,000," and inserting "£13,899,900," — (Mr. Lennox),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£13,900,000" stand part of the Resolution —

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Police Bill; (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Greenwich Hospital Bill; (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisons Bill; 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 Customs and other Offices (Southampton) Officers (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Superannuation and Retired Allowances (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Appeal for Second Reading of the Universities and Colleges Bill; (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of the Universities and Colleges and College Estates Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration Committee on the Registration of the Universities and Colleges (Ireland) Bill; (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Police Bill; Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The
The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PETITION of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, praying that the Provision may be made in the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Bill authorising the revival of the Power to make and maintain a Railway in the West Riding of Yorkshire from Horbury to Ogreston, and the acquisition of the necessary Lands for that purpose, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Department of Science and Art, being that for the year 1897, with Supplement.

Sir John Gorst also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Minutes by the Right Honourable the Lords of VoU. 153.

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order for an Account of Abstracts of Accounts of the University of Aberdeen for the year ending 15th September 1897.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Return to an Order for the Sanctioning of the London Boundary Street Improvement Scheme, 1890, made under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890.

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of the Council of the County Local Government Act, 1898, for transferring two portions of the Parish of East Hanbury, known as Roxey and Lindley respectively, from the Wantage Urban District to the Wantage Rural District, under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1888, as confirmed by the Local Government Board.

Copy of Order of the Council of the County Local Government Act, 1898, for the addition of parts of the Parishes of North and South Stoneham to the Parish and Urban District of Eastleigh, under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1898, as confirmed by the Local Government Board.

Copy of Order of the Council of the County Local Government Act, 1898, for the amalgamation of the Urban Districts of Malvern Link and Malvern, and (Worcester) for the addition of part of the Parish of Hanbury Castle to the Parish of Malvern Wells and Urban District of Malvern, under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1888, as confirmed by the Local Government Board.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of February last, for a Return relative to Enrolled Charities (Almshouses, Pensioners, &c.)

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee of Selection, That they had discharged the following Members in respect of the Selectors (Ireland) viz.:—Mr. Blake, Mr. James Campbell, Mr. Carson, Mr. Thomas Carron, Mr. Dane, Captain Dougan, Mr. Engledue, Mr. Harrington, Sir James Houtett, Mr. Maurice Headly, Mr. Lacy, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Horace Plunkett, Mr. Rentoul, and Mr. James Roche.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means, the House, that he was directed to move, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed. Ratlwa^Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time. allotted Day. and the same was read first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report by the Board of Trade upon Tidal Waters, Gas, Electricity, and Water Bills and Provisional Orders of Session 1898.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed. Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed. Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the House will, upon Monday, 12th March, 1898, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lancashire County Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Writers to the Signet Widows' Fund Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

The Latimer Road and Acton Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Maxwell Hill and Palace Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Norwich Electric Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
Trade Reports (Annual Series.)

Mr. Carew presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports (Annual Series), No. 2023.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports (Miscellaneous Series), No. 451.

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

Spring Assizes Act, 1879.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of two Orders in Council, under the Spring Assizes Act, 1879, dated the 7th March 1898, relating to the Spring Assize Counties, Nos. 2 and 3.

Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890.

Copy of Order in Council of 7th March 1898, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled the Snow Order in Council, 1898.

International Copyright Acts, 1886 to 1896.

Copy of Order in Council, under the International Copyright Acts, 1886 to 1896, of 7th March 1898, giving effect to the additional Act of Paris modifying the International Copyright Conventions of 9th September, 1886.

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

Queen Anne's Bounty.

Mr. Henlavy presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Annual Report and Accounts of the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty for the year ending 31st December 1897.

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

Board of Trade (Labour) Department (Employment of Women.)

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on changes in the Employment of Women and Girls in Industrial Centres, Part I. Plait and Jute Centres.

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

Charitable Endowments (London.) No. 112.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (London).

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

The House was moved, That the Message from the Lords of the 10th day of this instant March, which communicates to this House the following Resolution:—That it is desirable that all Statute Law Revision Bills and Consolidation Bills of the present Session be referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, to which Resolution 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 10th day of this instant March, on the subject of Statute Law Revision Bills and Consolidation Bills, as desired by their Lordships:—That the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Lords Arthur Hill.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the District Board of Lunacy and Peebles County to construct Waterworks for (Water) Bill for the lands for generating stations, if proper to be given in any case, should be given where the proposed site is not within the area of supply;

2. Whether compulsory Powers of acquiring land for generating stations, if proper to be given in any case, should be given where the proposed site is not within the area of supply;

3. Whether, in case of a generating station, however acquired, not being situated within the area of supply, Power should be given for the breaking up of streets between the generating station and the boundary of the area of supply;

4. Whether Powers should be given in any case for the supply of electrical energy over an area including districts of numerous local authorities, involving plant of exceptional dimensions and high voltage; and, if such Powers may properly be given, whether any, and what, conditions should be imposed,—

(a.) With respect to system and plant, and to the construction and location of generating stations, in view of the Powers of Purchase conferred upon local authorities by Sections Two and Three of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888;

(b.) With respect to the relations of the Promoters to other Undertakers and to local authorities within parts of the area; 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 10th day of this instant March, on the subject of Electrical Energy (Generating Stations and Supply), as desired by their Lordships:—That the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Lords Arthur Hill.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend, the Law of Evidence; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

The Public Record Office Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend to Ireland the provisions of Section Twenty-five of the Parliamentary and Municipal Registration Act, 1878, relating to Lodgers: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Vagrancy Act, 1824: And that Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley and Mr. Jesse Collings do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to extend to Ireland the provisions of Section Twenty-five of the Parliamentary and Municipal Registration Act, 1878, relating to Lodgers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary) Estimates, 1897-98.

Class V.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,290,000, 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 theSalaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,289,000, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Strachey):

—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Revenue Departments.

3. £66,200 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service.

Class VII.

4. £100,000, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Redevelopment of Land Tax on Government Property.

Revenue Departments.

5. £45,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service, the Expenses of Post Office Savings Banks, and Government Annuities and Insurances, and the Collection of the Post Office Revenue.

Civil Services Excesses, 1896-97.

6. £288 17s. 1d., to make good Excesses on certain Grants for Civil Services, for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1897, etc.:

Class III.

Law Charges, England - £ 10 0 0

County Courts - £ 10 0 0

Class IV.

Public Education, Ireland - £ 288 17 1

Total - £ 288 17 1

Army (Supplementary) Estimates, 1897-98.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,290,000, 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 on the following Army Services, etc.:

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Appropriation in Aid (Vote 1) £1,290,000

Total - £1,290,000

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,288,900, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Duncombe):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,289,000, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Goddard):

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Goddard):

Yea, (Mr. Caldwell) 45

Noes, (Mr. Austriner) 174

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther moved, 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, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Registration (Ireland) Bill.

(Resolved to in the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Making or List of Voters by Poor Law Electoral Divisions and addition of Local Government Supplement).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to leave out from the word “Act,” to the end of Sub-section (3), in order to insert the words “and may include the division of a townland which is situate partly within and partly without an urban sanitary district or town,”—(Mr. Gerald Balfour),—instead thereof.

Question. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,—put, and negatived.

Words inserted.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, 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 tommorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Mersoатель Marine Fund) 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 Prisons Bill;

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

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Private Bill Procedure (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 Local Government (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 Chairmen of Parish Councils (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee, that they have power to extend the provisions of the Bill to other persons who are ex officio Justices of the Peace.—(The Lord Advocate.)

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Honorary Burgesses (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 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 Merchandise Marks Act (1887) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trusts (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 11th day of this instant March, That the Criminal Law Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

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

CLAUSE, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 2, disagreed to.
CLAUSE, No. 3, amended, and agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the subject of Burial Grounds provided by Local Authorities, under the Public Health (Interments) Act, 1875, and other Acts; to inquire whether any alterations in the existing Law are necessary, especially in regard to the consecration of the ground, the provision of Chapels, the allocation of Fees, and the appointment of Chaplain, and to report thereon.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Griffin, Bowmoore, Mr. Ayrton Camaro, Vincent Crease, Mr. Bromley-Diasport, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Grevett, Mr. Lawrence Hardy, Mr. Jobb, Mr. William Jone, Mr. Petz, Mr. Pym, Mr. Richards, Mr. Sidebotham, Mr. Carroll Williams, and Mr. Woodall.

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

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. Sidebotham.)

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, Mr. Jesse Cuthbert, Mr. Alexander Ouse, Mr. Fortescue Stanway, Sir Edward Hill, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. McLellan, Mr. McKeke, Mr. Joseph A. Young.

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Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of Annual Report for 1897 of the Board of Agriculture and Proceedings under the Title Acts, Copyright Act, 1894, Exclusive Acts, the Metropolis Common Acts, the Drainage and Improvement of Lands Acts, the Universities and College Estates Acts. "The Glebe Lands Act, 1889,"&c.,&c.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of Correspondence relating to Native Disturbances in British India.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alexander Haywood Brown reported from the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills: That the parties promoting the Northern City Water Bill had stated that the evidence of Mr. Joseph Parry, of the Town Hall, Liverpool, Civil Engineer, was essential to their case; and in 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 Mr. Joseph Parry do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.
Ordered, That Mr. Joseph Parry do attend the Committee on Group B. of Private Bills To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to order that the Minutes of their Proceedings and any amended Clauses of Bills committed to them, be printed and circulated with the Votes, the Minutes of Proceedings, and any amended Clauses of Bills committed to them—Sir James Ferguson.)

Ordered, That all Standing Committees have 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.)

Sir John Monro reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions which were read, as follow
1. That in the case of the Agricultural Company of Mauritius 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 Sheffield Corporation. Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Petition for a Bill.
3. That, in the case of the Closmost and Hill of Howth Tramroad Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, subject to the powers given by Clause 48 to enter into Agreements with the Dublin United Tramways Company (1896), Limited, being struck out of the Bill; also subject to so much of Clause 2 as proposes to incorporate the Tramways (Ireland) Act, 1840, into the Bill, being struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Orders have been complied with.

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 followeth:

The Lords have appointed a Committee of the House of Commons to consider all Statute Law Revision Bills and Consolidation Bills of the present Session and they request this House will be pleased to appoint an equal number of its Members to be joined with the said Lords.

The Lords have appointed, a Committee of Electrical Energy (Generating Stations and Supply) and they request that this House will be pleased to appoint an equal number of its Members to be joined with the said Lords.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Vaccination: That Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Halsey, Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in. Mr. Chaplin accordingly presented a Bill to Vaccination the Law, with respect to Vaccination
Ordered, That the parties promoting the City Water Bill had stated that the evidence of Mr. Chaplin was essential to their case; and in 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 Mr. Joseph Parry do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Vaccination: And that Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Halsey, Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in. Mr. Chaplin accordingly presented a Bill to Vaccination the Law, with respect to Vaccination and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Local Government
proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, in order to relieve the congestion of business in the Imperial Parliament and in the various Public Departments, and in order to give special and fuller effect to local requirements, it is urgently necessary that there should be devolved upon bodies representative of the different parts of the United Kingdom a large measure of self-government — (Mr. Herbert Roberts).

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out, in l. 4, the words "urgently necessary," and inserting the words "desirable, subject to the claim of Ireland" for the prior consideration by Parliament of a "measure of Home Rule" — (Mr. David Thomas), instead thereof.
And the Question being proposed, That the words "urgently necessary" stand part of the Question.

And Notice being taken that Forty Members were not present — The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and being then after Four of the clock — The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at five minutes before Nine of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 16th March, 1898.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

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

The Metropolitan Common Scheme [Barney] Provisional Order Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Metropolitan Common Scheme [East Smeeth] Provisional Order 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,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of February last, for a Return relative to Corporate Punishment (Presentments). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Carson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Commercial Agreement between the United Kingdom and Bulgaria. Signed at Vienna, July 25, 1897. With a List of British Colonies, which have acceded thereto under Article V.

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

Treaty Series (No. 4, 1898)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of the Board of Trade upon the following Harbour, &c., Bills, &c.:—

1. Blackpool and Fleetwood Promenade Pier Bill (Lords) and Blackpool Sea Water Bill (Lords).
2. Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill.
3. North, Postmaster's, and Ryndam Pay-National Railway Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Harbour, &c. Bills.

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 Berks (Eastern or Wokingham Division), in the room of Sir George Russell, Baronet, deceased.

(Sir William Walrond.)

Hull Harbours Borough Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Hull, in the room of Sir Frederick Seager Hunt, Baronet, 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.)

Public Buildings Expenses.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of making provision for defraying the Expences of the Acquisition of Land and Buildings for, and Works connected with the building of, certain Public Offices and other Buildings, and of authorising the payment out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sums as may be necessary for those purposes;

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

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

The 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 put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Eight;

The Nays to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Pickersgill, Yes, Mr. Ayrton: 116.
Tellers for the Mr. Backhil, Noes, Mr. Lennox Walton: 180.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cheap Trains Second Reading of the Cheap Trains Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Monday Second Reading of the Sunday Closing (Wales) (Wales) Amendment Act (1891) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Tuesday Second Reading of the Workmen's Homes Tenures Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wednesday Second Reading of the Church Discipline Bill; Discipline Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rye River Pollution Prevention Bill, which, upon the 9th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Rye River Pollution Prevention 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 Registration of Electors and the Registration of Parliamentary Voters Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 31st day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandies Second Reading of the Merchandies Marks Act (1897) Amendment Act (1897) Amendment Bill (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (No. 2) Bill upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Working Men's Second Reading of the Working Men's Dwellings Dwellings Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sea Fisheries Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant March.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant March.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Trusts Second Reading of the Trusts (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, Bill.
Mr. Scuttet, Mr. John Wilson (Govan), Mr. Caldwell, and Mr. Helbawo do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order made upon the 6th day of August, Post Office Telegraphists, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relating to the Pay of Sorters, Telegraphists, Clerks and Telegraphists, &c., in the Years 1873, 1881, 1890, and 1897, in the following Form:—

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(Mr. Provand.)

Si Elliott Leas presented a Bill to prevent the Removal of Monuments which have been erected in Cathedrals and Churches out of Public Moneys, in pursuance of a Veto by Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Atherley-Jones presented a Bill to provide Remuneration for the Registration of Architects: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Cobbold presented a Bill to amend the existing Law relating to Feus and Leases for Building in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of this instant March; and to be printed.

Sir James Kitson reported the Whitwick and Whitwick Coalville Gas Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir James Kitson reported from the Committee for Private Bills on Group A of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
Thursday, 17th March, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Gloucester Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Lancashire County Council Bill.

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

Writers to the Signet Widows' Fund Bill.

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. Carson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports (Annual Series), No. 2035.

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

Mr. Samuel Horns reported from the Committee on Group 3 of Railway Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Navy (Seamen and Stokers) Re-engage:—

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, as nearly as possible, for each year since 1891 (a) per-cent of Seamen and Stokers, severally, who re-engage to complete their terms; (b) per-cent of Seamen and Stokers, severally, who leave on termination of first Engagement, but who return to the Service within Twelve Months; (c) the Number of Seamen and Stokers, severally, who leave in each of the said years at the end of their first Engagement and do not Re-engage:

—(Mr. Edward J. C. Morton.)

(Mr. Alexander Herengren Brown reported the Norwich City Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Alexander Herengren 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.

The Order for reading a second time, upon the Gloucester Gas Bill, was read the third time, and passed.

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide for defraying the Expenses of the Purchase of Land and Buildings and the Construction of Buildings and Works in connection with certain Public Departments, and to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such Sums, not exceeding in the whole £2,500,000, as may be required by the Commissioners of Works for such purposes, and to authorize the application of the Surplus of Income above Expenditure for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, to the extent of £2,500,000, to the Payment of any Sums hereby authorised to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Aker-Douglas);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir William Walmsley. 265. Mr. Austruther. 15.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. T. P. O'Connor. 140. Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Marine Fund) Bill: And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "no measure dealing with Light Dues will be satisfactory to this House which does not provide that the expenses of maintaining lights, buoys, and beacons on the coasts of the United Kingdom shall be defrayed out of public revenue"—(Mr. G. Bower), 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;

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir William Walmsley, 184. Mr. Austruther. 35.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Gibson Bowles, 15.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return setting out (1) Wars and Military Operations on or beyond the borders of British India in which the Government of India has been engaged since 1849, in Chronological Order; (2) the Causes of such Wars or Operations; (3) the Locality in which Troops operated; (4) the Results obtained; (5) the Numbers approximately of Troops employed; (6) the Cost of such Wars or Operations (where shown separately in the Accounts of the Government of India); and (7) the Amount of any Contributions towards such Cost from the British Treasury.—(Mr. John Morley).

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

day of March 1888, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.

Class VII.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £20,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Redemption of the British Section at the Paris International Exhibition, 1900.

Revenue Departments.

3. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £96,200, 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 1898, for the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service.

Class VII.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £100,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for the Redemption of Land Tax on Government Property.

Revenue Departments.

5. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £45,000, 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 Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Services, the Expenses of Post Office Savings Banks and Government Annuities and Insurance, and the Collection of the Post Office Revenue.

Civil Services Excesses, 1896-97.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,400 be granted to Her Majesty, to make good Excesses in the year ending the 31st day of March 1887, on certain Grants for Civil Services, for the year ending the 31st day of March 1887, viz.:

Class III. £  s. d.

Law Charges, England - - - - 10 - -

County Courts - - - - 10 - -

Class IV.

Public Education, Ireland - 208 17 1

Total - 208 17 1

Army (Supplementary), 1897-98.

7. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,290,000, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1898, for Additional Expenditure on the following Army Services, viz.:

Vote 5. Volunteer Corps, Pay and Allowances - - - 285,000

Vote 7. Transport and Remounts - - - 130,000

Vote 9. Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies - - - 410,000

Vote 10. Works, &c. - - - 105,000

Appropriation in Aid (Vote 1) - - - 12,000

Total - - - 1,290,000

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
En-Officio
Justices of the Peace
(Scotland)
Bill (Charged
from Chairman
of Parish
Councils
(Scotland)
Bill.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking
into consideration the En-officio Justices of the
Peace (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Com-
mittee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consider-
tion upon Monday next.

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

Friday, 18th March, 1898:

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

Public Record
Office Bill
[Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Public Record Office
Bill;

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

Evidence in
Crime
Cases Bill
[Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal
Cases Bill;

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

Lodgers'
Declarations
(Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations
(Ireland) Bill;

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

Private Bill
Provisions
(Scotland)
Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Private Bill Provision
(Scotland) Bill;

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

Deputies
Depute
Treasurer
(Scotland)
Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on the Deputies Depute Treasurer
(Scotland) Bill;

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

Appeal for
Jury (Repealed)
(Scotland)
Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury
(Repealed) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 29th day of this instant
March.

Customs
Offices
(Southampton)
[Expenses.]

The House, according to Order, resolved
itself into a Committee on Customs Offices
(Southampton) [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, 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 at Southampton as a
Site for Customs and other Offices connected
therewith. — (Mr. Akers-Douglas.)

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr.
Arthur O'Connor reported, that the Committee
had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was
directed to move, That the Committee may have
leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day,
again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Customs and
other Offices
(Barry Dock)
[Expenses.]

The Order of the day being read, for the
Committee on Customs and other Offices (Barry
Dock) [Expenses];
Mr. Lee Kinnals presented a Bill for the National Registration of Plumbers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of April next; and to be printed.

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

Friday, 18th March, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

M R. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz—

Midleton and Piddles District Board of Lunacy (Water) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Corporal Punishment (Presentments), which was presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, be read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2036 and 2037. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented a Bill for the Extension of the North Western Water Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Leatham reported the Cork North Warrenshire Water Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Leatham reported from the St. David's Committee on the Saint David's 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 said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Monkbrag reported from the Committee on the National Registration of Plumbers:—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 Merchandise Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Merchant Bill:—Mr. Allen, Sir George Boicey-Powell, Mr. Gibson Bowles, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Punchon, Mr. Bedworth, Mr. M'Devitt, Mr. Denny, Mr. Hook, Mr. Gurney, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Cameron Gull, Mr. John Leng, Mr. Charles Cameron, Sir Thomas Sutherland, Mr. Charles Wilson, and Mr. Harbeck Wilson.

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

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman reported from the Standing Committee (Chairman, Mr. John Eden Ellis) to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Trade (including Agriculture, &c.), Shipping, and Fishing, Shipping, and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the Return be read a second time upon Monday the 4th of April next.

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, Sitting as Standing Orders.

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Ordered, That Mr. Cohen be added to the Committee.—(Sir Wm. Walrond).

(III.) Number of Vessels repaired or refitted in the Dockyard.

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Supply voted for the said Service.—(Captain Pirie):—Debate arising;—Resolution put, and agreed to.

1. £2,550,000, to defray the Expenses 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, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £650,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Admiralty Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899:—Debate arising:

The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to continued irrelevance on the part of Mr. Tanner, Member for Mid Cork, and directed him to discontinue his speech, but Dr. Tanner disregarded the direction of the Chair.

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.

Resolution 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 Re-consideration of the Irish Surnames 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 Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill:

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 21st March, 1897.

The House met at Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

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 Central Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Clacton-on-Sea Gas and Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Easton and Church Hope Railway (Extension of Time) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Metropolitan 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 Land and Agricultural Banks, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order dated the 9th day of February last, for Returns relative to Pauperism (England and Wales).

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

Mr. Chaplin presented,—Return to an Order dated the 9th day of February last, for Returns relative to Pauperism (England and Wales).

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

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of May, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the extent to which, and 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 Education (including Technical and Manual Instruction) Acts, 1895-96; Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891; Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1899; Technical Schools (Scotland) Act, 1887; Technical Instruction Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1899; and Public Libraries Acts.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of February last, for Returns relative to East India (North-West Frontier Campaign) (Strength of British Battalions).

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

Mr. Carver presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2088 and 2089.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 15th day of February last, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Cornwall).

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table:

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Drunkenness and Disorderly or Drunk and Incapable of being detained in any of the Burgesses and Counties of Scotland during the year ending the 31st day of December 1897, distinguishing between those arrested between the hours of 8 a.m. on Sunday and 8 a.m. on Monday, and those arrested during the rest of the Week (in continuation of part of Parliamentary Paper, No. 202, of Session 1893).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Land Judge's Return of the Number of Persons arrested as (Scotland,) Drunk and Disorderly or Drunk and Incapable of being detained in any of the Burghs and Counties of Scotland, prepared by the Registrar of the Land Judge's Court, pursuant to Rules dated 23rd January 1897, in relation to Procedings under Section 40 of 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.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Land and Agricultural Banks, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented,—Return to an Order dated the 9th day of February last, for Returns relative to Pauperism (England and Wales).

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

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

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Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

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

Mr. Samuel Hoare reported from the Committee on the City and Brixton 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 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 Velo Supplemen to the Votes; and be printed.

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

Mr. Samuel Hoare reported from the Committee on the City and Brixton Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out a recital relating to agreements for the sale or lease of a portion of the Company's Railway to the City and Brixton Railway Company, 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 thereto.

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

Mr. Samuel Hoare reported from the Committee on Group 9 of Railway Bills; That, for (Group 2) the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered,
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 to make further provision with respect to the University of London; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The London University Commission Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the several stages of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill have precedence of all Orders of the Day and Notices of Motions on every day for which the Bill is appointed—

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "except on Wednesday the 27th of April " and on Wednesday the 16th of May."—(Mr. William Allen.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the [Mr. William Allen, Yeas, Captain Norton; Mr. Anstruther: Mr. Norton: Mr. A. Pitcairn: Mr. Anstruther];—77.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put; Ordered, That the several stages of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill have precedence of all Orders of the Day and Notices of Motions on every day for which the Bill is appointed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend the Law relating to the Settlement and Removal of the Poor in Scotland; And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Anstruther do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to further amend the Law relating to the Settlement and Removal of the Poor in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (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 from the word "that," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House disapproves of any "scheme of Irish Local Government which "necessarily involves a large permanent grant "out of Imperial funds for the relief of one "class alone," — (Mr. Lambert), — instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the [Mr. William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Anstruther: Mr. Norton: Mr. Anstruther: Mr. Norton: Mr. A. Pitcairn: Mr. Anstruther]; — 137.

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 Thursday next.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain reported to the House, That the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Navy Estimates, 1898-99.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,888,000, 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 1899.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £247,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Admiralty Office.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £650,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the Workmen, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the Cost of Superintendence, Abroad, Purchase of Sites, Grants in Aid, and other charges connected therewith, which will come in course of Payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

The said Resolutions being read a second time, the First Two Resolutions were agreed to:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the third Resolution by leaving out "£650,100," and inserting "£650,000,"—(Mr. William Allen.)

And the Question being proposed, That £650,000 stand part of the said Resolution:

And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund (No. 1,)

For the Service of the years ending on the 31st day of March 1897 and 1898, the Sum of £1,315,339 17s. 1d, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund (No. 2,)

For the Service of the years ending on the 31st day of March 1899, the Sum of £25,002,200 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,)

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

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund (No. 1,)

For the Service of the years ending on the 31st day of March 1897 and 1898, the Sum of £1,315,339 17s. 1d, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Consolidated Fund (No. 2,)

For the Service of the years ending on the 31st day of March 1899, the Sum of £25,002,200 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
and ninety-seven, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine: 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 Vagrancy Hospital Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Customs Offices (Southampton) [Expenses]; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Customs and other Offices (Barry Dock) [Expenses]; 
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 Sheriffs Depute Tenure of Office (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 Metropolitan Police Courts 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 Dogs Regulation 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 Universities and College Estates 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 Vaccination 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 Prisons Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Army (Annual) 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 Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (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 Bail Bill. 
(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1, agreed to. 
Clause, No. 2, Question proposed, That Clause No. 2 stand part of the Bill; 
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Record Office Bill [Lord's]; 
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 Lodgers' Registration (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Honorary Burgesses (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Honorary Burgesses (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 31st day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adulteration of Food Products Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 1st day of April next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 31st day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks and Weights Act (1887) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Criminal Law Amendment Bill be now read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 25th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Irish Surnames Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to (Scotland)
Her Majesty praying Her Majesty to withhold Her Consent from the Education (Scotland) Code (1898) until the same shall have been amended by the insertion of a provision requiring, as a condition of a School receiving a share of the Aid Grant under the Education (Scotland) Act, 1897, that the Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure of the School shall be annually audited and reported upon by the Accountant of the Board of Education, in like manner as is prescribed by the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, in the case of School Board Accounts—(Captain Sinclair),

The House divided.

The Yes to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Captain Sinclair, Yes, (Mr. M. Openswan) 97.

Tellers for the Sir William Walmsley, Noes, (Mr. Anstruther) 145.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the Payment of certain Sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the purposes of any Act of the present Session for amending the Law relating to Local Government in Ireland, and for other purposes connected therewith;

Mr. Hasbury, 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.

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

Tuesday, 22nd March, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, have leave to sit this day until half-past Three of the clock during the Sittings of the House.—(Mr. James Fergusson.)

Gloucester Gas Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the North Pembrokebridge and Fishguard Railway Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 5th day of April next.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Pauupism (England and Wales), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Local Authorities (Technical Education), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant March, be printed.

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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 Lancashire and East India (Currency) Mill, Petition for additional Provisions for the Standing Order of this day, that the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with; that the Petition be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, for the purpose of introducing their additional Provision if the Committee on the Petition think fit.

2. That, in the case of the Kinleigh Corporation (Currency), Mill, Petition of "Kinleigh Butchers' Association 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.

3. That, in the case of the Fykgord and Zollverein Railways and Harbours Bill, Petition of "G. H. Meager 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.

4. That, in the case of the "Grand Jury of the County of Waterford" 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.

The Order for resuming, To-morrow, the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill, on the 9th day of this instant March, was dis- recessed, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 9th day of this instant March.

Ordered, That the Evidence of the Select Committee on Petroleum, in Sessions 1884, 1896, and 1897, be referred to the Select Committee on Petroleum.—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Bill had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to authorize the Commissioners for General Control and Correspondence and for the superintending and directing the erection, establishment, and regulation of Asylums for the Lunatic Peace in Ireland to transfer certain Lands for Hospital purposes to the Corporation of Belfast, and to the Trustees of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to confer further Powers upon, and to amend certain of the Acts relating to, the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board; and to enable the Board to borrow further Money, on Tuesday the 30th day of this instant March.

Mr. Speaker referred the Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions which were read, as follows:

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Message from the Lords of the 15th day of June last relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on Electrical Energy (Generating Stations and Supply).

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Four Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords (as mentioned in their Lords' Message of the 15th day of this instant March) to consider and report on Electrical Energy (Generating Stations and Supply).

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. Ashton, Lord Balfour, Mr. Kimber, and Sir Leonard Lyell.

Ordered, That Two be the Quorum of the Committee appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords.—(Mr. Hansard.)

A Motion was made, and the Question was put thereto, That, it is desirable that Parochial Charities should be assimilated to the Ecclesiastical Charities as regards class and special subjects to those in the Scotch Code of 1897.—(Sir John Lubbock): —And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that Ecclesiastical Charities should be assimilated to the Code of 1897—(Sir Scotch Code) ;—Mr. Strachey; —Mr. Barlow: Tellers for the: Mr. Anstruther: 65. 128. So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return for Seven Years ending the 31st day of August 1897, showing for each year—

1. The Number of Petitions for Private Bills deposited in the Private Bill Office;
2. The Number of Private Bills read a first time in the House of Commons;
3. The Number of Private Bills first considered in the House of Commons under Standing Order 79;
4. The Number of Private Bills first considered in the House of Commons under Standing Order 79 brought from the Lords;
5. The Number of Private Bills (Estate, &c.) originated in and brought from the Lords;
6. The Number of Private Bills decided upon by Committees on Opposed Bills;
7. The Number of Private Bills treated as Unopposed and referred to the Chairman of Ways and Means;
8. The Number of Private Bills that received the Royal Assent;
9. Distinguishing in all cases between Bills which affected England, and Bills which affected Scotland, and Bills which affected Ireland respectively, and giving the Aggregate and the
the Average for the Seven Years (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 371, of Session 1896).—(Mr. Parker Smith.)

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, Sir Frederick Dixon, Harlison, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Henry Daven Greene, Mr. Maurice Houly, Mr. Holdereck, Mr. Loyal, 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 of the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Clarks of the Peace and County Council) 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 Commons (Regulation) 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 Justices of the Peace Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Canals Protection (London) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 30th day of this instant March.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill. (In the Committee.)

CLASSES, No. 1 to No. 4, agreed to. Schedule agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Sir John Gorst 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 Irish Surnames Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Seven o'clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 23rd March, 1898.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Whitwick and Coalville Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was moved to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, vo.

The Midlothian and Peebles District Board of Lunacy (Water) 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 East India Estates (Currency), which was presented on the 22nd day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of State, Account of 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 1897.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the East India Royal Commission, Appendix C, Volume IV., containing Analysis of Verbal Evidence.

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

Mr. Curran presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report of the West India Royal Commission, and Supplementary Agreement with the same Company, dated the 26th day of March 1896, as to Transfer of Trunk Lines and other Telegraphs.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill framed, as to Trunk Lines; and Copy of Supplementary Agreement with the same Company, dated the 26th day of March 1896, as to Transfer of Trunk Lines and other Telegraphs.

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An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Samuel Smith.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas were:—The Tellers for the [Mr. William Lawrence, (Mr. Samuel Smith,]
196: [Sir Francis Sharp-Powell,]
56. [Mr. Leugh,]

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:

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. William Lawrence);

The House divided.

The Yeas were:—The Tellers for the [Mr. William Lawrence, (Mr. Samuel Smith,]
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71. [Mr. Leugh,]

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being half an hour after Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Taxation of Ground Values (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next.

Livel Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Livel Bill;

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

Out-door Provident Relief Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Out-door Provident Relief Bill;

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

Cemeteries Rating Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cemeteries Rating Bill;

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

Parliamentary Elections (Multipartite Suffrage) (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Elections (Multipartite Suffrage) (Ireland) Bill;

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

Access to Mountains (Scotland) Bill:

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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.

Army (Annual) Bill.
The Army (Annual) Bill was, according to
Order, read the third time, and passed.

Irish Sursumces Bill.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself
into a Committee on the Irish Sursumces Bill; and,
thereafter, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Edward Ellis
reported, that the Committee had made Progres
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.

Greek Loan.
A Motion being made, That this House will,
To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to
consider of authorising the Guarantee of an
Annuity, payable out of the Consolidated Fund,
for the purpose of a Loan to be raised by the
Government of Greece, in pursuance of the
terms of a Convention to be signed between the
Governments of Great Britain, France, Russia,
and Greece—(Mr. Chancellor of the Ex
chequer);
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, acquainted the House,
That Her Majesty, having been informed of the
subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to
Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Report No. 9 (Greece.
Papers relating to the Outbreak of Plague in
India) (No. III. in continuation of c. 8511).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by His Majesty's Command,—Copy of
Report No. 2 Reports (Dublin, Report on the Agricultural
Capabilities of Darnico by C. O. Nipfet, late In
spector of Estates in Ceylon).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by East India
Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further (Papers)
Reports relating to the Outbreak of Plague in
India (No. III. in continuation of c. 8511).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the Governors-
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of
Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act,
1887, dated 5th March 1898, granting a Retired
Allowance, under the Act, to Jacob Martin,
Policeman, Divisional Naval Yard.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

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

Ordered, That the Account relative to Life Assurance
Companies, which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant March, be
printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred back to the said Committee, and
that they have power to inquire whether there are
any special circumstances which render it
just and expedient that the conditions upon
which the Standing Orders were dispensed with
in the said Resolution should be further modified
in respect of the said Bill, so far as regards the
Townsships of Griswold and Lubberton.—(Sir
John Lebberston.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, 1898,
Mail Steamer a Copy of Report, dated 15th January, 1898,
of the Inter-Departmental Committee appointed
by the Postmaster General to inquire into Mail
Steamer Services on the North and West Coasts of
Scotland.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Great Jury
a Return of Officers in the service of the Grand Officers,
Jury in each County in Ireland, in the following
Form—

| County | 1. Name of Officer; 2. Position; 3. Date of Appointment; 5. Actual present Emoluments, and how paid; 6. Nature of Appointment, i.e., whether permanent or temporary, from Assize to Assize; 7. Whether service to the Grand Jury has been continuous; 8. Whether he discharges the duties of his office personally or by Deputy; 9. Whether he holds any other County office or office under the Executive Government; | 10. If |
10. If so, state Name of Office and the Emoluments attaching to such Office.

I certify the above Return to be correct.

Signature ____________________________
Secretary to Grand Jury.
Date ____________

Corporation of London (Foreign Cattle Market Deptford) Bill. Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on the Corporation of London (Foreign Cattle Market, Deptford) Bill. That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be so good as to go through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Thanet Gas Bill. Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported the Thanet Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

British South Africa Company (Staff) Bill. Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown, reporting the Bill. Referred, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that the same be laid before this House, a return, giving a List of Executive and Administrative Staff of the British South Africa Company in the Territory subject to the control of the Company, and at Capetown, on the 30th day of September 1897, in the following Form:

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Ordered, That so much of the Message from the Lords of this day 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 the Lords Committee in Committee Room B. on Wednesday next, at Twelve o'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 Electrical Energy (Generating Stations and Supply) to meet the Committee appointed by their Lordships in Committee Room B. on Wednesday next, at Twelve o'clock, as proposed by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Sir William Waine.)

Ordered, That so much of the Message from the Lords of this day as relates to the time and place of meeting of the Joint Committee on Electrical Energy (Generating Stations and Supply) 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 Electrical Energy (Generating Stations and Supply) do meet the Lords Committee in Committee Room A. on Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, as proposed by their Lordships.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Reserve Forces and Militia Bill to amend the Law relating to the Reserve Forces and Militia: And that Mr. Drovick and...
and Mr. Powell Williams do prepare, and bring
it in.
Mr. Brodrick accordingly presented a Bill
to amend the Law relating to the Reserve Forces
and Militia: And the same was read the first
time; and ordered to be read a second time
upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved
itself into a Committee on Local Government
[Consolidated Fund].

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it
is expedient to authorise the Annual Payment
out of the Consolidated Fund, to the Local
Taxation (Ireland) Account in pursuance of any
Act of the present Session for amending the Law
relating to Local Government in Ireland, and
for other purposes connected therewith,—
(a.) Of a Sum not exceeding one-half of the
amount certified to be raised in the whole of Ireland by
Poor Rate and County cess of agricultural
land, during the Twelve months ending,
as regards Poor Rate, on the 29th Septem­
ber 1897; and as regards County cess, on
the 30th June 1897;
(b.) Of a Sum not exceeding the amount
which may be ascertained to be the pro­
cesses in the previous financial year on
certain Local Taxation Licences in Ire­
lund;
(c.) Of a Sum of £70,000,—(Mr. Gerald
Railey);—Debate arising.

Motion made, and Question, That the Chair­
man 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 Com­
mittee had come to a Resolution.

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 Priene 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.
Atherley Jones.)
And the Question being proposed, That the
word "now" stand part of the Question:—
And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being Midnight, the Debate stood
adjourned:

Friday, 25th March, 1898:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon
Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Priene Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question
being proposed, That the Bill be now read a
second time;
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words, "upon this day six months."—(Mr.
Atherley Jones.)
And the Question being proposed, That the
word "now" stand part of the Question:—
And a Debate arising thereupon;
And it being Midnight, the Debate stood
adjourned:

The House, according to Order, resolved
itself into a Committee on Greek Loan
(Guarantee).

Resolved, That Her Majesty be authorised to
secure the Payment of an Annuity not ex­
ceeding Three pounds twelve shillings per cent.
on the nominal amount of Securities to be issued
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by the Government of Greece for the purpose of
raising a Loan not exceeding £6,900,000, in
pursuance of a Convention to be signed between
Her Majesty and the Governments of France,
Russia, and Greece; and that provision be made,
out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing
produce thereof for the issue of such sums of
Money as may from time to time become payable
by Her Majesty under the guarantee of the
said Convention.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Ex­
chequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James
William Lowther reported, That the Com­
mittee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To­
morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself
into a Committee on Merchant Shipping (Mar­
catile Marine Fund) [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)
Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all Expenses now charged on and payable out of the Mercantile Marine Fund, except those relating to Lighthouses, Buoyas, and Beacons, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with regard to the Provision for the payment of certain Expenses under the Merchant Shipping Act, "1894," and with regard to the levying of Light-Dues.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr.
James William Lowther reported, That the Com­
mittee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To­
morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Pensions Bill:
Second Reading of the Pensions Bill:

The Order of the day being read, for the
Public Buildings Expenses Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon
Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan
Police County Courts Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon
Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Customs
Offices Expenses Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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**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. 98 has been complied with:—

- Brecon and Merthyr Tydfil Junction Railway Bill

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Norwich City 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 Plymouth Corporation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of April next.

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 Metropolitan Police Act, 1886, and the Metropolitan Police Courts Act, 1887; And that Mr. Jesse Collings and Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley do prepare, and bring in a Bill.

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 Metropolitan Police Act, 1886, and the Metropolitan Police Courts Act, 1887; And the same was read the first time.

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

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

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, Committee on the Metropolitan Common Scheme (East Sheen) Provisional Order 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. Seale-Hayne reported from the Committee on the Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) 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. Seale-Hayne reported from the Committee on Group No. 2 of Railway Bills: That the parties promoting the Muswell Hill and Palace Railway Bill had stated to the Committee that they did not proceed; it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan Common Scheme (East Sheen) 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 upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan Common Scheme (Barnes) 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 upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Charing Cross, Edmonton, and Hampstead Railway Bill, as amended.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Southeastern Gas Bill in the House of Commons: 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 Tottenham and Edmonton Gas Bill in the House of Commons: 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 House of Commons.
with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committees, 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. Alexander Haig-Hare reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills: That they had proceeded to examine the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Frodsham Gas Bill, but that the parties promoting the said Bill had stated to the Committee that it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group B)

Mr. Alexander Haig-Hare reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills: That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Local Government (Ireland) (Consolidated Fund)

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Monday next, on the Local Government (Ireland) (Consolidated Fund), was read, and discharges.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 21st day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend to Borough and Urban District Councils the powers to guarantee Postal and Telegraphic Facilities already possessed by Rural Councils: And that Sir Cameron Gull, Mr. Cartlidge, Mr. Vaughan-Davies, Sir John Keane, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Luttrell, and Mr. John Wilson Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Companies Act (1867) Amendment

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Companies Act, 1867: And that Mr. Cameron Gull, Mr. Cazenave-Hardy, Mr. Brodie Hoare, Mr. Munro, and Mr. Worr do prepare, and bring it in.

Assessments

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to complete the Organisation of the Profession of Accountant throughout the United Kingdom: And that Mr. Ceballe, Mr. Wykeham-Miller, Sir John Keane, Mr. MacAlister, and Captain Price do prepare, and bring it in.

Housing of Working Classes (Borough Districts)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, so as to facilitate the Provision of Cottages by Rural District Councils: And that Sir Cameron Gull, Mr. Cameron Gull, Mr. Strachey, Mr. Price, Mr. Brodie Hoare, and Mr. Billion do prepare, and bring it in.

Post Office Acts Amendment

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better Provision for the Guarantee of Postal Facilities by Local Authorities: And that Mr. Strachey, Mr. Barlow, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Grant Lacombe, and Mr. Nussey do prepare, and bring it in.

Wine and Beerhouses Acts Amendment

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. Cameron Gull, and Mr. Cameron Corbett do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Cameron Gull presented a Bill to extend Post Office Local Authority Guarantee powers to guarantee Postal and Telegraphic Facilities already possessed by Rural Councils: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next; and to be printed.

Sir John Lubbock presented a Bill to amend the Companies Act, 1867: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next; and to be printed.

Sir Walter Foster presented a Bill to amend the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, so as to facilitate the provision of Cottages by Rural District Councils: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Strachey presented a Bill to make better provision for the Guarantee of Postal Facilities Acts Amendment by Local Authorities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Lewis presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Licensing of Beerhouses and Places for the Sale of Cider and Wine by Retail in England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1898-99.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,050,750, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Services of the Royal Engineer Works, Buildings, and Repairs, &c., within the United Kingdom, and for the Ordinary Year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

2. (a) £30,000, to be charged upon the Consolidated Fund, in respect of the Works at Anstruther.

3. £295,800, to be charged upon the Consolidated Fund, in respect of the Kasr-el-Nil Surveys.

Tellers for the "Yes." Sir W. Watson, Bart.; Mr. A. A. Low.

Tellers for the "No." Mr. Stephen. times; Mr. The Committee divided.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £4,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Repairs, &c., of the King's College, Anstruther.

Tellers for the "Yes." Mr. Stephen; Mr. A. A. Low.

Tellers for the "No." Mr. Stephen.

The Committee divided.

3. £295,800,
Whit BILL. Ways and The Order of the day being read, for the Greek Loan Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported the Greek Loan, Greek

[Expenses.]

Marine Fund) Merchant

Guarantee. from the Committee on Bill. the Chair to make his report to the House. 61 VICTORIA. including 30,000 Militia Reserve). of March 1899; Permanent Staff, which will come in course of Payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899;

Saturday, 26th March, 1899:

And, in the course of the day, the Chairman left the House, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had agreed to the following Resolutions:

That a Bill be brought in upon the subject of the raising of a Loan by the Government of Greece for the purpose of raising a Loan, not exceeding £6,000,000, in pursuance of a Convention to be signed between Her Majesty and the Governments of France, Russia, and Greece; and that Provision be made out of the Consolidated Fund, of an Annuity to be paid, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with regard to the payment of certain Expenses under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and with regard to the levying of Light Dues. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Outdoor Provident Relief Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Surnames Committee on the Irish Surnames Bill. Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of an Annuity to any Sheriff who may be removed from office under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law in regard to the Tenure of Office of Sheriffs in Scotland.—(The Lord Advocate) ;

The Lord Advocate, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House. Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Monday, 28th March, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Great Western Railway (New Works) 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, the Standing Orders previously complied with, viz.:—

Aberdeen Corporation (Tramways) Bill.

Aberystwyth Gas Bill.

Lanarkshire and Dumfriesshire Railway Bill.

Norton and Halton Roads 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 Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously complied with, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

 Aberystwyth Gas Bill.

Lanarkshire and Dumfriesshire Railway Bill.

Norton and Halton Roads Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

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Norton and Halton Roads Bill.

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

- The Whitechapel and Cossall Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

- The Great Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee, was read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

- Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Secretary of State, dated 23rd March 1898, extending to certain classes of Factories and Workshops the provisions of Section 39 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878, which prohibits Children, young Persons, and Women from taking meals, or remaining during meal-times, in certain parts of the Factories or Workshops.

- Copy of Order of the Secretary of State, dated 23rd March 1898, extending to certain classes of Factories and Workshops the provisions of Section 27 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878, which prohibits Children, young Persons, and Women from taking meals, or remaining during meal-times, in certain parts of the Factories or Workshops.

- Copy of Order of the Secretary of State, dated 23rd March 1898, made in pursuance of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1896, requiring Occupiers of certain Factories, Workshops, and other places to keep Lists of Outworkers.

- The said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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The Agricultural Company of Mauritius Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow, at Two of the clock. The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Atherley Jones; Mr. Hanbury 247. Tellers for the [Mr. T. P. O'Connor; Mr. Hanbury 90. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Secretary of State in (Store Dept.) Council to purchase Lands in connection with the Store Department of the India Office; and that Secretary Lord George Hamilton and Mr. Haast to prepare, and bring it in.

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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, 29th March, 1894:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day, at Two of the clock.

Supply [28th March] Report

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

Army Estimates, 1898-99.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,090,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Ordnance Estimates (including the Charge for the Ordnance Factory), which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1899.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Ordnance Factory, which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1899.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £265,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Army Hospitals, which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1899.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £553,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay and Allowances (Militia and Militia Reserve), which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1899.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £75,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay and Allowances (Yeomanry Cavalry), which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1899.

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

appeal for Jury (Ipswich) (Southend) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury (Ipswich) (Southend) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of April next.

Greenwich Hospital Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenwich Hospital Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Police Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

metropolitan Police Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day, at Two of the clock.

Customs Office (Southampton) [Expenses].

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Customs Office (Southampton) [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Customs and other Office (Barry Dock) [Expenses];

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the London University Commission Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vagrancy Act Second Reading of the Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Regulation Bill, (Ipswich);

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Universities and College Estates 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 Vaccination 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 Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace (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 Public Record Office 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 London (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Record Office Bill (Ipswich);

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 Lodger Second Reading of the Lodger’s Declaration Discontinuance (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sheriff’s Depute Treasury Office (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 Supply Committee of Supply;

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

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The Order of the day being read, the Committee on the Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Sheriffs' Deputies Tenure of Office (Scotland) [Amendment] Act, Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 3rd day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Service Franchise Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 25th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 16th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act (1887) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of April next.

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 Tuesday the 19th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Locomotives on Highways Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Surnames Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great Launus 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries: And that Mr. Biddulph, Mr. Sydney Cohen, Mr. M'onro, Mr. James Heans, Mr. Michael St. John, and Mr. Mr. Ministers, of Fisheries, do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Biddulph, Mr. Sydney Cohen, Mr. James Heans, Mr. Michael St. John, and Mr. Ministers, of Fisheries, accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 28th day of April next, and to be printed.

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

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, in pursuance of the Light Railways Act, 1886, authorising the construction of Light Railways between Falmouth and Brixton, in the East Riding of the County of York (Falmouth and Brixton Light Railways Order, 1897).

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Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House, dated 4th March 1897, Accounts (Navy Votes.) —Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 25th March 1898, under Section 4 of "The Appropriation Act, 1897," authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Navy Votes for the year 1897–98, to meet Expenditure on certain other Navy Votes of the same year.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to National Debt Annuities, Navy (Vitiulalling Yard Manufacturing Accounts, 1896–97), and Public Accounts (Navy Votes), be printed.

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Secretory Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-fifth Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, being for the year 1897.

Secretory Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of the County Borough of Sanford, re-dividing the Seale Ward into convenient Polling Districts, and altering the numbers of the Polling Divisions in Weweas and Hope Wards within the said Borough.

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

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Paper, entitled "Naval Manu­factures, 1897.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2042 and 2043. Series,) Order of the County Borough of Sanford, re-dividing the Seale Ward into convenient Polling Districts, and altering the numbers of the Polling Divisions in Weweas and Hope Wards within the said Borough.

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

Mr. Scale-Hayne reported the Great Northern Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, the Under Return relating to all authorised Gas Undertakings in the United Kingdom other than those of Local Authorities, for the year ending the 21st day of December 1897 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 359, of Session 1897).—(Mr. Ritchie.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, the Under Return relating to all authorised Gas Undertakings in the United Kingdom belonging to Local Authorities, for the 21st day of December 1897 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 360, of Session 1897).—(Mr. Ritchie.)

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Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Sentences of Corporal Punishment inflicted under 26 & 27 Vic. c. 44, upon Persons convicted of offences against Section 43 of the Larceny Act, 1861, and Section 21 of the Offences against the Person Act, 1861, in England and Wales, from the 27th day of August 1895 to the 31st day of March 1898 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 456, of Session 2, 1897).—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)

The Order for reading a second time, upon Antiquities (Ireland) (Trans- fer) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 29th day of April next.
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the word "two," in order to insert the word "one."—(Mr. William Redmond.)

Question put, That the word "two" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: Sir William Walrond—Mr. A. M'Arthur; Mr. Dillon.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "Five hundred and fifty thousand."—(Mr. James Lowther.)

Question proposed, That the words "Five hundred and fifty thousand" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses, N° 2 and N° 3, agreed to.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 11, to leave out £ 600,000 " in order to insert £ 700,000."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

Question proposed, That " £ 600,000 " 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 Lefter 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 resuming "Private Bill," the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 24th day of this instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Prisons 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 Police Courts Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming "Reserve Forces Bill," the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of this instant March, That the Reserve Forces 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:—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 next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Universities and College Estates Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Universities Second Reading of the Universities and College Estates Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Customs (Southampton) Bill [Expenses];—Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Buildings Expenses Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, N° 1 (Issue of Money for Works specified in the Schedule).—Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Money to be provided by Parliament, certain sums, &c.
ment, of all Expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Works under any Act of the present Session, for acquiring Land for Customs and other Offices at Barry Dock.—(Mr. Aberdouglas.) Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received To­mor­row.

Great Ormeshead Hospital Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Great Ormeshead Hospital 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 ten minutes before Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed To­mor­row.

India Office (Store Depôt) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the India Office (Store Depôt) Bill ;

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

Public Record Office Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Record Office Bill ; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To­mor­row.

Irish Surnames Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Irish Surnames Bill ; and, after some time spent therein, 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, To­mor­row, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Special Juries 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 John Mowbray reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Poor Law Union Association Bill—Lord Balcarres, Commander Bethell, Sir John Brunner, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Victor Cavendish, Lord Edu­maud Fitzmaurice, Sir Walter Fester, Mr. Jeffreys, Mr. Evan Henry Llewellyn, Mr. Leqagh, Mr. Edward Morten, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Harry Sommell, Mr. Simon Smith, and Mr. Talbot.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolu­tions, which were read, as follow —

1. That, in the case of the Flye Water and Gas Bill, re-committed Resolution of the 8th day of March, referred to the said Select Committee, which were instructed that they have Power to inquire whether there are any special circumstances which render it just and expedient that the conditions upon which the Standing Orders were dispensed with in the said Resolution should be further modified in respect of the said Bill, so as to regard the Townships of Gristhorpe and Lebberston, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with ; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, on an condition that they strike out of the limits of the Bill all parts of the Parishes of Humbersby, Munton, and Flye which were not defined in the Notices for the Bill; and that they strike out the charge in Clause 22 on houses of which the rateable value amounts to Five pounds but does not exceed Ten pounds; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Orders have been complied with.

2. That, in the case of the East Ham Improvement Bill, Petition of “George Henry Boyges” 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 Middlesex County Middlesex Council Bill, Petition of the “Vestry of Margyle­borne” for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

4. That, in the case of the London Building Act (1894) Amendment Bill, Petition of the “Corporation of London” for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

5. That, in the case of the Greaterborough Gas, Gainsborough Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Partie be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

6. That, in the case of the Crystal Palace Crystal Palace 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.

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

Sir Mark Stewart reported from the Com­mittee on the Act for incorporating the Great Orme Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, which was brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorising the Com­pany, 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 Great Orme Tramway and Tramroad Company; and for authorising the Com­pany to make and maintain a Tramway and Tramroad from Llandudno to or near the summit of the Great Ormeshead, in the County of Carn­arvon; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Patriotic Assurance Company Bill was read the first time.

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

The Great Orme Tramway and Tramroad Bill was read the first time.

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Wednesday, 30th March, 1898.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

the City and Brixton Railway Bill, as

amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third

time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the London, Walthamstow, and Epping

Forest Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Broom and Merthy Tydfil Junction

Railway Bill was read a second time; and

committed.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned
till Thursday the 21st day of April next.

And then the House, having continued to sit
till Midnight, adjourned till to-morrow.
30th March.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Lands, Osmaston, Osmaston, Oswestry, and Walsall, and to the Oakwell and Staines Joint Hospital Districts: And the same was read the first time.

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

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Revenue (Interception), which was presented upon the 29th day of this instant March, be printed.


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

Mr. Henesy presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House, dated 4th March 1897, a Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 18th March 1898, authorising the temporary application of Surplusies on certain Army Votes for the year 1897–98, to meet Excesses on certain Army Votes for the same year.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Law Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Distress Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Ireland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Second Reading of the Registration of Firms Bill, Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Distress Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Steam Engines Second Reading of the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill; Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Second Reading of the Workmen's Houses Tenure Bill; Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Second Reading of the Solicitors Final Examination Bill; Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Leasehold Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement (England and Wales) Bill; Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Leasehold Second Reading of the Smaller Dwellings (Scotland) Bill; Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Distress Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sea Fisheries Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Bill; Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 26th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Building Fees Second Reading of the Building Fees and Leases (Scotland) Bill; Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 25th day of May next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cemetery Rating Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of April 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 Monday the 18th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Monuments in Churches Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Settlement (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of April 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 the 4th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Act (1894) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April 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 Wednesday the 27th day of April 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 the 27th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Monuments in Churches Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of April 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 Wednesday the 20th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Local Authority Guarantee) 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 Wine and Beerhouse Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of April 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 the 20th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Local Authority Guarantee) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping Act upon Wednesday the 20th day of April next.

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

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

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of the Expenses of the Irish Surnames Expenses Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the Personal Correction of Personal Prisoners: And that Mr. Joseph A. Pease, Mr. John Howton, Mr. Abel Thomas, and Mr. Howell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sea Fisheries Acts: And that Acts Amend.

Mr. Victor Cavendish, Sir William Holdsworth, Sir Francis Sharp Powell, Sir Albert Rollit, and Mr. Verburgh do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Lloyd Morgan presented a Bill to provide the payment of the Expenses of the Irish Surnames Bill attending Assizes and Quarter Sessions: And Bill 194.
the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Joseph A. Pope presented a Bill to prohibit the Personal Correction of Prisoners: And the same was the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 28th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Victor Greenough presented a Bill to amend the Sea Fisheries Acts: And the same was the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of April next; and to be printed.

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 Statute Law Revision Bill, now pending in the House of Lords, the Committee have considered the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Sir Charles Cameron reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th 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.

Sir Mark Stewart reported from the Committee on the Great Western Railway (General Powers) Bill. That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill as amended and the same by striking out the recitals with respect to the vesting of the Golden Valley Railway in the Great Western Railway Company, and the working thereof as a Light Railway, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

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

Thursday, 31st March, 1898.

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. 63 has been complied with, viz.—

Mid-Kent Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

City and South London Railway Bill (New Title).

The City and South London Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as followeth: A Bill to confer further Powers upon the City and South London Railway Company for the construction of Works and acquisition of Lands, and for other purposes.

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

Northern Urban District Water Bill.

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

The North Warwickshire 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 Saint David's Railway 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 Paper relative to Public Accounts (Army Votes), which was presented upon the 30th day of this instant March, be printed.


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

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of List of School Boards and School Attendance Committees in England and Wales, 1st January 1899.

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

Secretary Sir Mcthera White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 9th day of February last, for a Return relative to Aliens.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return by the Provinces of Agrarian Offences throughout India reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary between 1st January 1897 and 31st December 1897, 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.

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

SECRETARY LORD GEORGE HAMILTON presented, East India (Opium).

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

SECRETARY LORD GEORGE HAMILTON also presented, East India (Opium), dated the 20th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to East India (Opium).

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

Mr. James William Leathet reported the Enfield Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Standing Committee on Trade, 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.

Mr. James William Louther reported the St. Anne’s-on-the-Sea Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Standing Committee on Trade, 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 thereunto.

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

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Standing Committee on Trade, 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.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday the 18th day of April next; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Quantity of Wines of the various Degrees of Strength which were imported into the United Kingdom from Spain, Portugal, Madeira, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Australasia, and other Countries, for the year 1887 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 356, of Session 1887).—(Mr. Gold.)

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills, that, in the case of the Edmonton Urban District Council Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message was brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Edinburgh and District Water Trustee Act to authorize the Edinburgh and District Water Trustees to construct additional Works (water Bill [Lords].) to make deviations of authorized Works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Midland Railway Company Bill; to confer additional Powers upon the Midland Railway Company for the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands; to confer Powers upon that Company and the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, and upon the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee for the acquisition of Lands, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Seaside Gas Act for conferring further Powers on the Bill [Lords].

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Cornwall and Paddock Wood Railway Bill [Lords.] and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Waterford City Gas Bill [Lords.] Act for the granting of further Powers to the City of Waterford Gas Company to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Sheringham Gas and Water Bill was read Sheringham for the first time.

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

The Edinburgh and District Water Bill was read Edinburgh the first time.

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The Midland Railway Bill was read the first Midland time. time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Waterford City Gas Bill was read the first Waterford time.

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ORDERED, That the House do to-morrow proceed to the consideration of the Reserves Forces Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Edward Ellis 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 Reserves Forces Bill.

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Liability of Members of the Army Reserve to be called out on Permanent Service, 45 & 46 Vict. c. 44).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "Reserve," to insert the words "whose character on transfer to the Army Reserve is good."—(Mr. Courtenay Warner.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Debate arising;

The Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Universities and Colleges Estates 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 Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation 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 Vaccination 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 Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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

Sale of Distress Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Distress Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Irish Surnames Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Irish Surnames Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 21st day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Friday, 1st April, 1898.
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 Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stafford- upon-Avon Railway (Extension of Time) 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, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

Drogheda Gas Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

London and North Western Railway (Steam Vessels) 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.:—

Agricultural Company of Mauritius Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Messengers from the Lords.
Greek Loan Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Greek Loan Bill, without any Amendment.

Public Buildings Expenses Bill.
The Lords have agreed to the Public Buildings Expenses Bill, without any Amendment.

Edinburgh and Leith Corporations Gas Bill.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Edinburgh and Leith Corporations Gas Commissioners to construct new Gasworks and other Works and to acquire Lands; Vol. 153.

and to confer further Powers on the Commissioners in relation to their Gas Undertakings, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enlarging the constitution of the Tyne Improvement Commission; for conferring further Powers upon the Tyne Improvement Commissioners; and for amending certain of the Provisions of the Tyne Improvement Acts, 1895 to 1897, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Edinburgh and Leith Corporation Gas 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 first time.
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The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hamptonstead Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the 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 considera- tion the Thanet Gas Bill, as amended in the Bill Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Hart's Divorce Bill was read a second time; Hart's Divorce Bill and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London County Council (Westminster Bridge and Embankment Tramways) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of May next.

The London Building Act (1894) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Leithburgh Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Provisional Secretary for Scotland, relating to an increase in the Number of Councillors in the Burgh of Leith;
And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Auckland do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Leithburgh Provisional Order Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Provisional Secretary for Scotland relating to an increase in the Number of Councillors in the Burgh of Leith; Bill 16th. And the same was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Royal Assent, Balfour, 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
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. Great Loan Act, 1898.

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

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Thirty-fourth Annual Report by the Chief Inspector, under the Alkali, &c., Works Regulation Act, 1881, of his Proceedings during the year 1887, presented to the Local Government Board, and to the Secretary for Scotland.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton 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 31st March 1898, 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 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 Monies have been raised during the half-year.

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

Mr. Carson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Athens, enclosing the Greek Law of Control.

Copy of Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Saint Petersburg, enclosing an Agreement concluded between the Chinese Government and the Russo-Chinese Bank for the construction of the Manchurian Railway.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Draft of an Order in Council under Clause 64 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

Mr. Gerald Balfour 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 Draft of the Sixth Schedule proposed to be inserted in the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, telegraph upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising a Grant, out of the Consolidated Fund, for the purpose of the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1897.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

Lord Ardale Bill, 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 the Standing Committee on Standing Law, Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, have leave to make a Special Report.

Sir James Fergusson reported from the Standing Committee, to consider of authorising a Grant, out of the Consolidated Fund, for the purpose of the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1897.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Lancashire County Council Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Writers to the Signet Widows' Fund Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorising the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board to alter, extend, and improve their Docks, Harbours, and Works on the Liverpool side of the River Mersey, for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for granting further Powers to the Folkestone Gas and Coke Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the issue of the London, United Tramways Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, in order to proceed with the Bill, and that the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. The said Resolution being read a second time, were agreed to.

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The Folkestone Gas Bill was read the first time.

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

The South Eastern Railway Bill was read the first time.

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

The Mariana and Havana Railway Company Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Parish Councils in Scotland to grant Superannuation Allowances to Poor Law Officers and Servants, and to Officers and Servants of Committees of Management of Poorhouses formed under a Combination for Poorhouse purposes: And that Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Nelis, Captain Pirie, and Mr. Alexander Cross do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Executors in Scotland: And that Mr. John Blair Balfour, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Urquhart, and Mr. Calder do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Renshaw presented a Bill to enable Parish Councils in Scotland to grant Superannuation Allowances to Poor Law Officers and Servants, and to Officers and Servants of Committees of Management of Poorhouses formed under a Combination for Poorhouse purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Blair Balfour presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Executors in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of May next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply: And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lennox 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.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee on Sheriffs Depute Tenure of Office (Scotland), a Resolution; which was read, followeth:—That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of an Annuity to any Sheriff who may be removed from office under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law in regard to the Tenure of Office of Sheriffs in Scotland; such Annuity not to exceed three-tenths of the Salary payable to such Sheriff.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Eleven of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 4th April, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, viz.—

Great Eastern Railway (Pensions) Bill, Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the 

Knott End Railway Bill, as amended by the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the 

Tottenham and Edmonton Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southend-on-Sea Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the

Aberdeen Corporation (Tramways) Bill, as read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday, the 26th day of this instant April.

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

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Various Powers) Bill was read a second time; and passed.

The Motion being made, That the City and Brixton Railway Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made in the Committee, as amended by the Committee, be now read the third time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the London United Tramways, Limited, for constructing Tramways and widening and altering Roads, for using mechanical power on their Tramways, and for other purposes: And that General Goldsworthy, Mr. Richards, and Mr. Atterley-Jones do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Aldershot, Betchworth, Ham, Ilfracombe, Rotherham, and Alderley: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Dartford, East Ham, Ilfranca, Ossett, Rotherham, and Rotherham: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Aldershot, Betchworth, Ham, Ilfracombe, Rotherham, and Alderley: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered,
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Barnet, Chichester, Dacorum, New (Albrighton), King's Norton, and Leatherhead: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Airdrie, Brechin, Hamilton, and Rutherglen: 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 Darford, East Ham, Uxbridge, Otsett, Rumworth, and Rotherham: 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 Weybridge, Hereford, Horsley, Leigh-on-Sea, and Leamington: 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 Barnet, Chichester, Dacorum, New (Albrighton), King's Norton, and Leatherhead: 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 Select Committee on Divorce Bills do report to the House, Copies of the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings, together with Documents deposited in the case of Hart'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 Hart'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.)

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

Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and Portugal, modifying the Postal Treaty Series, No. 150.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Accounts of the Corporation of the City of London in respect of the Metropolitan Castle Market for the year 1897; also an Account of Extraordinary Works executed, other than the General Repairs, for the same period.

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.—Copy of Third Annual Report by the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies of the Proceedings of the Registrars under the Building Societies Acts, with an Abstract of the Annual Accounts and Statements of Societies for the year 1897. Part I. Report. Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, for the year ending 31st December 1897, on Friendly Societies, Industrial and Provident Societies, and Trade Unions. No. 109.

General Report of the Consrrvators of the Thames River Thames, from the 1st of January 1897 to the 31st December 1897, with a Statement of the Accounts of the Conservators for the year ended 31st December 1897. Ordered, That the said Papers be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Quit and Redemption or Purchase of Quit and Crown Rents in Ireland since 1868, and how the Capital Sum has been disposed of.—(Mr. Leacy.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing all Sums received for the redemption of Sums out of the revenue contributed by England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively to the Revenue collected by Imperial Officers; and, the Balance of Revenue contributed by England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively which are available for Imperial Expenditure (in continuation of Parlamentary Paper, No. 206, of Session 1897).—(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 1898 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 403, of Session 1897).—(Mr. Lough.)

Mr. William Redmond, Member for East Clare, Member having persisted in reiterating a Question to the First Lord of the Admiralty in a disorderly manner, and having continued to interrupt the Business of the House after being frequently called to Order, Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to his grossly disorderly conduct, and directed him to withdraw immediately from the House, during the remainder of this day's sitting. But Mr. William Redmond declined to obey the Order of the Chair. Whereupon Mr. Speaker
Speaker called on the Sergeant-at-Arms, who removed Mr. William Redmond from the House.

Order, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make Provision with respect to certain Promissory Notes made to Charitable Loan Societies in Ireland: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland accordingly presented a Bill to make Provision with respect to certain Promissory Notes made to Charitable Loan Societies in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Order, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to appoint additional Commissioners for executing the Acts for granting a Land Tax and other Rates and Taxes: And that Mr. Handsby and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Handsby accordingly presented a Bill to appoint additional Commissioners for executing the Acts for granting a Land Tax and other Rates and Taxes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of May next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day was read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 31st day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Private Bill Procedure (Southampton) Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was, to leave out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, to add the words "upon this day six months"—(Dr. Clark);

And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;—Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, for Monday the 18th day of this instant April.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Customs Offices (Southampton) [(Expenses)].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, 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 at Southampton as a Site for Customs and other Offices connected therewith.—(Mr. Atherley-Jones):

Question put, and agreed to.

Resolved, 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 at Southampton as a Site for Customs and other Offices connected therewith.—(Mr. Atherley-Jones):

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow, at Two of the clock.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Telegraphs [Grant].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of sums not exceeding £ 1,000,000, for the purpose of the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1897, and to authorise the Treasury to borrow such Sums by means of Terminable Annuities payable out of moneys to be provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, and if these moneys be insufficient out of the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Handsby):—Debate arising;

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And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leathem reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day was read, for the Second Reading of the Universities and College Bill:

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, at Two of the clock.

Greenwich Hospital Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of March last, That the Greenwich Hospital Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day, at Two of the clock.

Reserve Forces Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Reserve Forces Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 19th day of this instant April, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Metropolitan Police Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, this day, at Two of the clock.

Ball Bill [Lords.]

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

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 19th day of this instant April, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sheriffs Deputy Tenure of Office (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sheriffs Deputy Tenure of Office (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, at Two of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

India Office (Store Depot) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the India Office (Store Depot) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of this instant April, at Two of the clock.

London University Commission Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London University Commission Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of this instant April, at Two of the clock.

Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of this instant April, at Two of the clock.

Vaccination Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of this instant April, at Two of the clock.

Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day, at Two of the clock.

Lodgers' Declarations (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of this instant April, at Two of the clock.

Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill;
The order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Merchandise Marks Act (1887) amendment bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 18th day of this instant April.

The order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Out-door Provident Benefit Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of this instant April.

The order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Post Office (local authority guarantees) Bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of this instant April.

The order of the day being read, for the second reading of the locomotives on high-ways bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of this instant April.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a bill to amend the baths and wash-houses acts: and that Mr. bigwood and Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland do prepare, and bring it in.

And then the house, having continued to sit till ten minutes after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 5th April, 1898.

The House met at two of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the table—report private bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the first reading thereof, the standing orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.

1. Merchandise Marks Act (1887) amendment Bill.
2. Out-door Provident Benefit Bill.
3. Post Office (local authority guarantees) Bill.
4. Locomotives on highways Bill.
5. Baths and wash-houses acts amendment Bill.

Ordered, that the bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the table—report private bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the first reading thereof, the standing orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.

1. Edinburgh and Leith corporations gas Bill.
2. Tyne Improvement Bill.

Ordered, that the bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the table—report provisional order bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the first reading thereof, the standing orders which are applicable, viz.

Local government provisional orders (no. 1) Bill.

Ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of this instant April.

A motion being made, that the changing crossing, Easton, and hampstead railway bills be read a second time.

Ordered, that the bill be read the third time; powers 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.

A motion being made, that the great eastern railway (general powers) bill be now read the third time.

Ordered, that the bill be read the third time; powers 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 Thames gas bill was read the third time, Thames gas and passed.

Ordered, that the clerk do carry the bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The house proceeded to take into consideration great northern railway bill, as amended in the committee.

Ordered, that the bill be read the third time.

The great western railway (new works) great western railway (new works) bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, that the mid-kent water bill be read a second time, upon Thursday the 21st day of this instant April.

Ordered, that the bill of the day be read, for the north second reading of the north penmbroke and pembroke Fisherdyke railway bill; ordered, that the bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of this instant April.

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Ordered, That Standing Orders Nos. 39, 129, and 260 be suspended, and that the time for depositing Petitions and Memorials against Private Bills, or against any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, and for depositing duplicates of any Documents relating to any Bill to confirm any Provisional Order or Provisional Certificate, be extended to the first day on which the House shall sit after the Recess.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the London Building Act (1894) Amendment Bill, to take into consideration whether the offices and buildings of the Stock Exchange shall be exempted from the operations of Part VI. and VII. of the principal Act—(Mr. Hanbury)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday the 18th day of this instant April.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the London United Tramways, Limited, for constructing Tramways and widening and altering Roads, for using Mechanical Power on their Tramways, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Private Bills.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (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, under the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1882, relating to Watlington Marsh, in the County of Stafford: And that Mr. Walter Long and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in. Mr. Water Long accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1882, relating to Watlington Marsh, in the County of Stafford: 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 East India (Opium), which was presented upon the 31st day of March last, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Account of all Moneys received, and of the disposal thereof, and of all Contracts for the Grant of Deferred Life Annuities, and for Payments on Death, made during the year ended 31st December 1897. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Curson presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2049. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lether and District Water, Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lether reported the Midlothian and Peebles District Board of Lunacy (Water) Bill, without Amendment, Vide Supply jade to the Vote. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill [Lords].

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

The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills reported from the Committee; Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Committee on the Sheriff Depute Tenure of Office (Scotland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 18th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 18th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Committee on Telegraphs (Grant); Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 18th day of this instant April, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House this day, the House stood adjourned, it being then five minutes before Seven of the clock, till Monday the 18th day of this instant April.

Monday, 18th April, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

The Andoversford and Stratford-upon-Avon Andoversford and Stratford-upon-Avon 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 Hartlepool Gas and Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Kent End Railway Bill was read the Kent End Railway Bill, 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 Southend-on-Sea Gas Bill be now read the third time; Mr. James Latchford, 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 Tottenham and Edmonton Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as follows:—An Act to transfer to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Tottenham and Edmonton Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as follows:—An Act to transfer to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders Bill (No. 1) was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

The Great Eastern Railway (Extensions) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Orme Tramway and Tramroad Bill was read a second time to-morrow.

The Guy's Hospital Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Manchester and Liverpool District Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill was read a second time to-morrow.

The Patriotic Assurance Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Swansea Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.
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, 1867 to 1886, the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1875, and the Quarries Act, 1894, for the year 1897.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Return in pursuance of the Provisions of the 50th Section of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, as regards Ireland, for the year 1897.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 31st day of March last, for a Return relative to Wines Imported.

The Order for reading the second time, To­morrow, at Two of the clock.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 21,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Houses of Parliament Buildings:

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

Order for reading the second time, To­morrow, at Two of the clock.

Whereupon 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 1899, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens:

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Fourth Report of the Royal Commission on the Liquor Licensing Laws and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Commissioners, with Appendices and Index, Vol. VI.

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

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the direc­tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return from the Clerks of the Crown and Peace in Ireland of the Number of Persons committed for Trial in the year 1897.

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

Mr. Cpuldon presented, pursuant to the direc­tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of the Local Government Act, 1888, amending the County of Buckingham (Peney Stratford Urban District Extension) Confirmation Order, 1898.

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

Mr. Chadwick reported, That the Com­mittee had come to several Resolutions.

Order for reading the second time, To­morrow, the Locomotives on Highways Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

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

Civil Services and Revenues Departments Estimates, 1898–99.

Class I.

1. £. 338,000, to complete the Sum for the Customs, Inland Revenue, Post Office, and Post Office Telegraph Buildings in Great Britain, and certain Post Offices Abroad, including Furniture, Fuel, and sundry Miscellaneous Services.

2. £. 171,000, 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 £. 46,000, 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 1899, for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces and Marlborough House:

Ordered, That the Report be received To­morrow, at Two of the clock.

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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 Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

**London United Tramways Bill.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following 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.:—

- **Marine and Hooeana Railway Company Bill.**

- **Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (New Works) Bill.**

- **Midland Railway Bill.**

- **Shrewsbury Gas and Water 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.:—

- **Eastern Telegraph Company Bill.**

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

- **Crystal Palace Company.**

- **Gainsborough Gas.**

- **Sheffield Corporation.**

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

A Petition of the Crystal Palace Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for making further Provisions respecting the Capital and Undertaking of the Crystal Palace Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Gainsborough Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for granting further Powers to the Gainsborough Gas Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sheffield, for leave to bring in a Bill to confirm an Agreement for the purchase of the Undertaking of the Sheffield Electric Light and Power Company by the Corporation of Sheffield, and to confer Borrowing Powers and other Powers on the said Corporation, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Motion being made, That the Great Northern railway Bill be now read the third time; Mr. John Morley, 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 Midlothian and Peebles District Board of Midlothian Lunacy (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 Crosville and District Water Bill, as previously amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

The Edinburgh and Leith Corporations Gas Bill and Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Mersey Corporation (Gas) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kishard and Roslere Railways and Harbours Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Plymouth Corporation 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 Second Reading of the Great Ormes Railway (Tramroad) Bill; and

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, 

**Tuesday, 19th April, 1898.**

The House met at Two of the clock.

**P R A Y E R S.**

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, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.:—

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Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London and North Western Railway (Steam Vessels) 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 by adding the words "in the opinion of this House it is undesirable that permanent powers should be given as sought by the London and North Western Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill"—(Mr. William Field)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Cockburn; 97.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Field; 91.

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.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Wines Imported, which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Utimur House (Scotland) (Account and List of Estates), which was presented upon the 18th day of this instant April, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the Administration of Procurator for controlling danger to Man through the use as Food of the Meat and Milk of Tuberculous Animals, Part I. Report.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Council of the Borough of Barns-in-Parrsers, altering certain Polling Districts within the Borough.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Papers regarding the Famine and the Relief Operations in India during the years 1897-8, No. VII.

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

Sir William Walrond presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2053 to 2059.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, Nos. 452 and 454.

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

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—General Abstract of the Number of Marriages, Births, and Deaths in England in the year 1897.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Colonial Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley (Ireland),—Copy of Report, No. 226, (Annual Report) for 1896-7.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain also presented,—British South Africa Company (Staff).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of Lighting Proosals contained in the Provisiional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of Lighting Provisions contained in the Provisiional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of Lighting Provisions contained in the Provisiional 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of Lighting Provisions contained in the Provisiional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Vaccination Second Reading of the Vaccination 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. Thomas Baring.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty to make the Order in Council under the Military Manoeuvres Act, 1897, a Draft of which was presented to this House on 17th February last.—(Mr. Brodrick.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.
The Order of the day being read, the Committee on the Bill 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 Vagrancy Act 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 Lodgers' Declarations (Ireland) 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 Reserve Forces 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 India Office (Store Depot) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Suffragan Bishops 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 London University Commission Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Akers-Douglas reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1898-99.

Class I.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £236,000, 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 upon the 31st day of March 1899, for Customs, Inland Revenue, &c., Buildings (Great Britain).

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £117,000, 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 upon the 31st day of March 1899, in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £46,000, 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 upon the 31st day of March 1899, for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces and Marlborough House.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £77,000, 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 upon the 31st day of March 1899, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.

5. 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 upon the 31st day of March 1899, for the Houses of Parliament Buildings.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £20,000, 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 upon the 31st day of March 1899, for the Government of the United States of America and Foreign Missions;

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £19,000, 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 upon the 31st day of March 1899, for Expenditure in respect of the Exchequer and Consular Buildings, Great Britain.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £14,571, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending upon the 31st day of March 1899, for the PublicKey, in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings, and for the maintenance of certain Cemeteries Abroad.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,696, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending upon the 31st day of March 1899, for the Office of the Privy Council, &c., under the Store Depot Office.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,404,000, 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 upon the 31st day of March 1899, for Expenditure in respect of the Rating of Government Property Department, and for a Contribution towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

The said Resolutions being read a second time,

The First Ten Resolutions were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Eleventh Resolution, "That a Sum, not exceeding £204,000, 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 upon the 31st day of March 1899, for Expenditure in respect of sundry Foreign Powers, and for the Salaries and Expenditure in respect of the Rating of Government Property Department, and for a Contribution towards the Expenses of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade"—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being ten minutes before Seven of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed Tomorrow.
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Evening Sitting.

Public Business.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in the opinion of this House, it is essential to a just and efficient system of National Education that there should be within reach of every child in England and Wales a public elementary school under local representative management; and that there should also be provided increased facilities for the training of teachers in colleges free from sectarian control—(Mr. Lloyd-George); The House divided; The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left; Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis, Yes; Mr. M'Arthur: 

101. Tellers for Sir William Walrond, Noes; Mr. Anstruther: 

183. So it is passed in the Negative.

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

Wednesday, 20th April, 1898:

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office 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 Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Men's Dwellings (No. 2) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of May next.

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 Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 3rd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works Loans Act (1897) 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 Adulteration (Food Products) Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 5th day of this instant April, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Resolution, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all expenses incurred by the Vot. 135.

Commissioners of Works, under any Act of the present Session, for the acquisition of Land at Southamptons as a Site for Customs and other Offices connected therewith—(Mr. Akers-Douglas); And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Universities and Colleges Estates Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Greenwich Hospital Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of March last, That the Greenwich Hospital 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 Police Courts Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Solicitors 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 Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the said Committee; 

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraphs Committee on Telegraphs (Grant); 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law (Scotland) Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Resolutions into consideration the Benefices (No. 2) Bill, as (No. 2) bill, amended in the Standing Committee; 

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Private Bill Committee on the Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill; 

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means,™*

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sunday Closing (Wales) Amendment Act, 1891 Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Architects' Registration Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act, 1887 Amendment (No. 2) Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 2nd day of May 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 Monday the 2nd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Post Office (Local Authority Guarantee) 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 Superannuation (Metropolis) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities Officers' Superannuation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners) 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 Agricultural Holdings Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Wednesday, 20th April, 1898.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Eightfold Gas Bill, as amended in Bill, the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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 any Expenditure to meet such Expenditure, was read the first time; 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 Burnley (Rural), Clitheroe (Rural), Epping, Enfield, Stratford, Heston and Isleworth, Keswick, Sand­

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

A Petition of the Maldon Water Supply Company, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Maldon, praying that Provision may be made in the Maldon Water Bill authorising the construction of additional Waterworks by the Maldon Corporation, and the raising of further Capital, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Petition of the Clacton-on-Sea Gas and Water Company, and the Clacton District Council, praying that Provision may be made in the Clacton-on-Sea Gas and Water Bill authorising a further Supply of Water in the Clacton District, and giving Power to the Clacton District Council to borrow the necessary Money to carry on the Undertaking, 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.
Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, datable the 29th day of March last, for a Return relative to Corporal Punishment (Sentences).

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

Buckie (Cluny) Harbour Bill. A Copy of the Report of the Board of Trade on the Buckie (Cluny) Harbour Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

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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 Corn Sales Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

As Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months"—(Mr. Abel Henry Smith.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas were:—Yea, [Mr. Jasper More] 76.

The Nays were:—Nay, [Mr. Robert Price] 150.

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 Land Tenure (Wales and Monmouth) Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time—and a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trawlers' Certificates Suspension Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London School Board Elections Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of June next.

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Ordered,
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 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 Clancarty Estates Compulsory Purchase Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Leasehold Enfranchisement (England and Wales) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of May next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of this instant April, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Eleventh Resolution, viz.:

That a Sum, not exceeding £204,003, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, 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 Department, and for a Contribution towards the Expense of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades; which was then reported from the Committee of Supply:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee. And then the House, having continued to sit till five and twenty minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

### Thursday, 21st April, 1898.

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. 63 has been complied with, viz.:

- **Bristol Tramways (Electrical Power, &c.) Bill.**
- **Bristol Tramways (Extensions) 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 not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:
Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Corporal Punishment (Sentences), which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant April, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Return to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return, according (Judicial to Provinces and Counties of Judicial Rents, Rents.) Ireland, Mr. Gerald Balfour, by her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report, showing for the Standard Year the Total Valuation in each Poor Law Union of all Rateable Hereditaments,

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, according to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return, showing for the Standard Year the Total Valuation in each Poor Law Union of all Rateable Hereditaments, viz.:—

(a) Agricultural Land as defined in the Local Government (Ireland) Bill; (b) all other Rateable Hereditaments; (c) Total Rateable Valuation of such Union.

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Sir William Coddington reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group D. of Private Bills; That (Group D.) the parties promoting the Dublin Port and Docks Bill had stated that the evidence of Sidney B. Stoney and John P. Griffith, of Westminster Street, Dublin, being the Assistant Secretary of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, 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 Sidney B. Stoney and John P. Griffith do attend the said Committee upon Wednesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Sidney B. Stoney and John P. Griffith do attend the Committee on Group D. of Private Bills upon Wednesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Sir William Coddington reported from the Private Bills Committee on Group D. of Private Bills; That (Group D.) the parties promoting the Dublin Port and Docks Bill had stated that the evidence of F. W. Downe, of Westminster Street, Dublin, being the Assistant Secretary of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, 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 F. W. Downe do attend the said Committee on Wednesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and that he do bring with him—

The Reports of the Finance Committee of the Board and of the Secretary on the subject of the borrowing powers of the Board since 1888.

Any Resolution of the Board passed in the year 1895 or 1896 relative to overdraft from the Bank of Ireland, and any reply received from the Bank in reference to such application, and all Correspondence with the Bank of Ireland in reference thereto.

All applications made to the Board for accommodation at the Port for or for works required by persons using the Port from the year 1890 to the present time, and all Reports of the Engineer or Secretary on such applications or dealing with expenditure needed at the Port which had to be deferred owing to want of funds.

All by-laws or orders made by the Board with respect to the conduct of elections of members of the Board.

Original Draft of Report prepared by the Engineer for insertion in the Report of the Board for the year 1897.

The Register or other List of Ballot Office Delegates, and of mortgages under the Acts of 1869 and 1879, and now outstanding.

The Minute Books of the Board and of Committees since 1886, containing entries relative to the borrowing powers of the Board or to works which were required to be postponed owing to want of funds.

Report of B. B. Stoney, dated the 24th September 1885.

Letter from Dublin and Glasgow Steamship Company and Glasgow, Dublin, and London Steamship Company, dated the 1st August 1885.

Report of Harbour Master, dated the 25th September 1885.

Report from Secretary submitted to Parliament Committee by the Board on the 15th October 1885.

Like of Engineer.

Returns of luggages and payments submitted to same Committee on the 19th February 1886.
Like, showing how Quays are utilised.

Secretary's Report submitted to this meeting.

Law Agent's Report; on borrowing powers also submitted.

Law Agent's Report, 14th December 1892, relative to borrowing.

Auditor's Report, 13th June 1896.

Map of Harbours submitted by Engineer to meeting of Board of 6th March 1896.

Letter from Law Agent, dated 26th November 1896.

Pensions (Provisional Order No. 1) 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 gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Louther reported the Aberystwyth Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Various Powers) Bill, without Amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Chairman's Panel; That they had appointed Mr. Arthur O'Connor to act as Chairman of the Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, in the place of Sir James Ferguson.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed by this House to join with a Committee of the Lords on Electrical Energy (Generating Stations and Supply) have leave to hear parties interested by themselves, their Counsel, Agents, and Witnesses, if they think fit.—(Mr. Ashton.)

Resolved, That 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 Indian Financial Statement for 1898-99, and of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of the Governor General thereon.—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords were brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords communicate Minutes of Evidence Hart's Divorce Case (Great Britain) (1898-99).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

In the Committee.

Tea.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Tea, 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-nine, on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland, that is to say:—

Tea — — — the pound — Four Pence.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer — Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Tobacco.

Resolved, That, in lieu of the Duties of Tobacco, Customs now payable on Tobacco, shall be, and after the sixteenth day of May, One Penny
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thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, be charged, levied, and paid upon Tobacco imported into Great Britain or Ireland, the Duties following (that is to say):—

Tobacco, manufactured, &c.—

Cigars—

Clandestine or Negligent—

Other manufactured Tobacco the pound—

Staff containing more than thirty pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof—

Staff not containing more than thirty pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof—

Tobacco, unmanufactured, &c.—

Containing ten pounds or more of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof—

Containing less than ten pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof—

As by Law provided, shall on or after the said sixteenth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, be allowed at the rate of Eight pence as in the said section.

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the Customs and the Inland Revenue.

Resolved, That is expedient to amend the Law relating to the Customs and the Inland Revenue. Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

(4th April)

The adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 19th day of this instant April, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Eleventh Resolution, viz.:—’That a Sum, not exceeding £204,003, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, 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, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National and Mutual Property Department, and for a police Fire Brigade, which was then reported from the Committee of Supply; And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Supply, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 10th day of this instant April, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Eleventh Resolution, viz.:—’That a Sum, not exceeding £204,003, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, 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, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National and Mutual Property Department, and for a police Fire Brigade, which was then reported from the Committee of Supply; And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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The Order of the day being read, for the resolution of Supply, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 10th day of this instant April, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Eleventh Resolution, viz.:—’That a Sum, not exceeding £204,003, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, 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, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National and Mutual Property Department, and for a police Fire Brigade, which was then reported from the Committee of Supply; And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Resuming of the Debate on the Question proposed, on the Adjourned Debate on the Second Reading of the County Councils (Qualification of Women) Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 16th day of May next.

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

Then the Bill was passed.

The Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of May next.

The Second Reading of the Baths and Washhouses Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

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

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Local Government Order (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.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of this instant April, for a Return relative to East India (Financial Statement), 1898-99.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, in pursuance of Standing Orders, Order 158,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the Kutter, Tepa Valley, and Chagford Railway Bill proposed additional provision, and the objects thereof.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the administrative procedures for controlling danger to Man through the use as Food of the Meat and Milk of Tuberculous Animals, Part II., Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.

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

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Mr. Hawbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relative to the accession of the Orange Free State to the Postal Union Convention, signed at Vienna on the 4th July 1891.

Mr. Hawbury also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of February last, for a Return relative to the American Mail Service, Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Quit and Crown Rents (Redemption).  

Mr. Hawbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of the Inland Post Amendment (No. 1) Warrant, 1890, dated the 23rd March 1890. Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1859, dated 5th April 1898, ordering that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the Office of Assistant Inspector of Boarded-out Pauper Children under the Local Government Board, professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the Public Service are requisite.  

An Order was made, up to 31st March 1898, showing the Total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund, pursuant to the Act 48 Vic. c. 11, in respect of the Annuity of £315,000, which was guaranteed by Her Majesty for the purpose of facilitating the raising of a Loan by the Government of Egypt, and of the Sums paid in or towards the repayment of any Money so issued.  

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, and that the Return relative to the American Mail Service be printed.

Trade Reports (Annual Series.)

Sir William Walrond presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports (Annual Series), No. 2053.

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

The Statute Law Revision Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be printed. Bill 185.

The House, according to Order, resolved Sir Anthony Eden into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Hawbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relative to the accessory of the Orange Free State to the Postal Union Convention, signed at Vienna on the 4th July 1891.

Message from the Lords.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886: And that Mr. Weir, Mr. S. Johnstone, Sir William M'Lellon, Sir John Lubbock, Mr. Scott, Sir William Houldsworth, Mr. Kaus, and Mr. Parker Smith do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to render valid certain Letters Patent granted to Thomas Holmes for improvements in Apparatus applicable to Twist Loom Machines; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act for extending and defining the objects of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, 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 Torrington and Okehampton Railway Company to erect their Railway, to extend the time for compulsory purchase of Lands and Completion of Works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intilted, An Act to authorise the Urban District Council of Bakewell to supply Gas and to provide for the transfer of the Undertaking of the Bakewell Gaslight Company to the Council; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Stirling Gaslight Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph William Leathem 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 receive itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported Ways and Means Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

Report.

Tobacco.

That, in lieu of the Duties of Customs now payable on Tobacco, there shall, on and after the sixteenth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, be charged, levied, and paid upon Tobacco imported into Great Britain or Ireland, the Duties following (that is to say):—

Tobacco, manufactured, &c., viz.:—

Cigars—- the pound— 5
Cloveleaf or Nargenhead— the pound— 3 10
Cloveleaf or Nargenhead, manufactured in board— the pound— 3 5
Other manufactured Tobacco the pound— 3 5
Snuff containing more than thirteen pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof— the pound— 3 2
Snuff containing more than thirteen pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof— the pound— 3 10
Tobacco, unmanufactured, &c., viz.:—

Containing ten pounds or more of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof— the pound— 3 2
Containing less than ten pounds of moisture in every one hundred pounds weight thereof— the pound— 3
And the drawback allowed under Section one of the Manufactured Tobacco Act, 1863, on &c., Tobacco exported from Great Britain or Ireland, or deposited in a bonded or Queen's warehouse as by Law provided, shall on or after the said sixteenth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, be allowed at the rate of Two shillings and Nine pence upon every pound weight instead of Three shillings and Three pence as in the said section.

Income Tax.

That Income Tax shall be charged for the Income Tax year beginning the sixth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, at the rate of Eight pence.

General.

That, in expedit to amend the Law relating to Customs and to the Customs and the Inland Revenue. The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Finance, viz.:—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Commons (Regulation) 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 Merchandise Marks Acts (1857) 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 Post Office Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The
Locomotives on Highways Bill.

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 on 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, 25th April, 1898.

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.:-

Neath, Postoffice, and Brynaman Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) 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 have not 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 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.:

Maldon Water Bill.

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

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

Epsom-on-Sea Gas and Water Bill.

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

The Epsom 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 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Various Powers) 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 Eastern Telegraph Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.
(1) Which have been warned by the Educational Department that the Annual Grant will in future be withheld unless defects in the School Premises are remedied;

(2) 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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NOTE.—Schools from which the Grant has been withheld are marked *.

(2) Mr. Channing reported from the Committee on the Widnes Water Bill; they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Message from the Lords.

Bideford and Clovelly Railway Bill

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Bill had been brought from the Lords by Criminal Case. Second Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Offices (Harry Offices, Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Bill for incorporating the Bideford and Clovelly Railway Company, and for other purposes; to

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the

Habitual Inebriates Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Treatment of Habitual Inebriates: And that Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, the Lord Advocate, and Mr. Jesse Collings to prepare, and bring it in.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the Treatment of Habitual Inebriates; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Customs Officers (North-eastern) Bill and Customs and other Duties (Harry Dock) Bill.

Mr. Aber-Douglass, Colonel Lockwood, and Mr. Joseph Samuel were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Customs Officers (Southampton) Bill and the Customs and other Duties (Harry Dock) Bill—(Sir William Wa- rrend.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Evidence in 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 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 thereon;

And, it being Midnight, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the business.

Thursday, 28th April, 1898:

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 [Sir William Walrond]; Yes, [Mr. Amstather]; Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill]; Noo, [Mr. Caroon];

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 [Sir William Walrond]; Yes, [Mr. Amstather]; Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill]; Noo, [Mr. Lyttelton];

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee,—(Mr. Lyttelton.)

And it being after Midnight, and Objection being taken to further Proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Universities Second Reading of the Universities and Colleges Estates Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sheriff Committee on the Sheriff’s Tenure of Office (Scotland) Bill;

Revised, That this House will, this day, re-call the Bill, and dissolve it into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Second Reading of the Charitable Loans (Ire- land) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Vaccination the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, Bill,

upon the 19th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Vaccination 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 India Office (Store Dept.) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Record Office 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 Suffragan Bishops 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 London University Commission Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order for the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation 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 Benefices (No. 2) 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 Private Bill Procedure (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 Committee on the Reserve Forces 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 to be made to the Bill on the 11th day of March last, That the Bill be read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Monday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment made by the Speaker to the Question, That the Service Franchise Bill be now read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Monday 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Honorary Surgeons (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Honorary Surgeons (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 Local Government (Scotland) 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 Second Reading of the Poor Law (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 Poor Law Bill (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Scotland) 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 Second Reading of the Strain Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill; 
Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Irish Surnames Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Irish Surnames Bill,

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

The Merchandise Marks Act (1893) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act (1887) Amendment Bill;

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

The Post Office Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the 8th day of June 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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five and twenty minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this time.

Tuesday, 26th April, 1898.

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 Orders Nos. 62 and 63 have been complied with, viz.,—

Wey Valley 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 Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.,—

Stokeon Trent 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 Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.,—

Bakewell Patent Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.,—

Glasgow Corporation (Sewage, &c.) Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the sheriffing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Norfolk (Southern Division), in the room of Francis Taylor, 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 Resenham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Mr. James Stuart reported from the Committee on the railway Bills on Group 4 of Railway Bills; That the parties promoting the Barry Railway Bill had stated that the evidence of William Lester Jones, Shipping Agent for the Great Western Colliery Company, Limited, of 4, Cathedral Road, Cardiff, 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 Lester Jones do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at half past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That William Lester Jones do attend the Committee on Group 4 of Railway Bills to-morrow, at half an hour after Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on Railway Bills on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That the parties promoting the Dublin Southern District Tramways Dublin South Bill had stated that the evidence of John Mallon, Assistant Commissioner of Police in Dublin, 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 John Mallon do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That John Mallon do attend the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

A Petition of the London County Council, London praying that Provision may be made in the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, authorising an increase in the amount of Money to be expended by the London County Council on the construction of a tunnel for foot passengers under the River Thames, and the insertion of a Clause in the said Bill, confirming an Agreement between the London County Council and his Grace the Duke of Bedford, for the construction of a Subway between Catherine Street and Drury Lane for the accommodation of the Mains and Pipes of Gas, Water, and other Companies, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Linkwood Corporation (Water) Bill was Linkwood Corporation (Water) Bill read a second time; and committed.

The Upper Assam Tea Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Victoria Embankment Extension and Saint John's Improvement Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Burdett-Coutts.)

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.

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Tellers for the (Sir Barrington Simcox.) Yes. (Mr. Arnold Forster.) 84.

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 Plymouth Corporation 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 Fishguard and Rosslare Harbours 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 Brecon and Merthyr Tydfil Junction Railway 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 Fishguard and Rosslare Harbours and Harbours Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fishguard Railway 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 Belfast 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. Knox.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

The House divided.
The Yea to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Mr. Wolff.
Yea. (Mr. William Johnston.) 94.
Tellers for the Mr. Knox.
Noes. (Mr. Timothy M. Healy.) 260.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Five Members, Three to be nominated by the House, and Two by the Committee of Selection.—(Mr. Knox);
The House divided.
The Yea to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Mr. Knox.
Yea. (Mr. Timothy M. Healy.) 90.
Tellers for the Mr. Knox.
Noes. (Mr. William Johnston.) 260.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Bill was committed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 19th day of this instant April, That the Great Orme Tramway and Tramroad Bill be now read a second time, 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.

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The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (New Works) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order made upon the 26th day of March last, That the Brecon and Merthyr Tydfil Junction Railway Bill be committed, was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Quit and Crown Rents (Ireland) (Redemption), which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant April, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Mines by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report (Accidents) by J. M. Ronalson, Esquire, and Henry Hall, Esquire, Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines, to Colliery the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the circumstances attending the Accident which occurred in Nos. 3 and 4 Pits of the Drumvalter Colliery, Coatbridge, on the 25th January 1868.

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

The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to an Order, British Museum. No. 173.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hardinge presented,—Return to an Order, British Museum. No. 174.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the (Ireland) Commissioners of Education in Ireland, for the Year 1897.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Walrond presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2064 and 2065.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Burial Grounds in Session 1897 be referred to the Select Committee on Burial Grounds.—(Mr. Jebb.)

Mr. Johnson-Ferguson reported from the Committee on Private Bills on Group P. of Private Bills; That, for (Group P.) the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday, at Twelve of the clock.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Johnstone reported from the Committee on the Standing Reservoirs Joint Committee 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.

The Museum of the Science and Art Department, No. 37.

Sir Francis Sharp Powell reported from the Select Committee on the Museums of the Science and Art Department; 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 Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; [Parallel Orders confirmed.]

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government 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 Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; [Parallel Orders confirmed.]

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Chippenham Valley Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported Goy's Hospital Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on Goy's Hospital Bill; That they had agreed to the following Special Report:

That the Bill seeks to alter the general law by enacting that the death of the grantees of any land to the Corporation of Goy's Hospital within twelve months from the date of the execution of the Deed of Gift of such land shall not invalidate the said Deed; but it appearing that Mr. Attorney General was satisfied with the provisions of the Bill as submitted to the Committee they were of opinion that the said provisions should be allowed. Under these circumstances the Committee had passed the Bill, without Amendment, but had determined to report the same specially to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Swansea Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Agricultural Company of Mauritius Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Folkestone Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Patriotic Assurance Company Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Tyne Improvement Commissioners (Constitution) Bill, with consent.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther further reported the Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mombrey reported from the Select Committee on the Standing Committee Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members, in respect of the Prisoners Bill:—Sir John Brunner, Sir Charles Cameron, Mr. Jesse Collings, Mr. Dene, Mr. Danby, Mr. Ernest Flower, Sir Henry Foxwell, Mr. Ernest Gray, Mr. Howard, Mr. Heywood Johnston, Mr. Egidius King-Stuttard, Mr. F. P. O'Connell, Mr. Puxton, Mr. Ranshaw, and Lord Edward Talbot.

Sir John Mombrey further reported from the Trade, etc. Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufacturers, the following Fifteen Members, in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners) Bill:—Mr. William Allan, Mr. Gibson Bowles, Mr. J. C. Sutherland, Sir Donald Currie, Colonel Denby, Mr. Donkin, (Liability of Shipowners) Mr. Doaghy, Mr. Davy, Sir Francis Evans, Mr. Farquharson Flannery, Sir Cameron Guild, Sir John Ley, Mr. Joseph Richardson, Sir Thomas Sutherland, Mr. Charles Wilson, and Mr. Havelock Wilson.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Mombrey reported from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Crystal Palace Crystal Palace Company Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

2. That, in the case of the Gainsborough Gas Gainsborough Gas Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

3. That,
3. That, in the case of the Sheffield Corporation 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for making further Provisions respecting the Capital and Undertaking of the Crystal Palace Company, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Henry David Greene and Sir Frederick Gisborne Macartney do prepare, and bring in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Crystal Palace Company Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further Provisions respecting the Capital and Undertaking of the Sheffield Electric Light and Power Company, and to confer Borrowing Powers and other Powers on the said Corporation: And that Mr. Stuart-Fortley, Sir Richard Vincent, and Mr. Longley do prepare, and bring in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Gainsborough Gas Company and Mr. Langley be printed.

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 Gainsborough Gas Company Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for granting further Powers to the Gainsborough Gas Company: And that Mr. Reissinger and Mr. Davis do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Solicitors (Ireland) 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 Proceedings of the Standing Committee be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 21st day of May next; and be printed.

Objection having been taken to the vote of Mr. Mactavish, Member for South Antrim, on the 19th of April last on the Second Reading of the London and North Western Railway (Steam Vessels) Bill, on the ground that he was a Director of the London and North Western Railway Company; A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the vote of Mr. Mactavish be disallowed—(Mr. Field); Mr. Mactavish, having been heard in his place, withdrew.

And the Question being put; The House divided. The Yeses to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeses, Mr. MacNeill; Mr. Meany; 109. Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Grant Lawson, Mr. Muntz; 209. So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879: And that Sir Andrew Scottie, Mr. Duckitt, do prepare, and bring in.

Sir Edward Clarke, Mr. Henry David Greene, and Mr. Samuel Henry do prepare, and bring in.

Sir Andrew Scottie accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered. (In the Committee.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, after the word "County," to insert the words "as defined by this Act."—(Mr. Long.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee on Local Government (Ireland) Bill, be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Ordered, That the words "other than a qualification as freethinker or leasholder."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, after the word "County," to insert the words "other than the qualification of a freeman."—(Mr. Keay.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, after the word "County," to insert, as a new sub-section, the words "(6) every person for the time being rated in the occupation of premises rated for the relief of the poor who has paid such rate."—(Mr. Hosea Webster.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, after "1899," to insert the words, "Provided always that Section twenty-six of the Parliamentary and Municipal Elections Act, 1872 (35 and 36 Vic. c. 33), and the forms of declaration referred to therein shall not apply to this Act."—(Mr. Robert Grant Webster.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate arising.

Wednesday, 27th April, 1899: 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 Lister reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Local Government (Ireland) Bill; [Consolidated Fund]; 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 Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill; x 3 Ordered, 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 Fish from Prohibited Waters (Prevention of Sale) 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 Sea Fisheries 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 Sea Fisheries 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 Registration of Parliamentary Vectors Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Distress Act 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 Shops (Early Closing) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of May 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 the 10th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Baths and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Universities and College Estates 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 Sheriff's Depute Tenure of Office (Scotland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the India Office (Store (Depot) Bill); 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Record Office 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 Suffragan Bishops Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills; That the Parties promoting the Bromley, Chatham, Gillingham, and Rochester Water Bill had stated that the evidence of James Albert Briggs, Shorthand Writer, Rochester, 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 Albert Briggs do attend the said Committee to-day, at one of the clock, and do produce shorthand notes of the statutory meeting called by the Gillingham District Council on the 22nd February 1898.

Ordered, That James Albert Briggs do attend the Committee on Group E of Private Bills this day, at one of the clock, and do produce the said papers.

Amendment proposed, to the proposed Amendment, in Is. 4 to 6, to leave out the words "and to the due representation of any minority holding separate views from the majority of such population."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in p. 2, l. 4, to leave out the word "one," in order to insert the word "councillor," to insert the words "Provided also that the divisions shall be arranged with a view to the population of each division being, so nearly as conveniently may be, equal, regard being had to a proper representation both of the rural and urban population, and to the distribution and pursuits of such population, and to the due representation of any minority holding separate views from the majority of such population, and to the last published Census for the time being, and to evidence of any considerable change of population since such Census."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That the word "one" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 6, to leave out the word "one," in order to insert the word "councillor," to insert the words "Provided also that the divisions shall be arranged with a view to the population of each division being, so nearly as conveniently may be, equal, regard being had to a proper representation both of the rural and urban population, and to the distribution and pursuits of such population, and to the due representation of any minority holding separate views from the majority of such population, and to the last published Census for the time being, and to evidence of any considerable change of population since such Census."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in Is. 4 to 6, to leave out the words "and to the due representation of any minority holding separate views from the majority of such population."—(Sir John Colborne.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment: The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Timothy M. Healy,]

Yea, [Mr. E. Ffrench,]

Noes, [Capt. Donavin:

Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, to leave out Sub-section 5.

Question proposed, That Sub-section 5 stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "and no person shall be disqualified by sex or marriage for being elected or being a councillor for a county."—(Sir Charles Dillik.)

Question put, That those words be there added:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir Charles Dillik,]

Yea, [Mr. Danitt,]

Noes, [Mr. Austruther,]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "and possesses the qualifications required for an elected Poor Law guardian for such county immediately before the passing of this Act."—(Colonel Sanderson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2 (Election and qualification of councillors).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, after "1898," to insert the words "Provided always that Section Twenty-six of the Parliamentary and Municipal Elections Act, 1872 (35 and 36 Vic. c. 33), and the Forms of Declaration referred to therein shall not apply to this Act."—(Mr. Robert Grant Webster.)

Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, to leave out the words "Section Twenty-six," in order to insert the words "the provisions of Rule Twenty-six in the First Schedule"—(Mr. James H. Campbell)—in stead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words "Section Twenty-six" stand part of the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment and Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out the word "January," in order to insert the word "November"—(Mr. Maurice Healy).—in stead thereof.

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And, it being 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 Wednesday the 18th day of May 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 Tuesday the 17th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Congested Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rivers (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of May 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 the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mines (Eight Hours) Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Board Conferences (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 10th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

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

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The House met at Three of the clock.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Provisional Orders (Standing Orders applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. —

Torrington and Okehampton Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz. —

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

Aberystwyth Gas Bill. (Lords.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Aberystwyth Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

York United Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the York United Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Gainsborough Gas Bill.

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

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

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 1897, upon Annual Grants to Elementary Schools; and (2) the actual Number of Elementary Day Schools on the Annual Grant List, on 30th September 1897; the Accommodation and Number of Scholars in those Schools; and (3) The Result of the Inspection and Examination of Elementary Day Schools and Evening Continuation Schools during the year ended 30th September 1897; the Accommodation, Number of Scholars, Teachers employed, Particulars of Grant earned, Income and Expenditure, &c. Copy of Code of Regulations (by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland) for Evening Continuation Schools, 1899.

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

Mr. Goschen presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of March last, for Returns relative to the Royal Naval Reserve.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return containing the Postmaster General’s Regulations as to the employment of Army Reservists as Postmen.—(Mr. Pearson.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Leathart reported from Edinburgh and the Committee on the Edinburgh and Leith Corporations Gas Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting a recital to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Leathart reported the Waterford City Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return for England and Wales, for the year 1897, upon the Expenditure from the Grant for Public Education in England; giving (1) the Number of Children attending Schools who are working for Wages or employed for Profit, with their Ages, Standards, Occupations, Hours of Work, and Rates of Pay; and (2) the different Classes of Employment into which the Boys and Girls attending Elementary Schools in England and Wales went on leaving School during some complete year.—(Mr. Spenser.)

Mr. Johnson-Ferguson reported from the Committee on the Kew Bridge and Approaches Bill; and the Committee on the Kew Bridge and Approaches 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 so 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. Jeffers reported from the Committee on Railway Bills Group 5 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of the Committee, they had adjourned until Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, To-Weight and morrow, the Weights and Measures Bill was read, and discharged.

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 Bill (Ireland). (In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 2 (Additional members and Chairman and Vice-Chairman of County Council).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, to leave out the word “rural.”—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question again proposed, That the word “rural” stand part of the Clause:—Debate resumed.

Question put:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther,] 234.

Tellers for the [Mr. Timothy M. Healy,] Noes, [Mr. Patrick O’Brien.] 100.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, to leave out the word “or is disqualified for election as a member.”—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

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Question proposed, That the words "or is " disqualified for election as a member" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Then—

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 29, after the word "election" to insert the words "or declines to act as an additional member."—(Sir John Brunner.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 25, to leave out the words "and if they think fit," 'a vice-chairman."—(Mr. Langle.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE N° 4 (Transfer to County Council of business of Grand Jury and county at large Presentment Sessions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, after the word "sessions," to insert the words "including—"

"(a) the making, assessing, and levying of county and all rates, and the application and expenditure thereof, and the making of orders for the payment of sums payable out of any such rate or out of the county stock or county fund, and the preparation and revision of the basis or standard for the county rate;"—(Mr. Lough.)

"(b) the borrowing of money;"—(Mr. Waring.)

"(c) the paying of the accounts and the discharge of the county treasurer;"—(Mr. Lough.)

"(d) county halls, assize courts, judges' lodgings, court houses, justices' rooms, and county buildings, works, and property, subject as to the use of buildings by the quarter sessions and the justices to the provisions of this Act;"—(Mr. Lough.)

"(e) the licensing under any general Act of houses and other places for music or for dancing;"—(Mr. Waring.)

"(f) the tables of fees to be taken by and the costs to be allowed to any inspector, analyst, or person holding any office in the county other than the clerk of the peace and the clerks of the Justices;"—(Mr. Lough.)

"(g) the division of the county into polling districts for the purpose of parliamentary elections, the appointment of places of election, the placing of holding courts for the revision of the lists of voters, and the costs of, and other matters to be done for the registration of parliamentary voters;"—(Mr. Lough.)

"(h) the execution as local authority of the Act relating to contagious diseases of animals, to destructive insects, to fish conservancy, to wild birds, to weights and measures, and to gas meters, and of the Local Stamps Act, 1869;"—(Mr. Lough.)

"(i) the registration of rules of scientific societies, the registration of charitable gifts, the certifying and recording of the acts of religious worship, the confirmation and record of the rules of lays societies, and any other business transacted by the Act:"—(Mr. Lough.)

Question proposed, That these words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 38, to leave out the words "save that any fiat or other sanction of a judge of assize shall not be required."—(Colonel Waring.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 5, after the second word "say," to insert the word "such."—(Mr. Clancy.)

Question proposed, That the word "such" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 8, to leave out Sub-section (e).—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question, That Sub-section (e) stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, to leave out Sub-section (d).—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question put, That Sub-section (d) stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Anstruther 143.

Tellers for the Sir Thomas Eames, Nays, Captain Donelan 101.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 10, at the end of the Clause to add the words "save as hereinafter mentioned."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE N° 5 (Transfer to County Courts of Grand Jury business respecting compensation for criminal injuries).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 16, to leave out Sub-section (2), and insert the words,—

"(2.) From and after the passing of this Act the provisions of the said enactments as to the mode of making applications for compensation for loss or damage resulting from malicious injury shall be repealed, and in all cases where any property of the nature described in the said enactments shall be maliciously destroyed or injured, the person or persons injured by any such offence and intending to claim compensation for any loss or damage sustained thereby shall, not later than three days from the day on which such offence shall have been committed, serve notice in writing of such injury at the police station nearest to the place where such offence was committed, stating the time and place where such injury was done, the particular property destroyed or injured, and whether such destruction or injury was complete or partial, the amount or value of the property so destroyed or injured, and (if known) the name or names of the person or persons by whom such offence was committed, or (if such person or persons be unknown) such particulars relating to the offender or offenders as may be known, and shall, within Fourteen days from the date of such offence serve on the council of the county, county borough, or district in which such offence shall have been committed, a civil Bill for the recovery of the county court judge or recorder, as the case may be, may dismiss the same or make
make a decree against the said county or
county borough or urban district council for
the amount of the loss or damage occasioned by
such offence, and may fix the area, off which
the amount of such decree, including costs
and expenses, is to be levied, and costs
shall follow every such decree or dismissal,
and shall be double the amount of the costs
of an ordinary decree or dismissal, and the
time or persons or council obtaining any
such decree or dismissals shall be entitled to
the expenses of such publication and to ex-
penditure on the scale from time to time in force
in the High Court of justice in Ireland
of such witnesses as the judge at the hearing
shall certify to be necessary witnesses.
(4.) Every such decree or dismissal may be
appealed to the next going judge of assize
in like manner as appeals are now made
subject to the like rules (but so that no
appeal shall be taken from any decree
unless and until costs and expenses of such
decrees shall have been lodged in court) and
upon the hearing of every such appeal, such
judge of assize may confirm, vary, or reverse
such decree or dismissal, and may assess,
increase or reduce the sum or sums of
money ordered or denied to be paid thereby,
and may alter the area thereby affected.
(5.) Every such decree or affirmance shall
have the same effect as if it were a present-
ment under the said enactments.—(Mr. Shee.)
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
(6.) Rules of court may regulate the notice
upon Monday next.
(7.) Any person or council who appealed or
thought not actually appearing was entitled to
appear before the county court in relation to
such application may, if aggrieved by the
refusal or decree of the county court, appeal
to the judge of assize, and subject to this Act
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like manner as in the case of any other appeal;
and the judge may vary the decree in respect
of the area off which compensation is to be
levied as well as in respect of other matters.
(8.) The judge of assize upon any such
appeal shall, in addition to any other power,
have power if he thinks fit to empanel a jury
to try any issue of fact arising on the appeal,
and such jury shall, if any party to the pro-
ceedings so requires, be a special jury.
(9.) The county court judge of assize
respectively may award costs to or against any
party to a proceeding under this section.
(10.) Rules of court may regulate the notice
to be given of any application or opposition,
and generally the practice and procedure
under this section, and in particular such
rules shall provide that non-compliance by
the applicant with any of the rules shall not render
the proceeding void unless the court or judge
of assize so direct, but the proceedings may be
set aside wholly or in part, or be
amended or otherwise dealt with in such
manner and upon such terms as the court or
judge may think just.—(Mr. Attorney
General for Ireland.)
Resolved, That the words "on an
application" stand part of the Clause:—
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Universities and College
Second Reading of the Universities and College
Store Bill; 1. 17, to leave out from the word "enactments,"
to the end of the Clause, and add the words,—
(3.) Any person or council may apply to the county court, and the
county council and any person paying poor
rate in that county, as well as the
applicant, appear and be heard by the county
court in relation to the application.

(4.) Any person or council who appealed or
thought not actually appearing was entitled to
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manner and upon such terms as the court or
judge may think just.—(Mr. Attorney
General for Ireland.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,—put, and
negatived. 

Question proposed, That those words be there added ;

Amendments made to the proposed Amendment.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment as amended, to leave out from the word "appeal," in l. 12, to the end of Sub-section
(3).—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment,—
put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment as amended, in l. 17, to leave out the words "may award costs to or against any," in order to insert the words "shall award costs against any successful."—

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Amendment,—

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made to the proposed Amendment as amended.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment as amended, in l. 20, to leave out the words "or opposition."— (Mr. Theodore Healy.)

Question proposed, That the words "or opposition" stand part of the proposed Amendment—Debate arising:

Friday, 29th April, 1898:

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 Leathe reported, That the Com-
mittee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday
next, again resolve itself into the said Com-
mittee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Govern-
ment (Ireland) (Consolidated Fund) ;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sheriff's Deputes' Tenure of Office
(Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Universities
and College Estates Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the India Office
Second Reading of the India Office (Store Depot)
(Store Depot) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Greenwich
Hospital Bill; the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed
upon the 29th day of March last, That the Greenwich Hospital Bill be now read a second time;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Appeal for
Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (Repeal) 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 Statute Law Revision 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 9th day of this instant April, That the Evidence in Criminal Cases 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 Charitable Loans (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 19th day of this instant April, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Vaccination 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 Metropolitan Police 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 Merchant Shipping (Merronista Marine Fund) 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 Dogs Regulation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Rentees (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Out-door Provident Relief 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 Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers’ Declarations (Ireland) 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 Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (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 Telegraph Committee on Telegraphs [Grant]; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Record Committee on the Public Record Office Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Suffragan Committee on the Suffragan Bishops Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reserve Forces Committee on the Reserve Forces Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Salmon and Second Reading of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Canals Second Reading of the Canals Protection (London) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Prisoners’ Second Reading of the Prisoners’ Personal Correction Prohibition Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Acts Second Reading of the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Out-door Second Reading of the Out-door Provident Relief Bill! Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pharmacy 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 Smaller Dwellings (Scotland) 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 (Scotland Act (1894) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Surnames Committee on the Irish Surnames Bill; Resolved,
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28th—29th April.

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 Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Friday, 29th April, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, have leave to sit this day during the Sitting of the House.—(Mr. Arthur O'Connor.)

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.:— "Rhondale and Swansea Bay Railway Bill." Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Agricultural Company of Mauritius 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.

Ordered, That the Patriotic Assurance 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.

Ordered, That the Tyne Improvement Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the House proceed to take into consideration the Corporation of London (Foreign Cattle Market, Deptford) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Use of Undertaking by the Admiralty) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Traffic to be suspended during works of drainage) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (As to altering and widening part of street in which tramway is laid if required) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Exhibition of placards) 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.

Ordered, That the Bristol Tramways (Electrical Power, &c.) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Renfew Burgh and Harbour Extension Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

A Petition of the Cromer Gas and Coke Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Cromer Gas Bill authorising the acquisition of additional Lands to be used as a new site for the construction of Gasworks, and confirming an Agreement in relation thereto, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken at Stockwell before the Committee on the Richmond Foot- and Vanwall bridge, Sluices, Lock, and Shipway Bill of Session 1899 be referred to the Committee on the South­work and Vanwall Water Bill of this Session.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Clergy Clergy (West (West Indices), which was presented upon the 11th day of March last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Royal Royal Naval Reserve, which was presented upon the 28th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return to an Order, to Order, dated the 12th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for 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.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the Bankruptcy Bankruptcy Act, 1890, showing the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of Bankruptcy Proceedings during the year ended 31st March 1898;

Account showing the Receipts and Expenditure in respect of Bankruptcy Proceedings under the Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890, during the year ended 31st March 1898;

Copy of Treasury Minute under the Super­Super­annua­tion Act, 1884, dated 22nd April 1898, declaring that Commander R. Patton Jenkins, R.N., Naval Assistant Controller of Packet Services, Post Office Department, was appointed without Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Crofter Commission (Scotland); Bankruptcy Act, 1883 (Proceedings), and Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Metropolitan Police Board, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, 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 1898.

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

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing Grants.)
Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, "Bombay, Buroda, and Central India Railway Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House."

The Bombay, Buroda, and Central India Railway Company 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 admit to the School Board Electorate in Scotland all persons entitled to vote for the County Council Election: And that Mr. Weir, Mr. James Bailie, Dr. Clark, Mr. Nicol, Sir Leonard Lyell, Mr. M'Lod, Sir William Wedderburn, and Mr. Caldwell do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Weir presented a Bill to admit to the School Board Electorate in Scotland all persons entitled to vote for the County Council Election: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Steadman present a Bill to grant Watermen's Certificates to Watermen; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 24th day of June next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the House, according to Order, resolved Supply (for the present year) into itself.

Ordered, That the Resolutions, being read a second time, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee may have power to alter the Committees to which the Bills are referred; and that he was acquainted by the Chair.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to direct the Committee to move, That the Committee may have power to alter the Committees to which the Bills are referred; and that the Bills be referred to the Committee on the Bill to grant Watermen's Certificates.

Ordered, That the Bills be referred to the Committee on the Bill to admit to the School Board Electorate in Scotland all persons entitled to vote for the County Council Election.

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

Ordered, That the said Resolutions, being read a second time, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee be allowed to attend the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee on the Bill to admit to the School Board Electorate in Scotland all persons entitled to vote for the County Council Election.

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

Ordered, That the said Resolutions, being read a second time, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to direct the Committee to move, That the Committee may have power to alter the Committees to which the Bills are referred; and that the Bills be referred to the Committee on the Bill to grant Watermen's Certificates.

Ordered, That the Bills be referred to the Committee on the Bill to admit to the School Board Electorate in Scotland all persons entitled to vote for the County Council Election.

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

Ordered, That the said Resolutions, being read a second time, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee be allowed to attend the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee on the Bill to admit to the School Board Electorate in Scotland all persons entitled to vote for the County Council Election.

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

Ordered, That the said Resolutions, being read a second time, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to direct the Committee to move, That the Committee may have power to alter the Committees to which the Bills are referred; and that the Bills be referred to the Committee on the Bill to grant Watermen's Certificates.

Ordered, That the Bills be referred to the Committee on the Bill to admit to the School Board Electorate in Scotland all persons entitled to vote for the County Council Election.

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

Ordered, That the said Resolutions, being read a second time, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee be allowed to attend the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee on the Bill to admit to the School Board Electorate in Scotland all persons entitled to vote for the County Council Election.

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

Ordered, That the said Resolutions, being read a second time, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have power to direct the Committee to move, That the Committee may have power to alter the Committees to which the Bills are referred; and that the Bills be referred to the Committee on the Bill to grant Watermen's Certificates.

Ordered, That the Bills be referred to the Committee on the Bill to admit to the School Board Electorate in Scotland all persons entitled to vote for the County Council Election.

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

Ordered, That the said Resolutions, being read a second time, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee be allowed to attend the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee on the Bill to admit to the School Board Electorate in Scotland all persons entitled to vote for the County Council Election.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Supply.
Monday, 2nd May, 1898.

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. 69 has been complied with, viz.:

Crystall Palace Company Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time:

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow:

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.:

London County Council (General Powers) Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders:

The Aberystwyth Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships:

The York United 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 Chipstead 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 Folkestone Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Swanssea Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time:

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Swansea Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time:

The Bakerloo Gas Bill was read a second Bakerloo Gas Bill; and committed.

The Neath, Postordable, and Brynaman Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed:

The Sheffield Corporation Bill was read a second Sheffield Corporation Bill; and committed:

The Wey Valley Water Bill was read a second Wey Valley Water Bill; and committed:

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and West Ham Burgesses of the County Borough of West Ham, praying that Provision may be made in the West Ham Corporation Bill conferring power upon the Corporation to supply Fittings and Electric Light Apparatus in Houses, and authorising the compulsory purchase by the Corporation of a Site for the erection of Buildings, to be used as a Museum for the accommodation of the Collections of the Essex Field Club, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills:

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to East Bengal (Dissensions of Government), which was presented upon the 29th day of April last, be printed.

Sir William Walrond presented, by Her Majesty's Agent in India (Disbursements of Home Treasury), which was presented upon the 29th day of April last, be printed.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Light Railway Command, —Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway from the Helston Railway to the Lizard Village, in the County of Cornwall (Lizard Light Railway Order, 1898).

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Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways between Berktoft, in the County of Northampton, and Peterhead, in the County of Lincoln (Crewe and District Light Railways Order, 1898).

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade, in compliance with Section 4 of the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, as to disposing of the amounts of the Saint Nect's Rural District Council and the Huntingdon County Council, in the case of the Saint Nect's Water Provisional Order.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of May, in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns, showing Scholars, Rates, and Loans of School Boards in (1) Urban Districts, and (2) School Districts, other than Boroughs.

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

Uganda Rail­way Act, 1894.—Report of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Money issued from the Consolidated Fund under the Provisions of the Uganda Railway Act, 1894, and of the Money Expended and Borrowed, and Securities created under the said Act, to 31st March 1897, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Secretaries for Scotland as to the operation of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts, 1876, in Scotland, from July 1895 to 31st March 1897.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Commissioners for the Publication of the Ancient Laws and Institutions of Ireland, Breton Law, dated April 1898.

Copy of Royal Warrant, dated 30th March, 1898, approving of alterations in the Statutes of the Royal University of Ireland.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Nottingham (Newark Division), in the room of the Honourable Harold Hennessy Fitz-Hamon, who, since his election for the said County, 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 the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, to whom the Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners) Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

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

Sir Brown Edwards reported from the Committee on the Rivers Pollution Prevention Acts, on the Rivers Thames and Abber Valley Gas and Water Bill; That they had examined the said Water Allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the Bill as passed by the Committee, and had found the same, as amended, to be true; and had made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Johnson-Freygous reported from the Committee on the Cardiff Corporation Bill; That they had examined the Allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and had made other Amendments therein in order to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Jeffery reported the Lleyn and Pwllheli Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Colonel Gunter reported the Bromley, Chatham, Gillingham, and Rochester Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Expenditure up to the 31st day of March 1896 from the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland (Public Works, &c.) Vote; and also the Payments on account of the Registrations of Titles Office, for the registration of Titles Offices constituted under the said Act for each of the two years ending the 31st day of March 1898.
Local Government: (Ireland)

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

Ordered, That Mr. Macdonald be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Petroleum.

Ordered, That Mr. Roscoe be added to the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That Mr. Pyne be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Burial Grounds.

Ordered, That Mr. Lucas-Shadbolt be added to the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

(2nd May.)

Message from Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Speaker, to desire leave to bring in a Bill, entitled "An Act to establish a Metropolitan Scheme for the Burial of the Dead at Metropolitan Burial Grounds."

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Scheme for the Burial of the Dead at Metropolitan Burial Grounds.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Bill, entitled "An Act to establish a Metropolitan Scheme for the Burial of the Dead at Metropolitan Burial Grounds," had been presented to His Majesty by the Lords of the Executive Government, and had been read the first and second time; and had been referred to a Committee of the Whole House for consideration, and the Committee had reported progress, without any Amendment.

Amendment again proposed to the proposed Amendment as amended, in p. 3, l. 25, to leave out the words "or opposition."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question again proposed, That the words "or opposition" stand part of the proposed Amendment as amended.—Debate resumed.

Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made to the proposed Amendment as amended, by leaving out, in l. 25, the words "by the applicant," and adding at the end thereof the words "provided that every such proceeding shall be had and taken within such time as shall be prescribed by the said rules of court, or within such extended time as the court may allow."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment as amended, after the words last added, to add the words "(5.) No court fees shall be payable on or in respect of any proceeding to which this section applies."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

Amendment to the proposed Amendment, as amended, by leave, withdrawn.

Words, as amended, added.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 19, after the words last added, to add the words "in this section shall remain in force until the Thirty-first day of December One thousand thirty-five hundred and four, and no longer."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 20, to leave out Sub-section (b),—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That Sub-section (b) stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 31, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "county councils shall have the same power of administering the Explosive Act as that possessed by the English councils."—(Mr. Eyre.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made, to the proposed Amendment, as amended;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment to the proposed Amendment, in p. 3, l. 32, to leave out the words "other local authority," in order to insert the words "borough councils,"—(Mr. Knowles.)

Question proposed, That the words "other local authority," stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, as amended, proposed, in p. 3, l. 19, in lieu of words omitted, to add the words—

"(3) Any person claiming compensation in a county may apply to the county court, and the county council of the district in which, or on the borders of which, the injury is alleged to have been committed, and also any person paying poor rate in that county may, as well as the applicant, appear and be heard by the county court in relation to the application."—(Mr. Arnold-Forster.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

Amendment to the proposed Amendment, as amended, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 29, to leave out the words "other local authority," and adding at the end thereof the words "county councils."—(Mr. Arnold-Forster.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 20, to leave out Sub-section (b),—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That Sub-section (b) stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 31, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "county councils shall have the same power of administering the Explosive Act as that possessed by the English councils."—(Mr. Eyre.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made, to the proposed Amendment, as amended;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment to the proposed Amendment, in p. 3, l. 32, to leave out the words "other local authority," in order to insert the words "borough councils,"—(Mr. Knowles.)

Question proposed, That the words "other local authority," stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, as amended, proposed, in p. 3, l. 19, in lieu of words omitted, to add the words—

"(3) Any person claiming compensation in a county may apply to the county court, and the county council of the district in which, or on the borders of which, the injury is alleged to have been committed, and also any person paying poor rate in that county may, as well as the applicant, appear and be heard by the county court in relation to the application."—(Mr. Arnold-Forster.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

Amendment to the proposed Amendment, as amended, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 29, to leave out the words "other local authority," and adding at the end thereof the words "county councils."—(Mr. Arnold-Forster.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 20, to leave out Sub-section (b),—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That Sub-section (b) stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 31, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "county councils shall have the same power of managing the Explosive Act as that possessed by the English councils."—(Mr. Eyre.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made, to the proposed Amendment, as amended;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment to the proposed Amendment, in p. 3, l. 32, to leave out the words "other local authority," in order to insert the words "borough councils,"—(Mr. Knowles.)

Question proposed, That the words "other local authority," stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, as amended, proposed, in p. 3, l. 19, in lieu of words omitted, to add the words—

"(3) Any person claiming compensation in a county may apply to the county court, and the county council of the district in which, or on the borders of which, the injury is alleged to have been committed, and also any person paying poor rate in that county may, as well as the applicant, appear and be heard by the county court in relation to the application."—(Mr. Arnold-Forster.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

Amendment to the proposed Amendment, as amended, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 29, to leave out the words "other local authority," and adding at the end thereof the words "county councils."—(Mr. Arnold-Forster.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 20, to leave out Sub-section (b),—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That Sub-section (b) stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 31, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "county councils shall have the same power of managing the Explosive Act as that possessed by the English councils."—(Mr. Eyre.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made, to the proposed Amendment, as amended;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment to the proposed Amendment, in p. 3, l. 32, to leave out the words "other local authority," in order to insert the words "borough councils,"—(Mr. Knowles.)

Question proposed, That the words "other local authority," stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Amendment: proposed, in p. 3, l. 41, to leave out the words “one half of.”—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 5, to leave out the words “until it ceases so to be as hereinafter provided.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 8, after the word “roads” to insert the words “navigation trackways.”—(Mr. Shee.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 9, after the word “roads” to insert the words “straddling, or after modifying it by including in it any additional roads.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 13, after the word “years” to insert the words “Such declaration shall at first be a provisional declaration, and shall be communicated by the county council to each district council in the county in the prescribed manner. After the prescribed time, and after considering any representations which may have been submitted either by any district council or by any person or persons claiming to be interested, the county council shall take the said provisional declaration into consideration, and may adopt same either in its original form or after modifying it by including in it any additional roads.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 18, after the word “maintenance” to insert the words “(5.) A declaration shall at first be a provisional declaration, and shall be communicated by the county council to each district council in the county in the prescribed manner. After the prescribed time, and after considering any representations which may have been submitted either by any district council or by any person or persons claiming to be interested, the county council shall take the said provisional declaration into consideration, and may adopt same either in its original form or after modifying it by including in it any additional roads.”—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment amended by leaving out the words “by including in it any additional roads,” and adding the words “either by way of exclusion or inclusion of roads.”—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Words, as amended, inserted.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 53, at the end of the Clause, after the words added, to add the words “(11.) The county council may, if they think fit, contribute towards the costs of the maintenance, repair, improvement, and enlargement of any road, highway, or public footpath in any county, although the same is not a main road.”—(Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

Amendment proposed, in l. 2 of the proposed Amendment, after the word “the,” to insert the words “construction.”—(Mr. Jordan.)

Question proposed, That the word “construction” be there inserted in the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That those words be there added:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the:—

Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice.

Mr. Lough:—

Tellers for the:—

Mr. Anstruther:—

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLASSE, N° 9 (Provision and management of lunatic asylums).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 24, to leave out the words “construction” and to insert the word “construction.”—(Mr. Jordan.)

Question proposed, That the words “Lord Lieutenant:” stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 37, to leave out the words “Lord Lieutenant,” in order to insert the words “Local Government Board.”—(Mr. Jordan.)

Question proposed, That the words “Lord Lieutenant:” stand part of the Clause:—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 37, to leave out the words “Local Government Board,” in order to insert the words “construction.”—(Mr. Jordan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the:—

Mr. Lough:—

Tellers for the:—

Mr. Anstruther:—

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Committee on Local Government (Ireland) (Consolidated Fund) 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 Sheriffs Depute Tenure of Office (Scotland) Bill.

Resolved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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, third day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Committee on Local Government (Ireland) (Consolidated Fund) 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 Sheriffs Depute Tenure of Office (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLASSE, N° 1 (Removal of Sheriffs Depute by Order of the Secretary for Scotland).

Another Amendment proposed, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill; and, objection being taken to further proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. 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.
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Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Universities and Colleges Estates Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Universities and Colleges Estates Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

India Office (Store Depôt) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the India Office (Store Depôt) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Greenwich Hospital Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of March last, That the Greenwich Hospital Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Habitation Inhabitants Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Habitation Inhabitants Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Appeal for Jury Repeal (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 3rd day of June next.

Statute Law Revision Bill (Lords.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statute Law Revision Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill (Lords.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 25th day of April last, That the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill be committed to a Select Committee;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Vaccination Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 16th day of April last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Vaccination Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

London University Commissioners Bill (Lords.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London University Commissioners Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Metropolitan Police Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) 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 Dogs Regulation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Benevolence into consideration the Benevolence (No. 2) Bill, as (No. 2) Bill, amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Private Bill Committee on the Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Vagrancy Act Second Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lodgers' Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations 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 Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (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 Telegraphs Committee on Telegraphs Bill;
Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Record Office Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sufferages Committee on the Sufferages 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 Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee;
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 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 Sea Fisheries Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adulteration (Food Products) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adulteration (Food Products) 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 Merchandise Marks Act (1887) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant May.

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 Monday the 23rd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Service Franchise Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Honorary Burgesses Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Post Office (Local Authority Guarantee) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weights and Measures Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Irish Surnames Bill;

PRAYERS.

The House met at Three of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

Tuesday, 3rd May, 1898.

The Corporation of London (Foreign Cattle Corporation Market, Deptford) Bill was read the third time, and a verbal Amendment was made to the Bill; and the Bill was passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway (Extension of Time) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wishaw Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

The Plymouth Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Select Committee of Nine Members, Five to be nominated by the House, and Four by the Committee of Selection.
Ordered, That, subject to the Rules, Orders, and Proceedings of this House, all Petitions against the Bill be referred to the Committee; and such of the Petitioners as pray to be heard by
by themselves, their Counsel, Agents, or Witnesses, be heard on their Petitions against the Bill, if they think fit, and Counsel heard in support of the said Bill, against such Petitions.

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

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they do inquire and report whether the adoption of any or all of the proposals contained in the Bill would prevent or prejudice adequate competition in the railway system of the South of Ireland, or in the system of communication between that Country and England and Wales. — (Sir John Colquhoun.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the North Pembroke and Fishguard Railway Bill:

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Rotexhay, Weymouth, and Wooda Bay: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

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, 1861, relating to Rotexhay, Weymouth, and Wooda Bay: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Rotexhay, Weymouth, and Wooda Bay: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Rotexhay, Weymouth, and Wooda Bay: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Rotexhay, Weymouth, and Wooda Bay: And the same was read the first time.

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

A Petition of the Norwich Electric Tramways Company, praying that provision may be made in the Norwich Electric Tramways Bill, authorising the widening of certain Streets and the deviation of certain Tramway Lines, to facilitate the working of the Tramways in the City of Norwich, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills;

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


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

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to the Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Clergy Mutual Assurance Society Bill was read the first time.

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

The Hill, Berwick, and West Riding Junction Railway and Dock Bill was read the first time.

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

Mr. Arthur O'Conner reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Poor Law Unions Association 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 Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday next, the Cottage Houses Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant May.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to effect direct Local Control of the Liquor Traffic in Scotland, and other Temperance Reforms: And that Mr. Arnold-Foster, Mr. Locky, Mr. Lloyd-George, Sir Lewis M'teer, Mr. Parnell, Mr. Rebbin, Mr. Stuart-Wortley, and Mr. Robert Grant Webster do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable County Councils in England and Wales to advance Money to Local Authorities: And that Mr. Arnold-Foster, Mr. Locky, Mr. Lloyd-George, Sir Lewis M'teer, Mr. Parnell, Mr. Rebbin, Mr. Stuart-Wortley, and Mr. Robert Grant Webster do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Poor Law Unions Association Bill was referred; that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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 Friday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Ballot Act, 1872: And that Mr. Lecky, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Brigg, Commander Bethell, and Mr. Lloyd-George do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable County Councils in Scotland, and other Temperance Reforms: And that Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. James A. Campbell, Sir Mark Stewart, Mr. Thorburn, Mr. Ure, and Mr. Vousdall do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable County Councils in England and Wales to advance Money to Local Authorities: And that Mr. Arnold-Foster, Mr. Locky, Mr. Lloyd-George, Sir Lewis M'teer, Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, Sir William Holdsworth, Mr. Hampden-Queen, Mr. Channing, Mr. Bill, Mr. Briggs, Commander Bethell, and Mr. Lloyd-George do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Arnold-Foster presented a Bill to amend the Ballot Act, 1872: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Parker Smith presented a Bill to effect direct Local Control of the Liquor Traffic in Scotland, and other Temperance Reforms: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Hobhouse presented a Bill to enable County Councils in England and Wales to advance Money to Local Authorities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.
Local Government (Ireland) Committee on Local Government (Ireland)

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Act to amend the Local Government Act, 1888: (1889) Amendment Bill.

Mr. Howard, and Mr. Maurice Healy, reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Local Government (Ireland) [Consolidated Fund]:

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Government Act (1897, Amended Acts) Bill.


Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1888: And that Mr. Bigwood and Mr. Howard do prepare, and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Bigwood accordingly 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 Tuesday next; and to be printed.

Working Men's Dwellings (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant May.

Colonial Solicitors Bill.

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.

Architects' Registration Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Architects' Registration Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 17th day of this instant May.

School Board Voting Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Voting Bill:

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

Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill.

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 next.

Fish from Prohibited Waters (Prevention of Sale) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fish from Prohibited Waters (Prevention of Sale) Bill:

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Sea Fisheries Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Private Bill Committee on the Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Solicitors Second Reading of the Colonial Solicitors Act Amendment Bill:

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sea Fisheries Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Second Reading of the Local Government Act Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sea Fisheries Second Reading of the Salmon Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sea Fisheries Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office Committee on the Post Office (Local Authority Guarantee) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Commonwealth Second Reading of the Labourers (Commonwealth Act Amendment 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 Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 4th May, 1898.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh and Leith Corporations Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Rhondda and Secundra Bay Railway Rhondda and Secundra Bay Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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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 the Annual Report and General Account of the Commissioners of Arundel Port, for Period from 25th March 1897 to 25th March 1898.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

Clause, No. 10 (Powers of county council as to acquisition of land or easements).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 5, l. 33, after the word "duties," to insert the words "other than the making of a new road or the widening of an old road."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question again proposed, that those words be there inserted:—Debate resumed. Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 6, at the end of the Clause, to add the words:—(2) A county council, with the consent of the Local Government Board may sell, transfer, or alienate any lands, buildings, or easements for the time being vested in them."—(Mr. Shee.)

Question proposed, that those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Amendment again proposed, in p. 6, l. 6, at the end of the Clause to add the words:—"(3) A county council may, for the purpose of improving any property belonging to them, whether acquired under this section or otherwise, or creating any buildings thereon, borrow at interest such sum or sums of money on the security of such of their rates and revenues as the Local Government Board may sanction, provided that all sums so borrowed shall be repaid within such period or instalments, sinking fund, or otherwise, as the Local Government Board shall prescribe."—(Mr. Shee.)

Question proposed, that those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 8, after the word "arrange" to insert the words "in any area not being an urban district as hereinafter in this Act defined."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, that those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 11 (Powers of county council as to sudden damage to public works).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 8, after the word "arrange" to insert the words "in any area not being an urban district as hereinafter in this Act defined."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, that those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 12 (Powers of county council as to exceptional distress).

Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 39, at the end of the Clause to add the words:—"(g) No electoral disability or loss of any Parliamentary or other franchise shall be incurred by any person by reason of a grant of outdoor relief having been made to him under this Act or by reason of any such grant ratified under this Act."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question, That those words be there added:—put, and negatived. Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors' Final Examination Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Monuments in Churches 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 (Manhood Suffrage) (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trawlers' Certificates (Suspension) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Act (1867) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Act (1867) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Antiquities (Ireland) (Transfer) 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 Post Office (Carriage of 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 County Courts Jurisdiction Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Conferences (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 Poor Law Court (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment 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 Merchandise Marks Act (1887) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law 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 Fish from Prohibited Waters (Prevention of Sale) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration Second Reading of the Registration of Firms Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration 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 Committee on the Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill. Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in the case of the Ilford Improvement 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.

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in the case of the Nottingham 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. James William Lowther reported the Eastern Telegraph Company (Limited) Bill, without Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Upper Assam Tea Company (Limited) Bill, in 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.

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

Thursday, 5th May, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Comptroller of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of the 19th day of April last, relative to Military Manoeuvres (Order in Council) had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and give the following Answer:—

I have received your Address praying that I will make the Order in Council under the Military Manoeuvres Act, 1897, a draft of which was presented to your House on the 17th of February last. I will comply with your advice.

Mr. Aber-Douglas reported from the Select Committee on Customs Offices (Southampton) Bill and Customs and other Offices (Barry Dock) Bill, to whom the Customs Offices (Southampton) Bill was referred; 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 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 re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Mr. Aber-Douglas reported from the Select Committee on Customs Offices (Southampton) Bill and Customs and other Offices (Barry Dock) Bill, to whom the Customs Offices (Southampton) Bill was referred; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be re-committed to a Committee of the
the whole House for Monday next; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the 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.:

Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill.

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

The Chipstead Valley 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 Folkestone Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

The Swansea Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

The Waterford City Gas Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London County Council (Westminster Bridge and Embankment Tramways) Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Bowroux.) 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. James Stuart, 129.

Tellers for the Noes—Mr. Bodgery, 249.


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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Land Law by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Returns of Shipping and Tonnage passing through the Suez Canal in 1885, 1886, and 1887 (in continuation of "Commercial, No. 4, 1887.")

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports Annual Series, Nos. 2073 to 2075.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series.

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

Sir John George presented, pursuant to the University directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Certificate made by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Oxford, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on the 7th December 1887, making an addition to Clause 16, Statute VI. of the College Statutes.

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 (Ireland) Act, 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 31st day of March 1888.

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

Mr. Hasbury presented,—Return to an Order Army (Poste-dated the 26th day of April last, for a Return as) relative to Army (Poste-

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

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statement of the Names of the several Unions and Poor Law Parishes in England and Wales, and of the Population and Area thereof, together with the Post-town of each Parish.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the Commons directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return by the Board of Agriculture upon application for a Provisional Order for the regulation of Rye-mong Heath and Rye-mong Hill, Cheshire.

Ordered, 142.
Taxes and Imposts.

Scotland.

Ireland.

Over Age Teachers.

Commons.

Arrests for Soldiers, Civil.

Drunkenness (House of Commons.)

Arrests for over 55 years of Age, teaching in State-aided Schools in the following District of Cork, Limerick, Waterford, and the Cities of Cork, Limerick, and Waterford, on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Ireland) Consolidated Fund, the House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

Clause, No. 12 (Powers of county councils as to exceptional distress).

Question again proposed, That Clause 12 stand part of the Bill.—Debate resumed.

Question put; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Wedderburn, Yeas, Mr. A. Russell:)

Tellers for the (Sir Thomas Kinnoula, Noes, Mr. Turner:)

Clause, No. 13 (Powers of county councils as to appointment of coroners and coroners' districts).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 10, after the word "come," to insert the words—

Provided always that any existing coroner who may be deprived of office, or who may suffer any loss of fees or allowances in consequence of such alterations of district, shall be entitled to compensation in the manner provided by this Act.

Where by operation of this Act a borough becomes merged in a county the existing coroner, if any, of such borough shall, if deprived of office, be entitled to compensation as provided by this Act.

Should any existing coroner be, at the passing of this Act, a coroner for a county, and also for a borough situate within the limits of said county, and should said borough be constituted by this Act a county borough, he shall be entitled to compensation, as provided by this Act, in case he is deprived of office in either such county or borough.—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 11, to leave out Subsection (3) (Mr. Clancy).

Question put, That the words "The Lord Chancellor may" stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: (Sir William Wedderburn, Yeas, Mr. A. Russell:)

Tellers for the (Mr. Clancy:)

Noes, Mr. Timothy M. Healy: 162.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Male Teachers over 65 years of Age, and of Female Teachers over 55 years of Age, teaching in State-aided Schools in Scotland on the 30th day of April 1898.—(Mr. Goddard.)

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 1897 and the 30th day of April 1898, both days inclusive, the Arrests being given from 8 a.m. on Sundays till 8 a.m. on Mondays—And, similar Returns for the rest of Ireland from the 1st day of May 1897 to the 30th day of April 1898 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 404, of Session 1897).—(Mr. William Johnston.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Male Teachers over 55 years of Age, and the Corps to which he used to belong, whether he is a Reserve or Discharged Soldier, or to have been employed in the fixed Establishment of the House of Commons as Messenger, Hall-keepers, Porters, Night Watchmen, Attendants, Clock-room Attendants, Office-keepers, Cleaners, and Fire-lighters, indicating the Names by Initials, and showing the Pay received by each such Person in respect of such Employment, the Date of his Appointment, whether he is a Reserve or Discharged Soldier, and, if he is, specifying the Rank he formerly held, and the Corps to which he used to belong, in the following Form:

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Selection (Standing Committee.)

Law, &c.

Sir John Mondrtry 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. MacNeill: and had appointed in substitution: Mr. John Burns.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group E.)

Colonel Gullet reported from the Committee on Group E. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of the Committee, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

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 passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring further Powers on the Great Western Railway, Sidley, and Bexhill Railway Company, way Bill and for other purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Great Western Railway, Sidley, and Bexhill Railway Company, way Bill was read the first time.

Ordered,

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
5th—6th May.

The Order of the day being read, the Vote of Credit; 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 Tuesday next, resume itself into the said Committee.

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

Friday, 6th May, 1898:

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Sheriff's Deputy Tenure of Office (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Universities and College Estates 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 Charitable Loans Second Reading of the Land Law Revision Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Petitions into consideration; the Merchant Shipping (Machinery Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill; and the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill; and the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations Amendment Bill; and the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Force Bill; and 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 Metropolitan Police Force Bill; and the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
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 Friday morning, adjourned till Monday the 16th day of this instant May.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the City and South London Railway Bill; and the same were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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

The Wakau 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 Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland, relating to Trains, Councillors, and Street: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland, relating to Trains, Councillors, and Street: 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 Bills read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Army Postage (Postmen), which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant May, be printed.

Mr. Henbury presented, pursuant to the Superannuation directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 2nd May 1898, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Edward Atst, Civil Engineer, Walmer, under the Board of Admiralty's Order.

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

Sir William Walrod presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Finances of Greece.

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

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had received from two of the Judges for the time being on the Rota for the Trial of Election Petitions, the following Report relating to the Election Petition:—

The Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Acts, 1883 and 1895. To
To the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Election for the Borough of York, held on the 13th day of January 1898.

Sir Christopher Furness, Petitioner.


We, the Honourable Mr. Justice Mathew and the Honourable Mr. Justice Griffith, two of the Judges of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, selected to be placed on the Rota of Judges for the trial of Parliamentary Election Petitions in England and Wales for the year ending the 54th day of October 1898.

Do hereby Report, that an application for liberty to withdraw this Petition was heard before us in open Court on the 5th day of May 1898. Having heard Counsel on both sides, and read the Affidavits sworn by the respective parties to this Petition, and others, pursuant to the Statute, we ordered that the Petitioner should have leave to withdraw his Petition.

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

Dated this 5th day of May 1898.

J. C. Mathew.

And the said Report was ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House.

Private Bills

Group D.

Command

Resolution

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Tuesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Commons Regulation (Widston Manor) 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 Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Great Orme Tramway and Tramroad Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Great Eastern Railway Company and Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Gloucester 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 Wigan Corporation Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of 1st March last, the Committee have struck out Vol. 153.

The powers to construct Tramway No. 4, No. 4A, and No. 4B.

Mr. James William Lowther further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (New Works) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mounbatten reported from the Committee on Railways, the Dublin Southern District Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on Railway Bills; That Mr. Harwood, (Group D.) a Member of the Committee, was not present at the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Trustees of the late John Gordon of Chay, to construct additional Works at the Harbour of Buchee, in the Parish of Rathmore and County of Banff, and to enable the Commissioners of the Burgh of Buchee to grant Guarantees in connection with the Revenue of the Harbour, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Buchee (Cluny) Harbour Bill was read for the first time.

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

Sir Mark Stewart reported from the Committee on the East and West Water 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. Attorney General reported from the Lords, Select Committee on Divorce Bills; That they had examined the allegations of Hart's Divorce Bill, as to the Marriage of the Parties, the Adultery coupled with Cruelty charged as the ground for dissolving the Marriage, the Sentence of Divorce a mensa et thoro in the Probate and Matrimonial Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland; and upon Evidence satisfactory to the Committee, had found the same

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Post Office (Local Authority Guarantees) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 16th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Monday, 9th May, 1898.

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, originated in the Lords, and referred on previously, the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Gainsborough Gas 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 previously, the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Crouch, Sidney, and Bexhill 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, originated in the Lords, and referred on previously, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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, originated in the Lords, and referred on previously, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Clergy Mutual Assurance Society 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, originated in the Lords, and referred on previously, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- Norwich Electric Tramways Bill.

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

The Eastern Telegraph 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 Edinburgh and Leith Corporations Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed with Amendments.

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

Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green Bill [Lord's].

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Upper Assam Tea Company Bill [Lord's].

The Upper Assam Tea Company Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Waterford City Gas Bill [Lord's].

The Waterford City Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ipswich Dock Commission Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ipswich Dock Commission Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Llanelli, Pembroke and Rhoscilwyn Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Llanelli, Pembroke and Rhoscilwyn 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 (Steam Vessels) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London County Council (Action Sewage) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Rhymney and Aber Valley Gas and Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rhymney and Aber Valley Gas and Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Crystal Palace Company Bill.

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

Drogheda Gas Bill.

A Petition of the Drogheda Gas Light Company and of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Drogheda, praying that provision may be made in the Drogheda Gas Bill, authorising the purchase by the Corporation of the Gas Undertaking from the Drogheda Gas Light Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Commons Regulations (Weftampton Marsh) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

\[\text{\textbf{Votes.}}\]

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Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on the Mumbles Railway and Pier Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and annexed the same by adding a recital as to the expediency of raising additional capital 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.

Railway Bills (Group 5.)

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Post Office (Carriage of Game) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Adjourned. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Committee on the Customs and other other Offices (Southampton) Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Joseph A. Pease, 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 alarming state of things in the Hinterland of Sierra Leone arising out of the levying of a tax upon the dwellings of the native population"; 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. Davitt); And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. (In the Committee.)

Suez Canal Shares. Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the application, in like manner as the New Sinking Fund is applied, of any sums which may have been, or may be, paid into the Exchequer in respect of Suez Canal Shares drawn for repayment.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Assessment of Premises used for Trade. Resolved, That where a deduction has been made from the assessment of premises used for trade, under Section 35 of the Finance Act, 1894, the amount which may be authorised to be deducted, as being the annual value of such premises, in estimating the amount of profits or gains chargeable to Income Tax under Schedule D. of the Income Tax Act, 1893, shall be such reduced amount.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Tax. 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-eight, and paid on and after the first day of August, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland (that is to say):—

"Two Pence"—(Mr. Joseph A. Pease),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words "Four Pence" stand part of the Question, Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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-eight, and paid on and after the first day of August, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland (that is to say):—

"Four Pence."—The pound, Four Pence.

Resolutions to be reported.

Clauses, N° 1 to N° 11, agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill 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 Tomorrow.

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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Customs Offices (Southampton) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, N° 1 to N° 10, agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther 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 Customs and other other Offices (Barry Dock) (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, N° 1 to N° 10, agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Sheriffs Depute Tenure (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, N° 1 (Removal of Sheriffs Depute by order of the Secretary for Scotland). Question again proposed, That Clause 1, as amended, stand part of the Bill; Question put, and agreed to.

Clauses, N° 2, agreed to.

A Clause (Application of Act)—(The Lord Advocate)—brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

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Another Clause (Annuities)—(The Lord Advocate)—brought up, and read the first and second time, amended, and added.

Title amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lascelles reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill in regard to the Tenure of Office of Sheriffs in Scotland.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Title, as followeth: A Bill to amend the Law in regard to the Tenure of Office of Sheriffs in Scotland.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Universities and College Estates Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, THAT the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—[Mr. Herbert Lewis].

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. Atkinson;]
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis, Noes;
Mr. Steadman;] 237.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

TUESDAY, 10th May, 1898:

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, upon the 29th day of March last, THAT the Greenwich Hospital 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 Habitual Inebriates Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Statute Law Revision Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill:

Ordered, THAT the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill be committed to a Select Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the London University Commission Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Police Bill:

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

Merchant Shipping (Marine {{\text{Maine}}}} Fond) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Manchester Maritime Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

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

Dogs Regulation 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 Benefits (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill;

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

Vagrancy Act 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 Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill;

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

Lodgers' Declarations (Ireland) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations (Ireland) Bill;

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

Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) 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 Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Telephones [Grant.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Telephones [Grant];

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Record Office Bill.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members.

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, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Suffragan Bishops Bill;

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Reserve Forces Bill;

Resumed, 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 Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) 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 Questions proposed upon the 11th day of March last, That the Criminal Law Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 23rd day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings 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 and Freshwater Fisheries 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 Irish Surnames 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 Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the House will, upon Monday the 23rd day of this instant May, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill;

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire and report whether the Telephone Service is or is not calculated to become of such general benefit as to justify its being undertaken by municipal and other local authorities, regard being had to local finance; and, if so, whether such local authorities should have power to undertake such service in the districts of other local authorities outside the area of their own jurisdiction, but comprised wholly or partially in the same telephone area, and what powers, duties, and obligations ought to be conferred or imposed upon such local authorities.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Telephone Service in the Session of 1895, and the Report of the Commissioner and the Evidence taken before him in the inquiry recently held at Glasgow be referred to the Committee for consideration, in so far as they relate to the subject of the present inquiry.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Bartley, Mr. Griffith-Bowen, Sir Harry Ballard, Mr. Cowley, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Cotell, Mr. Firth, Mr. Fry, Mr. Hanbury, Sir Ronald Hanson, Sir Henry Horwitz, Sir James Joly.
Tuesday, 10th May, 1898.

The House met at Three o'clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from the Commissioners for the Regulation of the Water Supply of the Borough of Southwark; with Additions. Ordered, that the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Johnson-Ferguson reported from the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the Foreign Bond Certificates and Foreign Bond Provisional Order Bill had agreed to the rejection of the said Order for the time being, and to the submission of a new Order for the same purpose.

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

Mr. Johnson-Ferguson reported from the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of the House, the Committee had adjourned till Friday next, at half past Eleven o'clock.

Ordered, that the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That the parties promoting the Middlesbrough, Guisborough, and Billingham Bill for the Improvement of the Water Supplication; had agreed to the rejection of the said Order for the time being, and to the submission of a new Order for the same purpose.

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.

Mr. Curran presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Reports from Her Majesty's Representatives on Legislative Measures respecting Gambling in "Option and "Future" Contracts.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2074 to 2079.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 456.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, containing a Paper [C. 8470].

Copy of Return by Railway Companies of the United Kingdom on the use of Horizontal Brakes, for the Six Months ending the 31st December 1897.

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

Mr. Johnson-Ferguson reported from the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the Foreign Bond Certificates and Foreign Bond Provisional Order Bill had agreed that the evidence of the witnesses thereto have been complied with. Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and all Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. :-

Buckie (Charm) Harbour Bill.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

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 all Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. :-

Fishguard and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

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 all Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. :-

Ferry and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh Merchant Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Nottingham Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time.

The Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the North Pembrokeshire and Fishguard Railway Bill; Ordered, that the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order made upon the 3rd day of March last, That the Petition for the London County Council (Nottingham Tramways) Bill be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders was read, and discharged.

Ordered, that the Petition for the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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 all Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz. :-

Electric Light and Power Bill.
attained the said Committee To-morrow, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Oliver Claude Rokham do attend the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bill To-morrow, at Eleven of the clock.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had added to the Standing Order on Law, and Course of Justice, and Legal Procedure, the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Poor Law (Scotland) Bill:—Mr. Austruther, Mr. Asher, Mr. Baillie, Mr. Birrell, Mr. James Campbell, Sir Thomas Gibson Carmichael, Mr. Gray, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Heather, Mr. Provost, Mr. Ross, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Shaw-Stewart, and Mr. Ure.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Mowbray reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were agreed to.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Parish Councillors to hold Office for three years: And that Mr. Lamberti, Mr. Scale-Hayne, Mr. Hobhouse, Mr. Luttrell, and Mr. Jeffreys do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Carriage of a Bill to prohibit sending of Game by general Carriers in certain seasons; And that Mr. Clancy, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Joseph A. Pease, Mr. Parnell, Mr. Great Lanxon, Captain Sinclair, Sir Thomas Lomond, and Mr. Horace Plumbe do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Lamberti presented a Bill to enable Parish Councillors to hold Office for three years: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Redmond presented a Bill to pro- hibit sending of Game by general Carriers in certain sessions; And the same was read the first time; and to be printed upon Wednesday the 18th day of this instant May; and to be printed.

Mr. Clancy presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of June next; and to be printed.

The House according to Order, resolved itself, in Committee.

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the annual payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, to the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account in pursuance of any Act of the present Session for amending the Law relating to Local Government in Ireland, and for other purposes connected therewith,—

(a) of a Sum not exceeding one-half of the amount certified to be taken as having been raised in the whole of Ireland by poor rate and county cess of agricultural land, during the twelve months ending, as regards poor rate, on the 29th September 1897, and as regards county cess, on the 30th June 1897;—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

(b) of a Sum not exceeding the amount which may be ascertained to be the proceeds in the previous financial year of certain local taxation licences in Ireland;—(Mr. Lamberti.)

Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed, in sub-head (a), 1, 2, to leave out the words "poor rate and."—(Mr. Lamberti.)

Question put, That the words "poor rate and" stand part of the proposed Resolution;
Local Government into a Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Bill. The Committee had come to a Resolution. The House, according to Order, resolved itself—instead thereof.

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 31, after the second word "of," to insert the words "promoting and."—(Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 6, after the word "guardians" to insert the words "or of any Government Department."—(Mr. Knox.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 11, at the end of the Clause to add the words "(3) All powers now vested in boards of fishery conservators shall be transferred to the county councils acting through committees appointed by them, and each county situated within the same fishery district shall be entitled to proportionate representation upon such committees."—(Capt. Donelan.) Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 25, after the word "louragings," to insert the words "provided that after the passing of this Act a person shall not in Ireland in any year be entitled to be registered in the parliamentary register of electors in respect of the borough occupation franchise within the meaning of the Representation of the People Act, 1884, unless such person shall have resided within, or within seven miles of, the borough during six months immediately preceding the twentieth day of July in such year.

Provided that a person shall not, unless otherwise qualified, be entitled to a local government elector of a county borough if registered in the parliamentary register of electors for such borough in respect of a qualification as a freeman.

Provided that a person shall not be entitled to be a local government elector of a county borough if registered in any year in the parliamentary register of electors in respect of the borough occupation franchise within the meaning of the Representation of the People Act, 1884, unless such person shall have resided within, or within seven miles of, the borough during six months immediately preceding the twentieth day of July in such year."

Question proposed, That those words be ther added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amdendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words "as a local government elector of a county borough if registered in any year in the parliamentary register of electors in respect of the borough occupation franchise within the meaning of the Representation of the People Act, 1884, unless such person shall have resided within, or within seven miles of, the borough during six months immediately preceding the twentieth day of July in such year.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted to insert the words "(6) The Local Government Board shall, if before the twenty-sixth day of September one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight they are requested so to do by a petition signed by not less than one-fourth of the council, by order prescribe the number of aldermen and councillors and the sub-division into wards in the same manner as in the case of a county council."—(Mr. Knox.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "Provided that nothing in this Act contained " shall alter or affect the number of aldermen or "councillors which may be elected by a ward in " any such borough."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Wednesday, 11th May, 1898:

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 Lister 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 Registration of Parliamentary Voters Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant May.

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 the 7th 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 the 7th day of June 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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Solicitors 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 Second Reading of the School Board Voting 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 Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 26th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of June next.

Mr. Chanceller of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

Suez Canal Shares.

That it is expedient to authorize the application of Suez Canal Shares, in like manner as the New Sinking Fund Shares, is applied, of any Sums which may have been, or may be, paid into the Exchequer in respect of Suez Canal Shares drawn for repayment.

Assessment of Premises used for Trade.

That where a deduction has been made from the assessment of premises used for trade under Section 55 of the Finance Act, 1894, the amount which may be authorized to be deducted, as being the annual value of such premises, in estimating the amount of Profits or Gains chargeable to Income Tax under Schedule D, of the Income Tax Act, 1865, shall be such reduced amount.

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-nine, on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland (that is to say):—

Tea— the pound— Four Pences.

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Gentlemen appointed to bring in a Bill upon the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Ways and Means on the 22nd day of April last, and then agreed to by the House, that they do make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolutions. — (Mr. Chanceller of the Exchequer.)

Mr. Chanceller of the Exchequer presented a Finances Bill. To grant certain Duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, to alter other Duties, and to amend the Law relating to Customs and Inland Revenue, and to make other provision for the financial arrangements of the year: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Mr. Smith Barry, Sir John Colomb, Mr. Redmond Maurice Healy, Mr. John Redmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Healy, were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Fishguard and Rosslare Harbours Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Chelmsford, Milton Mabey, Norwich (Extension), Preston (Extensions), and Warrington: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4.)—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Abington, Croydon, and Waltham, Neasden, Hendon, Marylebone, Auskirk, and Kilburn, Saffron Walden and Utterton Joint Hospital Districts: and that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5.)—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Burslem (Rural), Bristol, Eastbourne, Epsom (Rural), Gelligaer and Rhigos (Rural), Maldon (Rural), Newport (Men.), Preston, Richmond (Surrey), Rugeley, and Windsor (Rural): And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6.)—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, and the Public Health Act, 1875, relating to Salisbury and Weymouth: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Bishop (Rural), Bishop (Urban), Epsom (Rural), Gelligaer, and Rhigos (Rural), Maldon (Rural), Newport (Men.), Preston, Richmond (Surrey), Rugeley, and Windsor (Rural): 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 Alington, Croydon, and Waltham, Neasden, Hendon, Marylebone, Auskirk, and Kilburn, Saffron Walden and Utterton Joint Hospital Districts: and the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Leeds, Manchester, and Wakefield: and the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Consolidation of a Copy of Universal Postal Convention, and a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposed changes, included in the Pilotage Orders Confirmation Bill, the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of a Paper laid before the House, on the 15th June 1897.

Mr. Hon. Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2080 to 2084.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Question was moved; and to lie upon the Table.

Mr. West End presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copies of Universal Postal Convention, and a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposed changes, included in the Pilotage Orders Confirmation Bill, the same was read the first time.

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Raynor Storr, William Alfred Harris, Reginald
Clements Snow Everett, Turner Bridge, Charles
Ernest Corry-Lowry, and Francis William Ilbert
King, all of Heselwold, Surrey, 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 in-
structed to move that the said Raynor Storr,
William Alfred Harris, Reginald Clements Snow
Everett, Turner Bridge, Charles Ernest Corry-
Lowry, and Francis William Ilberton King do
attend the said Committee this day, at half-past
One of the clock.
Ordered, That Raynor Storr, William Alfred
Harris, Reginald Clements Snow Everett, Turner
Bridge, Charles Ernest Corry-Lowry, and Francis
William Ilberton King do attend the Committee
on Group E. of Private Bills this day, at half-
past One of the clock.
The Order for reading a second time, upon
Thursday the 26th day of this instant May, the
Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts Amendment
Bill was read, and discharged. after the word " borrough," to insert the words
Bin.
Local Government, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government Amendments made.
Thursday the 26th day of this instant May, the ment, by leave, withdrawn.
Fisheries
CLAUSE
Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 32, after the word "apply" to insert the words "(c) Question proposed, That the words "or" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 32, after the word "apply" to insert the words "(c) Question proposed, That the words "or" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 33, to leave out the words "or the Borough Funds " (Ireland) Act, 1888."—(Mr. Maurice Healy). Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amend-
ment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 34, after the word "quorum of a county borough shall be one-sixth of the total number of such council."—
(Mr. Maurice Healy). Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 36, after the word "shall" to insert the word "not"—(Mr. Flynn). Question put, That the word "not" be there inserted:
Another Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, after the words last added to add the words "(d) The council of 
" each county borough shall elect the harbour " board or port authority now exercising juris-
" diction within any portion of such borough."—
(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.) Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, after the words last added, to add the words "Where the whole or any portion ex-
" ceding one-half of the salary of any person " is paid by the council of a county borough, " such council shall on the next vacancy and " thereafter nominate and appoint the successor
of such person to any office."—(Mr. Timothy
M. Healy.) Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the Clause, after the words last added, to add the words "(q) Provided that the approval or consent " of the Local Government Board or of the Local " lieutenant shall not be necessary in any case " where such consent or approval was not " necessary before the passing of this Act."—
(Mr. Clancy.) Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No 18 (County districts and district councils).
Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 4 and 5, to leave out the words "urban districts," in order to insert the word the House.
" town."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy),—instead thereof.
Question proposed, That the words "urban " district stand part of the Clause:—Amend-
ment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 7, after the word "borough," to insert the words 
" town."—(Mr. Jordan.) Question proposed, That the words "or town" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 21, at the end of the Clause to add the words " Pro-
vided that such council or combination, being a district electoral division, shall be " subject to alteration by the Local Govern-
ment Board, in the same manner as a poor " law electoral division."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.) Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No 19 (Constitution and election of district councils in county boroughs).
An Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 27, after the word "by" to insert the words "section " two, sub-section two."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 29, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "he chairman of any such urban council while " in office shall be a justice of the peace for the " urban district, in the manner provided by " section three, sub-section two, in relation to " chairman of county councils."—(Mr. Mac-
Aine.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 32, to leave out sub-section (b), in order to insert the words—
" (b) The Local Government electors for 
" each district electoral division shall " elect two councillors for each such 
" division which now returns one elected " poor law guardian, and three coun-
" cillors for each such division which " now returns two elected poor law guar-
" dians "—(Mr. Smith-Barry),—instead thereof.
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Debate
rizing:
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 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.

Mr. Gerald Balfour reported from the Committee on Local Government (Ireland) [Consolidated Fund], a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

That it is expedient to authorise the annual payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, to the Local Government (Ireland) Account in pursuance of any Act of the present Session for amending the Law relating to Local Government in Ireland, and for other purposes connected therewith,—

(a) of a Sum not exceeding one-half of the amount certified to be taken as having been raised in the whole of Ireland by poor rate and county cess off agricultural land, during the twelve months ending, as regards poor rate, on the 29th September 1897, and, as regards county cess, on the 30th June 1897;

(b) of a Sum not exceeding the amount which may be ascertained to be the proceeds in the previous financial year of certain local taxation licences in Ireland;

(c) of a Sum of £79,000.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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 19th day of this instant May.

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 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Boilers Inspection and Registration Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rollers Inspection and Registration Bill (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal 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 Ballot and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Second Reading of the Poor Law Settlement (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the County Courts Second Reading of the County Courts Audience Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of June next.

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 upon Tuesday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the National Monuments in Churches 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 Antiquities (Ireland) (Transfer) 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 School Board Conferences (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill; the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cemetery Rating Bill; Ordered,
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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act (1897) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of June 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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Honorary Burgesses (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 20th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill;

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower certain Societies to borrow Money from Persons and Corporations other than Members: And that Mr. Horace Plunkett, Mr. Courtney, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. Batcher, and Mr. Yerburgh do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. Horace Plunkett accordingly presented a Bill to empower certain Societies to borrow Money from Persons and Corporations other than Members: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dilke reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 9th days of this instant May; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.
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The Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The London County Council (Arts Sewage) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Cha~es do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southend Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Crystal Palace Company 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 said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of the Finance and Revenue Accounts for the management of the Railways, partly in the City and partly in the County of London, for the year ended 31st March 1898, on the 21st day of November 1897.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, an Account of the Receipts, and Disbursements of the Home Treasury of the Government of India, for the year ended 31st March 1898; together with the Cost of Management paid in the year 1898-

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to East India (Estimate) and East India (Home Accounts) be printed.

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

Orders reported from the Committee on the Great Western Railway (New Works) Bill; that they had examined the allegations laid in the preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Commons, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Total Amount of Debt, the Annual Interest thereon, and the Debt Interest reduced in that year; and the Total Amount of Debt, the Annual Interest thereon, and the Indian Railway Annuities, on the 21st March 1898; together with the Cost of Management paid in the year ending 31st March 1899 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; and that the Papers relative to East India (Estimate) and East India (Home Accounts) be printed.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of the Reports, Trade Reports, and other Papers, received during the present Session to empower the Secretary of State in Council to purchase Lands in connection with the Store Department of the India Office, and for the purpose of authorising the payment, out of the Revenues of India, of the purchase money, compensation, and all expenses which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to empower the Secretary of State in Council to purchase Lands in connection with the Store Department of the India Office—(Secretary Lord George Hamilton).

Mr. Hardinge, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Morariano and Mariannan and Maroona Railway Company Bill, without Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Lanarkshire and Dumbarthshire Railway Bill, without Amendment.

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

Then the Honourable Charles William Sydney New Members of Parliament, commonly called Viscount Newburn, Member for the County of Newcastle (Newburn Division), was sworn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Edinburgh and Leith Corporation Gas Bill, without Amendment.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Belfast Harbour Commissioners to improve the Victoria Channel, and to construct additional Docks and Works at Belfast, to confer further Powers upon the Commissioners, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and ordered to be printed.

The Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroad and Tramway Extension Bill was read the first time.

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

The Belfast Harbour 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, received itself Local Government into a Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, (In the Committee.)

CLAYE'S, No 19 (Constitution and election of district councils in county districts). Amendment again proposed, in p. 9, l. 23, to leave out sub-section (b), in order to insert the words, "(b) The Local Government electors for each district electoral division shall elect two councillors for each such division which now returns one elected poor law guardian, and three councillors for each such division which now returns four councillors for each such division which now returns..."
“returns two elected poor-law guardians”—(Mr. Smith-Barry)—instead thereof.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 4, to leave out the word “not.”—(Mr. Recter.)

Question proposed, That the word “not” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 6, after the words last inserted to insert the words “and no person shall be disqualified by sex or marriage for being elected or being a district councillor.”—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir Charles Dilke, Yeas, [Mr. William Johnson : ] 165.


Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE NO. 20, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE No. 21 (Chairman of rural district council or guardians and additional councillors and guardians).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 19, to leave out the words “and if they think fit, a vice-counsellor.”—(Mr. Lough.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 20, after the word “counsellors” to insert the words “the chairman, by virtue of his office, shall be a justice of the peace for the county, and no person shall be disqualified by sex or marriage for being elected or being a district councillor.”—(Mr. Lough.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE NO. 22 (Transfer to district councils of business of baronial presentment sessions and grand jury).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 5 and 6, to leave out the words “but the said transfer shall” and to insert the words “and if of sufficient number they may” after the word “shall.”—(Mr. Hampson.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 7, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question put, That the words of the subsection to the word “roads” in l. 8, stand part of the Clause ;

The Committee divided.


Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, Noes, [Mr. Flynn : ] 113.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 8, after the word “on” to insert the words “the construction of new.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE NO. 23 (Transfer to urban district councils of business of urban sanitary districts).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 24, to leave out the words “where a” in order to insert the word “every”—(Mr. Maurice Healy)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 32, to leave out from the word “town” to the word “clerks” in l. 33, inclusive.—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That the words “where a” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 32, to leave out the words “the number of persons other than members” after the word “of” and to insert the words “one-fourth of the committee.”—(Mr. Flynn.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE NO. 24 and NO. 25, agreed to.

CLAUSE NO. 26 (Appointment by district councils and guardians of committees consisting partly of non-members).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 21, after the word “parts” to insert the words “Provided that” and to be incurred in and about making and recovering the rate.”—(Mr. Horace Plunkett.)

Question again proposed, That the words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE NO. 27 (Application of Act to counties and towns not county boroughs).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 41, after the word “order” to insert the words “Provided that after such merger the inhabitants of any such city or town shall not be liable to pay any county rate or charge for which they were not liable before the passing of this Act.”—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE NO. 28 (Orders making towns urban sanitary districts).

Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 24, to leave out the words “where a” in order to insert the word “every”—(Mr. Maurice Healy)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 32, to leave out from the word “town” to the word “clerks” in l. 33, inclusive.—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That the words “where a” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 32, to leave out the words “the number of persons other than members” after the word “of” and to insert the words “one-fourth of the committee.”—(Mr. Flynn.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE NO. 29 to NO. 32, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lenthop 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.

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

Friday, 13th May, 1899:

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Sheriff's Tenures of Office (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Public Record Office 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 Suffragan Bishops 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 Land Tax Commissioners' Salaries 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 25th day of March last, That the Greenwich Hospital 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 Charity 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 Habitual Inebriates 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 Charitable Loans (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 Land Tax Commissioners' Salaries Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declaration of Incomes (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (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 Lodgers' Declaration of Incomes (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill, as amended in the Standing 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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal 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 Antiquities (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 Commons (Regulation) 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 Unions (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal 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 Vagrancy Act Amendment 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 taking Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (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 Lodgers' Declaration of Incomes (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill, as amended in the Standing 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 Antiquities (Scotland) 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 Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
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The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The 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.:

Great Northern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Eastern Railway Company Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Orme Tramway and Tramroad Bill; and an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Gloucester Gas 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 Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee 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 Amendments made by the Lords to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (New Works) Bill (Local). Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mersey Dock and Harbour Board (New Works) Bill (Local), and agreed the same, with such Amendments as were made by the Lords to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Water Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and had found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Sir Henry Fletcher reported from the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills; that the parties opposing the Turnchapel Warehouse and Warehouses Bill had stated that the evidence of Andrew Kingsmull, General Manager of the British Linen Bank, Lombard Street, E.C., 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 Andrew Kingsmull do attend the said Committee on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Andrew Kingsmull do attend the Committee on Group C. of Private Bills upon Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Sir Henry Fletcher reported from the Committee on Group C. 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.

Mr. Johnson-Pedersen reported the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Woods, Mr. Parker Smith, Sir Andrew Kingsmull, of General Manager of the Powell Duffryn Steam Coal Company (Limited), without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Andrew Kingsmull do attend the said Committee on Group C. of Private Bills; That, for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

The Wirral Railway Bill was read the first time.

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

The London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill was read the first time.

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

The Milford Docks Bill was read the first time.

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

The Blackpool Improvement Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to amend the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894; And that Mr. Parker Smith, Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, Colonel Denzey, and Mr. John Wilson (Govan) do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Libraries Bill to provide for the punishment of Offences in Libraries: And that Mr. Harwood, Sir William Houltonworth, Sir Thomas Esmple, Mr. Ascott, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Lloyd Morgan do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. Parker Smith presented a Bill to amend the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Harwood presented a Bill to provide for the punishment of Offences in Libraries: And that Mr. Harwood, Sir William Houltonworth, Sir Thomas Esmple, Mr. Ascott, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Lloyd Morgan do prepare, and bring it in.

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

Ordered, That Item A. (Salaries), be reduced by £.1,000, in respect of the Salary 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 Salary of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin and London, and Subordinate Departments:

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

Civil Service and Revenue Departments Estimates 1898-99.

Ordered, That the Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Thomas Esmple, )

Tellers for the (Sir William Houltonworth, )

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Original Question again proposed ;

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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 Fletcher acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter.
Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Vol. 153.

Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, etc.:—

- Belford Harbour Bill.
- Duddes Corporation Tramways Bill.
- Market Harborough Gas Bill.
- Sheringham and Holtzona Protection Bill.
- Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Precedent from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Order Bills over Private Bills, that, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

- Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

To-morrow.

The Barry 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 Cardiff Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Hart's Divorce Bill was read the third time, Hart's Divorce Bill [Lords.]

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

The Norton and Halton Roads Bill was read Norton and Halton Roads Bill [Lords.]

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

The Southend Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Carmarthenshire Improvement 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 Morriston and Swansea Railway Company Bill.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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A Clause (Exempted Sundays or holidays) was twice read, and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Buckin (Clwyd) Harbour Bill was read Buckin (Clwyd) Har- bour Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The Clergy Mutual Assurance Society Bill Clergy Mutual Assurance Society Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

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Monday, 16th May, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Precedent from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Order Bills over Private Bills, that, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the

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Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, etc.:—

- Belford Harbour Bill.
- Duddes Corporation Tramways Bill.
- Market Harborough Gas Bill.
- Sheringham and Holtzona Protection Bill.
- Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Precedent from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Order Bills over Private Bills, that, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

- Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

To-morrow.

The Barry 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 Cardiff Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Hart's Divorce Bill was read the third time, Hart's Divorce Bill [Lords.]

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

The Norton and Halton Roads Bill was read Norton and Halton Roads Bill [Lords.]

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

The Southend Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Carmarthenshire Improvement 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.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

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PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Precedent from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Order Bills over Private Bills, that, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the

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Mr. Hobhouse reported the Midland Railway Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hobhouse reported from the Committee on the Usk Valley 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 thereon.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Petition of the Sheffield District Railway Company, proving that Provision may be made in the Sheffield District Railway Bill authorizing the Company to raise additional Capital by the issue of Preference Shares and by borrowing, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 21) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 218) Bill was, according to Order, read the first time.

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

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland, dated 16th May 1898, amending the terms of Article 117 of the Code of 1888.

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

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated 16th May 1898, amending the terms of Article 117 of the Code of 1888.

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

Mr. Corson presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 1991.

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 Rules and Forms made pursuant to Paragraph 10 of the Second Schedule of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897, and allowed by the Lord Chancellor.

(2.) Copy of Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Conservators of the River Medway, for the year ending 25th March 1898.

Arthur Wellesley Somerset, Esquire, Member for the County of Norfolk (Southern Division), was sworn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

(Clauses, No. 33 (County and borough and district fund and raising of deficiency in county fund).)

Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 19, to leave out the first word "the" in order to insert the words "county or district"—(Mr. Horace Plunkett)—instead thereof.

Question put, That those words be there inserted;—

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Atkinson) 258.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 2, to leave out the words "the twenty-sixth day of September next after the passing of this Act," in order to insert the words "the thirty-first day of March, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight,"—(Mr. Dilke).—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond) Yes, (Mr. Anstruther) 276.
Tellers for the (Mr. Dillon) Yes, 86
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 9, to leave out the words "poor rate and".
—(Mr. Lambert.)
Question put, That the words "poor rate and" stand part of the Clause.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond) Yes, (Mr. Anstruther) 235.
Tellers for the (Mr. Lambert) Yes, 70.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 16, after the word "council" to insert the words "including the council of a county borough."); —(Mr. Maurice Healy.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 25, after the word "land," to insert the words "as defined by the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896."
—(Mr. Strachey.)
Question put, That those words be there inserted;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the (Mr. Strachey) Yes, (Mr. Clark) 83.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond) No, (Mr. Anstruther) 234.
An Amendment made.
Question put, That Clause 34, as amended, stand part of the Bill;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond) Yes, (Mr. Anstruther) 243.
Tellers for the (Mr. Whitaker) No, (Mr. Backhouse) 60.
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Committee report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on India Office (Store Depot) Expenses.

(In the Committee.)
Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of the Revenues of India, of the purchase money, compensation, and all expenses which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to empower the Secretary of State in Council to purchase Lands in connection with the Store Department of the India Office.—(Secretary Lord George Hamilton.)

And, it being after Midnight, and Objection having been taken to Further Proceeding, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sheriffs' Tenure of Office (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Record Commission on the Public Record Office Bill; (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 Private Bill Committee on the Private Bill Procedure (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 Suffragan Bishops 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 Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reserve Forces Bill;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Reserve Forces Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Habitual Inebriates Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sheriffs' Tenure of Office Bill (
Ordered, That the Evidence in Criminal Cases 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 Charitable Loan (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Hospital Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Merchant Shipping (Kernanville Marine Fund) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Dogs Regulation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Inns of Court Union (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inns of Court Union (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Telegraphs (Grant) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Telegraphs (Grant); Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Pension Bill.

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 Thursday next.

Supplementary Estimates.

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

Ways and Means.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Old Age Provident Pensions Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of March last, That the Old Age Provident Pensions Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 9th day of June next.

Adulteration (Food Products) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adulteration (Food Products) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next.

County Councils (Advances) Bill.

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 upon Thursday next.

Merchandise Marks Act (1897) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act (1897) Amendment Bill;
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 Granting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Thurne and Saint Giles: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Belco and Saint Giles: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Britdick presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regula- tions for the Militia, 1898.

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

Sir William Walrond presented, by Her Ma- jesty's Command,—Copy of Agreement between the United Kingdom and France respecting the Express Delivery of Parcels. Signed at Paris, 13th April 1868.

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

Mr. Goschen presented,—Return to an Order dated the 3rd day of March last, for Return relative to Fleets (Great Britain and Foreign Countries).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill; and a Return showing, for each of the ten years ended the 31st day of March 1898,—

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

Public Petitions. Vide, with Report.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to University at the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Abstract of Accounts of the University of Glasgow for the year ending 30th September 1897.

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

Mr. Britdick presented, pursuant to the direc- tions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regula- tions for the Militia, 1898.

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

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Edinburgh and District Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Nimbles Railway and Pier Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order made upon the 15th day of Feb- ruary last, That the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway (Abolishment) Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Electric Light- ing Provisional Orders (No. 6.)
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(1.) The Amounts received by the Exchequer on account of the Licence Duties proposed to be transferred to County Councils under Clause 42 of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill;

(2.) The Amounts of the Grants heretofore made out of the Exchequer in aid of the Rates in Ireland proposed to be discontinued under Clause 42 of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill; and

(3.) The Amounts received on account of the Licence Duties transferred to County Councils in England and Wales under Section 30 of the Local Government Act, 1888.—(Mr. Dillon.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the payment, out of money to be provided by Parliament, of Remuneration to any Commissioner of the Local Government Board for Ireland, who may be appointed under any Act of the present Session for amending the Law relating to Local Government in Ireland—Lord Arthur Hill; by Her Majesty's Command, 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.

Windes, Dock, Cardiff, Bill.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committees on the Barry Docks and Railways Bill, 1883 and 1884, be referred to the Committee on the Windes Dock, Cardiff, Bill.—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Hastings District Water and Gas Bill [Provisions not proved.]

Sir Charles Dalrymple reported from the Committee on the Hastings District Water and Gas Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not been proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Foreign Bondholders Corporation Bill.

Mr. Johnson-Ferguson reported from the Committee on the Foreign Bondholders Corporation 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.

Private Bills (Group F.)

Mr. Johnson-Ferguson reported from the Committee on Group F. of Private Bills, That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Friday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Public Income and Expenditure.

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 1887-88, inclusive (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 263, of Session 1897.)—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

Southampton Gas Bill.

Sir Henry Fletcher reported from the Committee on the Southampton Gas Bill, That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and totally 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.

Sirs Charles Dalrymple reported from the Way Valley Committee on the Way Valley 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. Halsey 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. Less Kinnoul, and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Accoff.

Mr. Halley further reported from the Committee on the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure the following Members in respect of the Vaccination Bill—Mr. Vaccination Bill, Attorney General, Mr. Thomas Bagin, Sir Charles Cameron, Mr. Channing, Mr. Chaplin, Sir Charles Dalrymple, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Hazell, Colon Long, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Sir William Printing, General Russell, Mr. F. W. Russell, Mr. Steadman, and Mr. John William Wilson.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Moncrief reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the West Ham Corporation 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.

2. That, in the case of the Drogbo Gas Bill, Drogbo 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 Norwich Electric Tramways 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.

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 followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Edinburgh Merchant Company Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Great North of Scotland Railway Company to widen, alter, and improve parts of their Railway; to buy additional Land, and for other purposes; which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer Powers upon the Midland Railway Company for the construction of Railways from Asquith to Bradford, in the West Riding of the County of York, and for other purposes;
The Great North of Scotland Railway Bill

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

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The Bill was read the first time.

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The Midland Railway (West Riding Lines) Bill

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 Bill

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

Wild Birds Protection (Ireland.) Bill 220.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Wild Birds Protection Acts as applying to Ireland; and that Mr. Sydney Buxton, Sir Thomas Emmonde, Mr. William Redmond, Sir Herbert Maxwell, and Sir Edward Grey do prepare, and bring in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

CLAUSE, No. 35 (Certificates of Local Government Board as to poor rate and county cess in standard financial year).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 33, to leave out the words "subject to the provisions herein contained with respect to the excluded charges."—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 19, after the word "raised," to insert the words "or the standard financial year."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 36 (Easing of expenses of district councils, guardians, and county councils by poor rate, and deduction of agricultural grant).

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, l. 35, to leave out the words "or of a board of guardians."—(Mr. Figgis.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 20, l. 5, to leave out from the word "period" to the word "and," in l. 7.—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 37 (Incidence of poor rate as VOL. 155. between occupier and landlord. 6 & 7 Vic.
The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Congested Districts Board (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 Architects' Registration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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 Tuesday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Board
Second Reading of the School Board Voting Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the National
Second Reading of the National Monuments in Churches Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the University
Second Reading of the Universities (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Lords) upon Tuesday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the
adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of this instant May, That the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Antiquities (Ireland) (Transfer) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the
Wine and Beerhouse Acts Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of June next.

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

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Bill 231. 

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Balaenoptera Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kew Bridge and Approaches Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (saving rights of Her Majesty the Queen) 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Counties of Brecon, Cornwall, Devon, Monmouth, and Radnor: 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 Blackpool, General, Nottingham, and Sandburn-on-Thames: 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 Brighton and Haven, Ossett, Ripon and Uttoxeter, and to the Convoy and Coleyn Bay and Tolworth 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 Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Blackpool, General, Nottingham, and Sandburn-on-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.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Blackpool, General, Nottingham, and Sandburn-on-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.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of this instant May, for Returns relative to Local Government (Provincial) Bill (Classes and Local Grants). 

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


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

A Motion was made, and the Question being negatived, That Committees do sit tomorrow, being Ascension Day, until Two of the clock. 

(Mr. Balfour) 

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; 

The Noes to the Left. 


Tellers for the Mr. Broadhurst, Noes, 39. 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Local Government (Ireland). 

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow:

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Received, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of remuneration to any Commissioner of the Local Government Board for Ireland, who may be appointed under any Act of the present Session for amending the Law relating to Local Government in Ireland.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow:

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, N°. 41 (Special provisions as to charges for railways, harbours, navigations, and public health.).

Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 4, to leave out paragraph (a), Sub-section (1).—(Mr. Know.)

Question, That the words "(a) of any Railway" to the word "with," in l. 4, both inclusive, stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 6 and 7, to leave out the word "The tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883.—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walmsley, Yeas, ] Mr. Anstruther: 176. 

Tellers for the Mr. Maurice Healy, Noes, 87. 

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 25, l. 3, at end of the Clause, to add as a new sub-section "(4) The expenses incurred by a sanitary authority, 

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of this Act, in the execution of the Labourers Acts, 1885 to 1896, shall not be special expenses, but shall be expenses incurred in relation to the business of the council of a rural district, and be levied as district charges accordingly."—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Question proposed. That those words be there added.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Carriage of Game Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy (Ireland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th 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 the 9th 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 Wednesday the 9th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Steam Engines and Bakers (Persons in Charge) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trustees (Scotland) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Libraries (Offences) Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Acts 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 Antiquities (Ireland) Transfer Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the 6th day of June next.

Six Mark Stewart reported from the Select Committee on Commons, that they had considered the Report of the Board of Agriculture, certifying the expediency of a Provisional Order for Runcorn Hill, Cheshire, and are of opinion that the same ought to be confirmed by Parliament without modification; and that they had directed him to make a Report thereof, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them.

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

Sir William Holdsworth reported from the Metropolitan Police Committee on the Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill; That 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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Sir Henry Fletcher reported the Turnchapel Warehouse and Warehouses Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Holhouse reported from the Committee on Railway Bills, that the evidence of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Friday, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

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 Congested Districts (Ireland) Bill;  
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The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Private Bills

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following 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.:

Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroad (Tramway Extension) Bill.

Wirral Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:

Sheffield District Railway Bill.

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

The Cornwall Mines Improvement Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Cranbrook District Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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

Holme's Patent 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 Mariana and Hemsun Railway Company Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Mortley Corporation (Gas) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

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

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

The Wigan 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 Dublin Port and Docks Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Provision in case candidate elected both as shipping member and traders' member) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Gaslight and Coke Company Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Western Railway Act (New Works) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

A Petition of the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Act, for the Company to raise an additional amount of Capital by the issue of Debenture Stock, was presented, and read; 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 Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1882, relating to Runcorn Heath and Runcorn Hill, in the County of Chester; And that Mr. Walter Long and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to the Borough of Devonport; 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 an Order in Council of the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council in Ireland relating to the Londonderry and Leighlinbridge Railway: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Walter Long presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1882, relating to Runcorn Heath and Runcorn Hill, in the County of Chester: 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 a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to the Borough of Devonport: And the same was read the first time.

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

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Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm an Order in Council of the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council in Ireland, relating to the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway; and the same was read the first time.

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

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixteenth Annual Report of the Inspectors of Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries for England and Wales, for the year 1897.

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

Mr. Corner presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2029 to 2099.

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to Amendments in the Law relating to Sedition and Defamation in India.

Copy of Papers referring to Amendments in the Law relating to the Post Office in India.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of the Number of Evictions from Agricultural Holdings, which have come to the knowledge of the Commissioner, and also of the Number of Tenancies determined, in the Quarter ended 31st March 1898.

Copy of Statistical Tables of the Dublin Metropolitan Police for the year 1897.

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

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant May, for Returns relative to Reserve and Discharged Soldiers, Civil Employment (House of Commons). No. 300.

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

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Mr. Hobhouse reported the South Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Hobhouse reported from the Committee on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same as 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 Video Supplement to the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Leith Burgh Provisional Order Bill; that they had considered the said Order; and 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 Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 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 Report do lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Great Eastern Railway (Pensions) 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 Rhondia and Swansea Bay Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same as 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 Video Supplement to the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Glasgow Corporation (Sewage, &c.) Bill; that in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 24th day of April last, the Committee had inserted in the Bill the additional provision referred to in the said Resolution.

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

The news of the death of William Gladstone has been received with profound sorrow by the Italian Nation, ever mindful of the interest constantly shown by that great Statesman in the cause of our national resurrection, and has awakened a heartfelt and solemn echo of grief in the hearts of my colleagues of the Chamber of Deputies. As the Chamber is now prorogued it falls on me, in virtue of my office of President, to interpret their sentiments, and assure the House of Commons of our lively participation in their grief at the loss of so eminent a Member, whose whole life was one constant expression of devotion to his Country.

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President of the Chamber of Deputies.

To the Speaker of the House of Commons, London.

The Norwegian Storting, learning with profound regret the news of Mr. Gladstone's death, beg to express heartfelt sympathy.

Ulmann,
The President of the Storting.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Mr. Gladstone [Funeral and Monument].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, Neminem Contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to give directions, that the remains of the Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone be interred at the public charge, and that a Monument be erected in the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Westminster, with an Inscription expressive of the Public Admiration and Attachment, and of the high sense entertained of his Rare and Splendid Gifts, and his Devoted Labours in Parliament and in Great Offices of State, and to assure Her Majesty that this House will make good the Expenses attending the same.—(Mr. Balfour.)

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

Clause, No. 45 (Boundaries of counties for judicial and militia purposes).

Amendment proposed, in p. 26, l. 19, after the word "Act," to insert the words "(b)

"The court houses and other county buildings

"anhered used for the purposes of the County

"Antrim and the City of Belfast, and for the

"purposes of the County and City of Limoges.

"shall continue to be so used, subject to

"the prescribed conditions."—(Mr. Knox.)

Question proposed, That those words be there

inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 46 (General provisions as to transfer of business to county and district councils).

Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 10, to leave out Sub-section (2).—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That Sub-section (2) stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 27, l. 13, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "except so far as the sheriff or the justices may require for administration of justice, the use of any court house, sessions house, or other county building under his or their custody or control, the county council may use the same for the purpose of the execution of their duties, and if any difference arises between the sheriff or justices and the county council as to such use, or as to the remuneration of any court keeper or other officer, such difference shall be determined by the Lord Lieutenant."—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 3, after the word "use," to insert the words "manage and control."—(Mr. Concannon.)
Question put, That those words be inserted in the proposed Amendment; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Clancy.]

Yes, [Mr. Thomas Esmemde:]

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Tellors for the Sir William Walbnd.]

Noes, [Mr. Anstruther:]

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Words added.

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Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 47 and No. 48, agreed to.

Clause, No. 49, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 50 (Provision for chronic and harmless lunacy).

Amendment made. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 28, l. 8, after the word "asylum," to insert the words "Provided that where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Lord Lieutenant that "the guardians of a union wholly or partly "within a county have allocated and fully "equipped a department of their workhouse for "the reception of chronic lunacy, certified as "affected by the medical officer of the work- "house, and that such department of the work- "house is suitable for the purpose, the Lord "Lieutenant may direct that such department "of the workhouse shall be utilised as an "auxiliary lunatic asylum within the meaning "of this section."—(Sir James Haslett.)

Question, That those words be there inserted —put, and negatived. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 28, l. 12, to leave out the word "two," in order to insert the word "four."—(Mr. Dillon.) Question proposed, That the word "two" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 51, agreed to.

Clause, No. 52, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 53 (As to enforcing a mandate).

Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 24, after the word "Where," to insert the words "after due "process of law."—(Mr. Timothy M. Heely.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That Clause 53 stand part of the Bill; The Committee divided. Tellers for the Sir William Walbnd.]

Yes, [Mr. Anstruther:]

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Tellers for the Sir Thomas Esmemde.]

Noes, [Captain Donalson:]

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To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothber 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 of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ways and Means.

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

India Office (Store Dept.) [Expenses].

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on India Office (Store Dept.) [Expenses]; 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 Sheriff's Tenure of Office (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Record Committee on the Public Record Office Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Private Bill Committee on the Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Suffragan Committee on the Suffragan Bishops Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Greenwich Hospital Bill, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of March last, That the Greenwich Hospital 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 Reserve Forces Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Habitual Inebriates Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Statute Law Revision Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill;

Ordered, That the Evidence in Criminal Cases 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 Charitable Second Reading of the Charitable Loans (Ire- land) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the London University Commission Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing 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 Dogs Regulation 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 Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations (Ireland) 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 Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (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 Committee on Telegraphs [Grant];

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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 2nd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Service Franchise Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 16th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Labourers (Ireland) Acts Amendment (No. 9) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Honorary Burgesses (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th 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 Monday the 13th day of June next.

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 upon Thursday the 16th day of June next.

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 Friday the 17th day of June 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 upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

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 Tuesday the 14th day of June 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 Wednesday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Solicitors (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 9th day of June next.

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 upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of this instant May, That the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal 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 Canal Committee on the Canals Protection (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 Carriage of Second Reading of the Carriage of Goods Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Societies' Borrowing Powers 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.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Antiquities (Ireland) (Transfer) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before Three of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

**Monday, 23rd May, 1896.**

The House met at Three of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

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

Great Northern and City 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 Bills originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Great North of Scotland Railway Bill. London and South Western Railway Bill. Midland Railway (West Riding Lines) 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.:—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time tomorrow.

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.:—

Land Drainage Provisional Order (Great Orme) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time tomorrow.

The Bakerloo Gas Bill [Lords.] 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.

A Motion being made, That the Ken Bridge and Approaches 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 purpose 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 East Ham Improvement 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 Higham and Hundred of How Water Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

Ordered, That the Mid-Kent Water Bill, as Mid-Kent amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday the 10th day of June next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southbrook and Vauxhall Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Oak Valley Railway Bill, as amended in the Railway Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Gaslight and Coke Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 9th 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:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Edinburgh and District Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Marley Corporation Loneck Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Orme Tramway and Tramroad Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Merry Docks and Harbour Board (New Works) Bill, without any Amendment.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Royal, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorized by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised.
23rd May.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the East and West Water Railway Wake Bill be re-committed to the former Committee—

(Ordered.)

(Mr. Lloyd-George);
The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Lloyd-George, Yeas, 189.
Mr. Neveggio; Tellers for the Noes—Sir Thomas Bower-Car, 178.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to Metropolis take into consideration the Metropolitan Police Provisional Order 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 Local Government Board relating to Borough Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Borough of Ashton-under-Lyne, and the Urban District of (No. 2) Bill (No. 2) was, according to Order, read the Lighting second time, and Provisional Order Bill passed.

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

The West of England City and South London, and the Urban District of London, Chatham, and London, Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Borough of (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the Provisional second time, and Order Bill.

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 certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Dunbar, Hawick, Leeds, and Stowbridge; 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 Cheltenham (two), Folkestone, Saltford, and Wortingham, and to the Harriet, Stole, and Foston Joint Hospital District; and the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Parish of Llanbedr, and to the Netherwen and Saint Elaine's Unions; 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. Brodrick presented a Bill to confirm Provisional Orders of the Secretary of State under the Military Lands Act, 1892; and the same was read the first time.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Great Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill of Session 1897, and the Horsem, Umbridge, and High Wycombe Railway Bill of Session 1897, be referred to the Committee on the Great Central Railway Bill of this Session.—Dr. Farquharson, M.D.,

Ordered, That the Chairman of Ways and Means be discharged from attendance on the Committees on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3), Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3), Plaisance Provisional Order, Gasborough Gas, Drogheda Gas, Crystal Palace Company, Cromer Gas, Easton and Church Hope Railway (Extension of Time), Ashtead, Burwash, and Central India Railway Company [Lords], Cranbrook and Paddock Wood Railway [Lords], Crumby, Sidley, and Woodford Railway [Lords], and Lincoln Corporation Water [Lords] Bills; and that Mr. John Edward Ellis be appointed Chairman of the Committees on the said Bills.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Abstract for the principal and other Foreign Countries in each year from 1866 to 1895-96 (Twenty-fourth Number). Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Fifteenth Report of the Comptroller General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, with Appendices, for the year 1897. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on the Norwich Electric Tramways Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 1st day of March last, the Committee have struck out the powers to construct Tramways Nos. 2 and 3; that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 17th day of this instant May, the Committee have considered the advisability of inserting the additional provision therein referred to, and have agreed to the same.

Mr. Jeffreys further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Mr. Kimber reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords to consider and report—

1. Whether, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 10 (1) of the Electric Lighting Act, 1882, powers should be given in any cases for acquiring land compulsorily for generating stations; and, if so, under what conditions as respects liability for nuisance, notices to surrounding owners, and otherwise;

2. Whether compulsory powers of acquiring land for generating stations, if proper to be given in any case, should be given where the proposed site is not within the area of supply;

3. Whether, in case of a generating station, however acquired, not being situate within the area of supply, power should be given for the breaking up of streets between the generating station and the boundary of the area of supply;

4. Whether powers should be given in any case for the supply of electrical energy over an area including districts of numerous local authorities, involving plant of exceptional dimensions and high voltage; and, if such powers may properly be given, whether any and what conditions should be imposed—

(a) With respect to system and plant, and to the construction and location of generating stations, in view of the powers of purchase conferred upon local authorities by sections two and three of the Electric Lighting Act, 1882;

(b) With respect to the relations of the promoters to other undertakers and to local authorities within parts of the area of supply;

5. Under what conditions (if any) ought powers to be conferred upon promoters seeking to supply electrical energy to other undertakers and not directly to consumers; 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 Henry Fletcher reported the Fensol Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Accountants Bill was read, bled, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of June next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been read by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer additional Powers upon the Tramways Company of Edinburgh and North Western Railway in Scotland with reference to the Alteration of the Sites of Parish Churches, and of the Districts attached, 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 Law of Scotland with respect to the Attendance of Children at School; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for making a Tramroad in the County of Oxford, 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 London and North Western Railway Company (Tynemouth) Bill, in relation to their Chester and North Wales Railway, (Lords.) 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 Halifax to construct additional Waterworks, Tramways, Street widenings and improvements; to confer further Powers with respect to their Gasworks Undertakings; to amend some of the provisions of the Local Acts in force within the Borough, 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 Burgh Corporation of the County Borough of Hamilton to confer upon those Commissioners, 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 granting of Further Powers to the Fowey Bill (Lords.) Company, in relation to their Tyneside Water Bill (Lords.) and the Fowey Bill; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for authorising the Hamilton Water Bill (Lords.) Commissioners to make and maintain additional Waterworks, and for conferring further Powers upon those Commissioners, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for making a Tramroad in the County of Stafford, 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 Bacup to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

The London and North Western Railway (Water) Bill was read the first time.

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The Chorley and Bill of Howth Tramroad Bill was read the first time.

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

The Kettering Water Bill was read the first time.

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

The Tyneemouth Corporation Water Bill was read the first time.

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The Halifax Corporation Bill was read the first time.

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

The Folkestone Water Bill was read the first time.

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The Hamilton Water Bill was read the first time.

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

The Bacup Corporation Water 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 Housing of Working Classes (Rural Districts) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of June next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Pension (Old Age) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of June next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received the following Message of Sympathy from the President of the Chamber of Deputies at Athens:—

Athens, 20th May.

From the President of the Chamber of Deputies at Athens to the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons, London.

In the Name of my Colleague of the Hellenic Parliament, I beg you to transmit to the Honourable Members of the House of Commons the expression of our grief at the loss of the Eminent Statesman and Friend of Greece Gladstone. He was entitled to the gratitude of the Greek people, and his name will ever be venerated by my fellow-countrymen.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be ap pointed to consider the circumstances relating to the attendance of this House at the Funeral of the late Right Honourable William Ewart Glad stone on Saturday the 28th day of this instant May.

Ordered, That the Committee do consist of the following Members:—Mr. Akers-Douglas, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Tennyson Ellis, Sir Thomas Evans, Sir William Harcourt, Sir Herbert Maxwell, and Mr. John Wharton.

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
“reason, unnecessary or undesirable to do so.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 29, l. 37, to leave out Sub-section (4).—(Mr. Flynn.)

Question proposed, That Sub-section (2) stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 1, to leave out the word “quarterly,” in order to insert the words “half-yearly”—(Sir Thomas Emmonde.), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word “quarterly” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 21, after the second word “council,” to insert the words “the qualified assistant clerks of said secretary.”—(Mr. Flynn.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 27 and 28, to leave out the words “subject to any statutory limit.”—(Sir Thomas Lea.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 38, after the word “security,” to insert the words “from a guarantee society or company.”—(Mr. Daly.)

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 40, to leave out Sub-section (4).—(Mr. Daly.)

Question put, That the words of the subsection to the word “he,” in l. 42, stand part of the Clause.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 153.]

[Mr. Austrander: 158.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Daly, 76.]

[Mr. Thomas Emmonde: 76.]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 42, to leave out the words “be appointed.”—(Mr. James O’Connor.)

Question, That the words “be appointed” stand part of the Clause;—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 30, l. 43, to leave out the word “or.”—(Mr. Sharpe.)

Question, That the word “or” stand part of the Clause;—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 31, l. 16, after the word “lists,” to insert the words “and” and “such secretary or town clerk shall receive such additional remuneration in respect of the increase of his duties by reason of the transfer in clause—section mentioned as the Local Government Board may sanction, such increase not to be less in amount than the amount which would have been receivable by such clerk of the union if such transfer of powers and duties had not been made.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 31, l. 21, to leave out the words “Lord Lieutenant,” in order to insert the words “Local Government Board”—(Mr. Timothy M. Holly), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words “Lord Lieutenant” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 31, l. 31, after the word “borough,” at end, to insert as a new sub-section, “Where a county surveyor, or any resident medical superintendent or assistant medical officer of a lunatic asylum, is appointed by a county council after the passing of this Act, and at the time of such appointment held a like office in another county or lunatic asylum, he shall, upon ceasing to hold office, be entitled, for the purpose of the enactments relating to superannuation, to reckon any previous service as county surveyor or as officer of a lunatic asylum which he might have reckoned if his service had been under the appointing council or committee.”—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 3, after the word “officer,” to insert the words “or other officer.”—(Mr. Clancy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Heads Article 31, l. 33, after the words “subject to any statutory limit,” to insert the words “which might have reckoned if his service had been permanent.”—(Mr. Flynn.)

Question, That those words be there inserted—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Words inserted.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 31, l. 53, at the end of the Clause, to add the words “or the powers conferred by any unenacted Act on the Lord Lieutenant and Privy Council or any other Government department in relation to officers.”—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 56 (Officers of lunatic asylum).

Amendment proposed, in p. 31, l. 37, after the word “officer,” to insert the words “or assistant county surveyor.”—(Mr. Clancy.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 4, after the word “section,” to insert the words “with the modification that any officer or servant who has been an officer or servant in any asylum for not less than twenty years and is not less than fifty years of age, or who in the discharge of his or her duty became permanently incapable of executing the office in person, from sickness or infirmity of mind or body, shall be entitled to an annuity in the nature of superannuation amounting to two-thirds of the annual salary and two-thirds of the annual value of the lodgings, rations, and other allowances payable to or enjoyed by the person superannuated at the time of his or her retirement, and the said Act shall be deemed to be amended accordingly.”—(Mr. Clancy.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Clancy: Yeas, 35.]

[Mr. Patrick O’Brien: Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 234.]

[N. Austrander:]

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 5, to leave out Sub-section (4).—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That Sub-section (4) stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No 57 (Officers of rural district council and guardians).
Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 14, to leave out the words "clerk of the union," in order to insert the words "executive sanitary officer"—(Mr. James Campbell), instead thereof.
Question, That the words "clerk of the union" stand part of the Clause, —put, and agreed to.
Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No 58 (Obligation of county and other local officers).
Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 33, after the word "cases," to insert the words "other than"—(Mr. James Campbell.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, —put, and negatived.
Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Tuesday, 24th May, 1898:

CLAUSE, No 59 (Special provisions as to qualifications and elections).
Amendment proposed, in p. 32, l. 42, to leave out Sub-section (1)—(Mr. Charles Dilke.)
Question put, That Sub-section (1) stand part of the Clause ;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther) —146.
Tellers for the (Mr. Shee) —68.
Noes, [Mr. Ollto] —68.
Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Carroll Williams),—put, and negatived.
Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 11, after the word "district," to insert the words "for all purposes."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)
Question proposed, That the words "for all purposes" be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 33, l. 12, to leave out the word "May," in order to insert the word "July"—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy),—instead thereof.
Question proposed, That the word "May" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Other Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No 60 (Registration of electors).
Amendments made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 4, at the end of the Clause to add the words "(6) Lines of parliamentary electors in Ireland (the general register of electors, and the local government register of electors, shall in each electoral division or part thereof be made out according to streets where streets exist, and elsewhere shall be made out according to townlands; the names of electors in each townland being arranged in alphabetical order, and all precepts and forms contained in and used under the Registration Acts and the Registration (Ireland) Acts, 1898, shall be modified and adapted accordingly."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)
Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No 61 (Powers of Lord Lieutenant and Local Government Board).
Amendment proposed, in p. 34, l. 21, to leave out the word "confirmed" to the first word "and" in l. 22, in order to insert the words "in the prescribed manner"—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy),—instead thereof.
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSE, No 62, disagreed to.
CLAUSE, No 63 (Order in Council for regulating procedure of councils and making transitory provisions for bringing Act into operation).
Amendment proposed, in p. 36, l. 17, after the word "jurors," to insert the words "Provided that a county council shall not be authorized to accept any tender for the execution of a public work other than the lowest tender, as provided by section twenty-three of the Grand Jury (Ireland) Act, 1836. Provided that any such Order in Council may provide that a tender and proposal for the execution of a public work shall be accompanied with such deposit of money as may be prescribed by the Order in Council to ensure that the tender is made in good faith, and for the forfeiture of such deposit in case the same should not have been made in good faith."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, —put, and negatived.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 36, l. 17, after the word "jurors," to insert the words "(5) A county council may, with respect to any public work the expenses of which are chargeable partly or wholly to the administrative county, or upon the recommendation of the council of the district, with respect to any public work the expenses of which are chargeable wholly to a county district, execute such work without the intervention of a contractor, and the Act of the twentieth and twenty-first years of the reign of Victoria, chapter fifteen, shall in such case apply with the necessary modifications."—(Mr. Shee.)
Question, That those words be there inserted, —put, and negatived.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the (Mr. Shoe) —28.
Tellers for the (Mr. Field) —111.
Noes, [Mr. Anstruther] —111.
Amendments made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSES, No 65 and No 66, agreed to.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther Anstruther 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:—Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 9th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means:—Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 6th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on India Office (Store Dept) [Expenditure]:—Resolved,
The Order of the day being read, for the
Reserve Forces Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday
the 6th day of June next, resolve itself into the
said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Statute Law Revision
Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Habitual Indebtedness Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 6th 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 Tuesday the 14th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment
Act (1879) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
New License Second Reading of the New Licenses
Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Friday the 17th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Crime (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the London University Com-
mission Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday
the 6th day of June next, resolve itself into the
said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissio-
ners' Names Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read for resum-
ing the adjourned Debate on the Question pro-
posed upon the 29th day of March last, That the
Greenwich Hospital Bill be now read a second
time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned
till Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read for the
Commerce and Railways (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday
the 6th day of June next, resolve itself into the
said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations
(Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read for the
Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill,
as amended in the Com-
mittee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into considera-
tion upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read for the
Access to Mountains Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read for the
Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment
Act (1879) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read for the
Charitable Loans (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday
the 6th day of June next, resolve itself into the
said Committee.

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
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upon Monday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Monday the 6th day of June next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Thursday the 16th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Irish Surnames Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday the 14th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Irish Lights Board Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Acts Amendment 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 County Councils (Advances) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Sunday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law (Ireland) Disabilities Removal Bill:
Ordered, That this Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill:
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Societies' Borrowing Powers Bill:
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 6th day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tenures of Dwelling Houses (Abolished) Bill:
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of Reports to the present time by Her Majesty's Representatives, in the system of Tenures of Dwelling Houses in the Countries in which they reside (in continuation of Commercial, No. 26, 1844). (Mr. Field.)

Mr. Gladstone's Funeral.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Select Committees appointed to consider the circumstances relating to the attendance of this House at the Funeral of the late Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone on Sunday the 28th day of this instant May; that they had considered the matter to them referred, and had agreed to the following Report:

Your Committee are informed that the Earl Marshal has arranged to provide places in the South Transept of Westminster Abbey for Members desiring to attend the Funeral of Mr. Gladstone on Saturday the 29th day of this instant May.

Your Committee recommend that Members should attend in mourning dress; that each Member should be admitted by ticket; and that Members desiring places should send in their names to Mr. Speaker's Secretary by 7 p.m. on Wednesday the 25th day of this instant May. That provision should be made in the front seats for Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of Ways and Means, Ministers, Ex-Ministers, and Privy Councillors; and that officers should attend at the entrance of the Abbey, and prevent unauthorized persons entering the seats reserved for the use of Members.

They further recommend that Members attending should assemble in the House an hour before the time fixed for the Funeral; and that Mr. Speaker do make such provision as may appear to him necessary for the orderly arrangement of the procession of Members to the Abbey.

The Clerk and Officers of the House, not exceeding 5 in number, shall be permitted to accompany the Members of the House, and have tickets issued to them accordingly.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Four of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Southend-on-Sea Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.
A Motion being made, That the Dublin Port Docks Board Bill be now read the third time; Sir John Kenny, 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 Motion being made, That the Great Western Railway (New Works) Bill be now read the third time; Sir John Kenny, 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 Plymouth and Stonehouse 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 Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That the Paper relative to Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, which was presented upon the 23rd day of this instant May, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Experiments—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 29th day of April last, for a Return relative to Experiments on Living Animals.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Orders made by the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire, constituting Polling Districts and Polling Places within the Riding.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Experiments on Living Animals be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of February last, for a Return relative to Navy and Army Estimates (Cost of Administration).

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Electric a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 15) 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 a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 14) 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, Navy and a Return of Numbers of Commissariat Officers, Subordinate and Warrant Officers, Petty Officers, Men, and Boys of the Executive Branch, Engineer Branch, and other Branches of the Royal Navy, borne on the 1st day of April 1858, 1868, 1878, 1888, and 1898, respectively, excluding Pensioners and Reserves; and a similar Return of the Numbers of the Commissioned, Warrant, and Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Marine Forces, in the following form:

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(Sir John Coleridge)

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Local Government 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, without Amendment, to continue.

Ordered,
Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

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

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Committee on the Cranbrook and Paddock Wood Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Committee on the Cromwell, Sidley, and Bexhill Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Committee on the Lithuanian Corporation (Water) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Sir John Kennedy reported from the Committee on the Great Central Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Sir William Holdsworth reported from the Committee on the Corporation (Water) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Sir William Holdsworth reported from the Committee on the Heywood and District Urban District Council Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Committee on the 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 Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Kennedy reported from the Committee on the Easton and District Urban District Council Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Committee on the Crystal Palace Company Bill, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Committee on the Cromer Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Committee on the Water Corporation Corporation (Water) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Committee on the Crystal Palace Company Bill, with Amendments.

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

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

The Order for the House to resolve itself into Post Office Votes, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday the 6th day of June next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received Messages of Sympathy from the Senate and the President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Argentine Republic:

To the Most Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons, London,

I have the honour to communicate to the Speaker that the Senate of the Argentine Nation, over which I preside, rose to its feet in honour of the great memory of William Edward Gladstone, the glory of humanity, whose loss the whole world at this moment deplores, and who merits the posthumous homage of all the Parliaments of the free nations of the world.

Dorset House, London, 10th May 1898.
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From the President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Argentine Republic to the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Chamber of Deputies of the Argentine Nation shares in the feeling of profound and universal grief produced by the death of that eminent English Citizen, William Gladstone.

Bankruptcy Acts (1883) Amendment, (Ireland.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Bankruptcy Act, 1883; And that Mr. Brynmor Jones, Mr. Carson, Mr. Henry Davi Green, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Lawson Walton, Mr. Ascroft, and Mr. Lloyd-George do prepare, and bring it in.

Truck Acts Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Truck Acts; And that Captain Norton, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Davitt, Mr. Jacquy, Mr. Logan, and Mr. Woods do prepare, and bring it in.

Vexatious Actions (Scotland).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Vexatious Legal Proceedings in Scotland; And that Mr. John Wilson (Govan), Mr. Haldane, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Mr. Henshaw, and Sir William Dunn do prepare, and bring it in.

Pauper Children (Ireland). Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Union of Benefices Act, 1860; And that Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to make further Provision with respect to the Relief of Pauper Children in Ireland, and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Sir John Colamb, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. William Johnston, and Mr. John Redwood do prepare, and bring it in.

Resolution of Gentlemen.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further Provision with respect to the Relief of Pauper Children in Ireland, and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to make further Provision with respect to the Relief of Pauper Children 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 Wednesday the 22nd day of June next; and to be printed.

Bankruptcy Act (1883) Amendment Bill. Bill 224.

Captain Norton presented a Bill to amend the Bankruptcy Acts; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Wilson (Govan) presented a Bill to prevent Vexatious Legal Proceedings in Scotland; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 20th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Wilson (Govan) presented a Bill to prevent Vexatious Legal Proceedings in Scotland; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 20th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Attorney General presented a Bill to amend the Union of Benefices Act, 1860; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 6th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Gladstone (Pavilion in Westminster Abbey).

Resolved, That this House will attend the Funeral of the Right Honorable William Ewart Gladstone in the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Westminster, on Saturday, the 26th day of this instant May.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause, N° 67 (Interpretation of certain terms in the Act).

Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 14, after the word "jury," to insert the words "and the governors and directors of an asylum."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 38, l. 29, after the word "work," to insert the words "or thing."—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That the words "or thing" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 68, agreed to.

Clause, N° 69 (First elections of county and rural districts, nominees and first councils). An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 41, l. 13, at the end of the Clause to add the words—

"(3) The sheriff of each county shall be the returning officer for such first election, but if the sheriff desires to be a candidate at such election the county quarter sessions, on his application, may appoint another person to be the returning officer, and the person so appointed shall for the purpose of such election have the powers and duties of the sheriff.

"(4) The costs properly incurred by the returning officer in reference to the first election, and in reference to such first meeting of the provisional council, shall be defrayed as expenses of the county council, and may be taxed on an application made by or by direction of the provisional council."—(Mr. James Campbell.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 70, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, N° 71, agreed to.

Clause, N° 72, disagreed to.

Clause, N° 73, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, N° 74 (Adjustment of rent as between occupier and landlord in consequence of agricultural grant and change in incidence of rate). Amendment proposed, in p. 45, l. 40, to leave out paragraph (d) of Sub-section (1).—(Mr. Clancy.)

Question, That paragraph (d) of Sub-section (1) stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 47, l. 20, at the end of the Clause to add the words "Nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect a contract as to rates contained in the lease of any house in a city or town."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 75 (Employment and payment of officers by Local Government Board). Amendment proposed, in p. 47, l. 22, to leave out Sub-section (1).—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question put, That Sub-section (1) stand part of the Clause; The Committee divided. 

Votes, 664. Tellers, 4.
An Amendment made, Clause, as amended, added.

Another Clause (Transfer of business of burial boards in certain towns)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—added.

Another Clause (Extension of power of purchase of market, under 41 & 42 Vic. c. 82, s. 104)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—added.

Another Clause (Provision as to Fishery Districts, 11 & 12 Vic. c. 92)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—added.

Another Clause (By-laws regulating boats plying for hire)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—added.

Another Clause (Application of 17 & 18 Vic. c. 103, to certain towns)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—brought up, and read a first and second time, amended, and added.

Another Clause (As to rate books and list of voters and jurors)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—brought up, and read a first and second time.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 6, after the word “union,” to insert the words “Such copy shall be received as evidence of the contents of the rate book in any court in like manner as if it was the original rate book, and a copy or extract of such copy, or any part thereof, may be certified under the hand of the clerk of the union as being a true copy of the said rate book or any part thereof, or of the valuation of any lands as appearing in the rate book, and shall be received in evidence in all respects as if the same were a copy or extract from the original rate book.”—(Mr. Maurice Healy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Collector-General of Rates, Dublin)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—added.

Another Clause (Constitution of Local Government Board)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—added.

Another Clause (Applications, with adaptations, by Order in Council of English and Scotch enactments respecting supplemental provisions)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—added.

Another Clause (Provision for interest of existing officers)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—brought up, and read a first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in Is. 3 and 4, to leave out stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, at the end of the proposed Amendment, to add the words “Galway, Newry,”—(Mr. Clancy.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment made, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Provision for existing officers of urban authorities other than town clerks)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—brought up, and read a first and second time, amended, and added.

Another Clause (Performance of duties under Registration and Jurors Acts by existing officers)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—brought up, and read a first and second time.

Amendment proposed, in l. 4, after the word “shall,” the words “without prejudice to any existing right.”

Another Amendment proposed, after the words “last inserted,” to insert the words “be entitled to second pension as if this Act had not passed.”—(Mr. Flynn.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 2, to leave out from the word “who” to the word “is” in l. 2. (Mr. Shee.)

An Amendment made by inserting, in l. 4, after the word “shall,” the words “without prejudice to any existing right.”

Another Amendment proposed, after the words “and not in any other business of that authority,”—(Mr. Clancy.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 29, after the words “grand jury,” to insert the words “or county surveyor of twenty years’ service,”—(Mr. Sharpe.)

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

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 37, to leave out Sub-section (5).

Question, That Sub-section (5) stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in l. 80, to leave out the words “if he is qualified under the existing law for the grant of a superannuation allowance,” in order to insert the words “if his tenure of office is permanent in character”—(Mr. James Campbell)—instead thereof.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Clauses, as amended, added.

Another Clause (Provision as to county cess in arrear)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—added.
Adjournment proposed, That this House do now adjourn until Whitsuntide.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words "Dogs" be there inserted, — put, and negatived.

Schedule agreed to.

Schedule 3. Amendment proposed, in p. 51, column 1, l. 20, after the word "Guns," to insert the word "Dogs." — (Mr. Timothy M. Healy.) Question proposed, That the words "Dogs" be there inserted, — put, and negatived.

Schedule 4, disagreed to.

Schedule 5, agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 56, after l. 4, at the beginning, to insert the words —

"(c) The net emoluments shall be ascertained according to the average for the six grand jury half-years next before the time of his service; or if the officer had served for less than that period, then for the period of his service;

(d) The gross emoluments of a deputy shall not exceed the sum deducted in respect thereof in ascertaining the net emoluments of the high constable or collector whose deputy he was;

(e) The expression, "grand jury half-year" means the period between any assizes whose deputy he was; and the next assizes." — (Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;

Amendment, proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 7, to leave out the word "quarter," in order to insert the word "half." — (Mr. James Campbell.)— instead thereof.

Question, That the word "quarter" stand part of the proposed Amendment, — put, and agreed to.

Wors inserted.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

New Schedule (English and Scotch enactments) added.— (Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

New Schedule (Acts repealed),— brought up, and read a first and second time.

An Amendment made.

Schedule, as amended, added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Wilson Leather reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 21st day of June next; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn until Monday the 6th day of June next—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Satuday, 28th May, 1898.

This being the day on which the House had resolved to attend the Funeral of the Rt. Hon. William Ewart Gladstone in Westminster Abbey, Mr. Speaker and the Members assembled in the House and proceeded thence, through the Hall, to Westminster Abbey, and there attended the Funeral Service.

Monday, 6th June, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Great Northern and City 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 Southend and Vauxhall Water Bill be now read the third time;

Sir John Mowbray, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Usk Valley Railway Bill was, according the Usk Valley Railway Bill 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 proceeded to take into consideration the Foreign Bondholders 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 London Building Act (1894) Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Blackpool and Fleetwood tramroad (Tramway (Extension) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Northern and City Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great North of Scotland Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.
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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Arrests for Drunkenness (Ireland) be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Eighth Annual Observatory Report of the Astronomer Royal for Scotland, being for the year ended 15th April 1898.

Copy of Report of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Acts, being for the year 1897.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of Annual Statement of the Shipping, Navigation and Shipping of the United Kingdom for the year 1897.

Copy of Reports of a Committee appointed by Rule of the House to consider (1) the Lights and Signals to be carried by Fishing Vessels; (2) the expediency of requiring all Ships to keep out of the way of Steam Fishing Vessels; (3) the Lights to be carried by Steam Pilot Vessels. With Minutes of Evidence, Appendix, and Index.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of the Seamen's Fund, the Receipt and Expenditure under the Seamen's Fund Winding-up Act, from 1st January to 31st December 1897.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Merchant Seamen's Fund be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's National Command,—Copy of Forty-first Annual Report of the Trustees of the National Portrait Gallery to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, being for 1898.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 20th May 1898, granting a Retired Allowance, under the Act, to Mr. Francis H. Miller, late Superintendent and Victualling Storekeeper at Deptford, under the Board of Admiralty.

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

Mr. Bradock presented, by Her Majesty's Army Command,—Copy of the Annual Return of the Volunteer Corps of Great Britain, for the year 1897.

Copy of List of Exceptions to the Army Pay, Regulations as to Pay, Non-Efficiency Pay, and Annuities sanctioned during the year ending 31st March 1898, 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 Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gosse 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 1898-99.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Cown—Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of Crete (in continuation of Turkey), Nos. 11 and 12, 1897.

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

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Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command, copy of Memorial addressed to the Secretary of State for India, on the subject of the Measures recently adopted for dealing with Contagious Disease in the Indian Army.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House—Further Return to Government Business (No. 1, 1898), for Returns relative to Charitable Endowments (London).—Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the Secretary of State for India to raise Money in the United Kingdom for the service of the Government of India, on the security of the Revenues 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, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That for the remainder of the Session Government Business do have precedence on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (except on Wednesdays the 8th and 15th of June), and that the provisions of Standing Order 56 be extended to all the days of the week—(Mr. Balfour);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Watrood,

Yea, Mr. Asquith: 208.

No, Mr. Lloyd-George: 66.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That for the remainder of the Session Government Business do have precedence on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (except on Wednesdays the 8th and 15th of June), and that the provisions of Standing Order 56 be extended to all the days of the week.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance 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 "and" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "any readjustment of Taxation should include a remission in favour of clergymen whose income is wholly or in part derived from Tithe, and in whose case it can be shown that they are contributing more than their due share of Local Taxation"—(Colonel Midwinter)—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 Watrood,

Yea, Mr. Asquith: 215.

No, Mr. Maddison: 27.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

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And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

The Order of the day being read, for the Reserve Forces Committee on the Reserve Forces Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Resolutions into consideration the Resolutions (No. 2) Bill, as (No. 2) Bill, amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on India Office (Store Depts) (Ex. Depts.);

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 Sheriffs' Tenure of Office (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Record Office 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 Private Bill Procedure (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 Sufferer's Names Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commissioner's Names Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill;

Resolved, 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 on the 29th of March last, That the Greenwich


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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Canals Protection (London) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration Second Reading of the Registration of Firms Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Carriage of Second Reading of the Carriage of Game Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Wild Birds Protection (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Truck Acts Second Reading of 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 Tramways Second Reading of the Tramways' Certificates of Registration Suspension Bill;

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

The Wild Birds Protection (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.
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 Wednesday the 15th day of this instant June.

School Board Conferences (Scotland) Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Conferences (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant June.

Poor Law Officers Superannuation (Scotland) Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant June.

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 Thursday next.

Adulteration (Food Products) Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adulteration (Food Products) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Juries' Expenses Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Juries' Expenses Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

Tuesday, 7th June, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Gladstone (General and Monuments).

The Comptroller of the Household reported to the House, that their Address of the 23rd day of May last, relative to Mr. Gladstone (Funeral and Monument), 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 be graciously pleased to give directions that the remains of the Right Honourable William Ewart Gladstone be interred at the public charge, and that a Monument be erected in the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter, Westminster, with an Inscription expressive of the Public Admiration and Attachment, and of the high scene entertained of his Rare and Splendid Gifts and his Devoted Labours in Parliament and in Great Offices of State, and assuring Me that you will make good the expenses attending the same.

And I shall give directions in accordance with your Address.

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.:

Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Junction Railway and Dock 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 previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:

Edinburgh Improvement 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 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. 11) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Local Government Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) 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, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) 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 are applicable, viz.:

Military Lands Provisional Orders 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 are applicable, viz.:

Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill.

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

The Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill was Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill be now 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 Southampton Southampton Gas Bill be now read the third time:

Sir John Montagu, 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 Turnchapel Wharves and Warehouse Turnchapel Wharves and Warehouse 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
Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company Bill [Lord] [Stamp Duties.]

London County Council Bill since the passing of the Metropolitan Board of Works, or the London County Council, since the passing of the Act.

Appended, Order, That the said Papers 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 County of Hertford (Eastern or Hertford Division) in the room of Abel Smith, Esquire, deceased.

Sir William Wardrope.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Metropolis Management Act Amendment Bill.

EAST INDIA LOAN.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1. (Liability of members of the Army Reserve to be called out on permanent service.)

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "reserve," to insert the words "whose character on transfer to the Army Reserve is good."—(Mr. Courtenay Warran.)

Question, That these words be there inserted, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, after the word "writing," to insert the words "and he is recommended by the officer commanding the corps, regiment, or battalion in which he has last served."—(Mr. Arnold Forster.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yes, (Mr. Anstruther) 121.

Tellers for the No, (Mr. Brockfield) 46.

Clauses, No. 2 to No. 4, agreed to, 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on India Office (Store Dept.) [Expenses].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of the Revenues of India, of the purchase money, compensation, and all expenses which may become payable under any Act of the present Session to empower the Secretary of State in Council to purchase Lands in connection with the Store Department of the India Office, or to purchase Lands in connection with the Store Department of the India Office.

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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

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

The Sheriff's Tenure of Office (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and put to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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 Habitual Inebriates 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 Statute Law Revision Bill.

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

The Metropolitan Police Courts 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 Yagancy Act 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 Lodgers' Declarations 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 Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (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 Telegraphs Committee on Telegraphs [Grant.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) and the Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) Bill.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Consideration of the Irish Land Act 1880 Courts Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Consideration of the Landlord Protection (London) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time; and put, and agreed to. 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 Shops (Early Closing) Licensing Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Shops Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
Acts Amend­
ment Bill.

Congested
Districts (Ireland) Bill.

School Board Voting Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Monuments in Churches 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 Universities (Scotland) Acts 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 Acts 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 County Councils (Advances) Bill;

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

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Crystal Palace Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Great Eastern Railway (Pen- 

taiL) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the Motion being opposed, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed Tomorrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Midland Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rhondda and Swansea Bay Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company Bill [Stamp Duties].

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that the Bill had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

The Edinburgh Improvement Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 11) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.
The Local Government Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 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.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Military Lands Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of March last, for Returns relative to Post Office (Pay of Sorters, Telegraphists, and Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists, &c.),

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 24th day of March last, for Returns relative to Grand Jury Officers (Ireland).

Ordered, That the said Return do 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 1897 compared with the four preceding years.

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

The Order made upon the 20th day of May last, That the Tramways Order in Council (Ireland) (Londonderry and Longford) Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read, and discharged.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Poor Law Unions Association Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill.

(Clauses, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No. 2, agreed to.

A Clause (Application of Acts)—(Mr. Coldwell)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;—Motion and Question, by leave, withdrawn.

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 Post Office Acts Amendment Bill.

(Clauses, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses, No. 2, agreed to.

A Clause (Application of Acts)—(Mr. Coldwell)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;—Motion and Question, by leave, withdrawn.

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 Working Men's Dwellings 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, in order to add the words "in any measure for facilitating the acquisition of Dwellings for the Working Class by the use of public money, the freehold should be vested in public bodies and not in the individual"—(Mr. M'Kenzie)—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;

Sir Alfred Hickson rose in his place, and Clauses claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;" but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined to put that Question.—Then the amount.

House resumed the Debate.

Sir Howard Vincent rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;" and the Question being put, "That the Question be now put;" the House divided.

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The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellors for the [Sir Howard Vincent]; 174.
Yea, [Sir Alfred Hickman]; 181.
Noo, [Mr. Jonathan Samuell]; 82.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors (Magistracy) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Distress Act Amendment Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Rivers Pollution Prevention 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 Alien Bill.
Second Reading of the Alien Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandies Marks Act Amendment Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the London School Board Election Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Temperance Reform (Scotland) 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 School Board Election 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 Settlement (Scotland) 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 Poor Law (Scotland) 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 Sale of Distress Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Midwives' Registration Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of Working Classes (Rural Districts) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of Working Classes (Rural Districts) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant June.

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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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Metropolitan) 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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill:

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the London County Council (General Powers) Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 10th day of May last, the Committee had inserted provisions in the Bill as to increase of authorized expenditure with reference to the Thames Tunnel (Greenwich to Millwall) Act, 1897, and the construction of a Subway between Shadwell, Saint Faith, Covent Garden, and Saint Martin-in-the-Fields.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Clifton-on-Swansea Gas and Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and had amended the same by adding recitals as to the additional provisions made in the Bill in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 29th day of April last, and had 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 Select Committee on the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill; That the parties promoting the Bill had stated that the evidence of Captain Bosseporte Yonge, Waterford Artillery Militia, Waterford, was essential to their case; and it having been proved that their attendance could not be procured...
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, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Clitheroe and Hithcot Tramroad Bill.
Halifax Corporation Bill.
Tynemouth Corporation Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Urban District Council Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Commons Regulation (Runcorn) Provisional Order Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:

London and North Western Railway Bill.

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

The House divided.

Mr. James William Leathe reported from Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company Bill [Stamp Duties], a Resolution which was read as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the imposition of the following Stamp Duties upon certain Memorials under any Act of the present Session relating to the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, viz.: For and upon the

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First Memorial enrolled of the names of persons who shall be deemed, held, and to be the trustees of the Company, the Sum of five pounds, and from every other such Memorial in which the name of any person shall for the first time be inserted as a trustee of the Company, the Sum of five pounds.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company Bill, that they have Power to make Provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Post Office (Pay of Sorters, Telegraphists, and Sorters of Offices and Telegraphists, &c.) which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant June, be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—

1. The Colony of St. Vincent.
2. The Protectorate of Zanzibar.
3. The United States of America.
4. The British West Indies.
5. The United Kingdom and her Possessions, and the colonies of the British Empire.

Ordered, That William Hemingway Mills do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Select Committee on the Fishery and Harbours Bill; that the parties aggrieved by the Bill had stated that, as an evidence of William Hemingway Mills, of Navy, Glengarry, County Dublin, was essential to their case, and it appeared that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said William Hemingway Mills do attend the said Committee to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Sir Arthur Balfour presented a Report on the latter part of the Business before the House.

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

Mr. Dibley, Member for East Mayo, rose in Adjournment, his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a question of urgent public importance, viz., "the rioting which has taken place in the streets of Belfast on Monday and Tuesday last, and the inadequacy of the arrangements made by the City authorities and by the Executive Government, for preserving the peace and protecting property;" 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. Dibley)—It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return relating to Immigration into Queensland, the mortality in the Colony, and the return to their native islands of Polynesian Islanders during the years 1886 to 1897, inclusive (in same form and in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 148, of Session 1895).—(Mr. John Edward Ellis.)

Ordered,
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the extent to which, and in the manner in which, Local Authorities in England, Wales, and Ireland have applied, or are applying, Funds to the purposes of Technical Education (including Science, Art, Technical, and Manual Instruction) during the years 1896-7 and 1897-8 under the following Acts: Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890; Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891; Irish Intermediate Education Act, 1889; and Public Libraries Acts. (Sir John Gorst.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read a second time, and committed to a Select Committee of Seventeen Members; and the Question being again proposed:—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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 29th day of March last, That the Greenwich Hospital Bill be now read a second time; and the Question being again proposed,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

The Order of the day being read, for the London University Commission Bill;—Bill read, and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
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The Order of the day being read, for taking in consideration the Benefices (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Suffragan Bishops 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 5th day of April last, That the Evidence in Criminal Cases 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 taking in consideration the Merchant Shipping (Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation 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 Union of Benefices Bill;

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton reported from the Committee on India Office (Store Dept) [Expenses], a Resolution; which was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Statute Law Revision 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 Charitable Loans (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 Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations (Ireland) Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1, 6, by leaving out the words "on the expiration or other determination of the previous term of office."—(Mr. Caldecott.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1, 7, by leaving out the words "continue to."—(Mr. Caldecott.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out 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 Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 

Yes. | Mr. Asquith; 

Tellers for the Mr. Caldecott, 

Noses. | Mr. Colville; 

42. Noes. 

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And, it being after Midnight, the Further Proceeding on Consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the appeal for the Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations (Ireland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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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 Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

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

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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 Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Appeal for Jury (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
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.:

- Bideford and Clowety 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 Bills, originated 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. 12) Bill.  
- Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill.  
- Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill.  

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for 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 Provisional Orders (No. 19) Bill.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Grono Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Drapibara Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cromer Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Corporation (Sewage, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Central Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the National Electric Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Plymouth Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mid-Kent Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Mid-Kent Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Indigo and Hundred of Manchester Corporation Water Bill, a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Commons Regulation (Runcorn) Provisional Order 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.

The Local Government Provisional Order (No. 19) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

The Local Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector on the Schools Reports, The 249th Annual Report of the Deputy Master of the Mint, 1897.

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

Mr. Hambury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Deputy Master of the Mint, 1897.

Mr. Hambury also presented,—Report of the Civil Service Return relative to Positions (Political Offices).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Standing Mr. Law, &c. Railway Company in relation to their Under-Committees.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Standing Sir No. 91 as fixes Five as the Quorum of the Select Company, Limited, to the Jurisdiction of the Court of Sanitary Act 1879) Amendment Bill be read a second time. The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Paisley Standing Committees.) The following Members from the Standing Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the redemption of the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made taking; to improve the Burgh Slaughter-house, and to provide for the sale and transfer of the Dearne Urban Estate Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table. Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Poor Law (Scotland) Bill was referred; 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.

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

Standing Committees.) That they had discharged the redemption of the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made taking; to improve the Burgh Slaughter-house, and to provide for the sale and transfer of the Dearne Urban Estate Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee be printed. Ordered, That the Minute of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed. 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 supported.

Ordered, That, for the remainder of the Session, Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Sir John Mundray.)

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

Ordered, That the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant June.

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

Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill. Selection Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure: Mr. Ascroft, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Boucher, Mr. Latrell, Mr. Lyon, Morgan, and Mr. Tuxford; and directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House. Mr. Brigg, Mr. Carlile, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Lees-Evans, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. MacNeill. Sir John Mundray 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 Universities and College Estates Bill.—Mr. Bryce, Mr. Culture, Buchan, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Charles Dillwyn, Sir Walter Foster, Sir John Garri, Mr. Jebb, Mr. Grant Lawson, Mr. Lecky, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Joseph A. Pease, Mr. Edmund Robertson, Mr. Strodey, and Mr. Talbot.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords' one of their Clerks, as followeth:— The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Third Order (No. 4) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Standing Committee on Law, &c. Railway Company in relation to their Under-Committees.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Standing Committees.) That they had discharged the redemption of the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made taking; to improve the Burgh Slaughter-house, and to provide for the sale and transfer of the Dearne Urban Estate Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee be printed. Ordered, That the Minute of Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed. 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 supported.

Ordered, That, for the remainder of the Session, Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Sir John Mundray.)

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

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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Standing Committee on Law, &c. Railway Company in relation to their Under-Committees.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Standing Committees.) That they had discharged the redemption of the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made taking; to improve the Burgh Slaughter-house, and to provide for the sale and transfer of the Dearne Urban Estate Bill.
redemption of Annuity and discharge of Debts affecting the same, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Cathedrals Railway Bill was read the first time.

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

The Wath-upon-Dearne Urban District Council Bill was read the first time.

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

The Saint Thomas, Southwark, and Saint Saviour, Southwark, Bill was read the first time.

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

The Dover Harbour Bill was read the first time.

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

The Paisley Corporation (Loans) Bill was read the first time.

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

Title Redemption.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the purposes of Title Redemption: And that Mr. Jeffreys, Sir John Davington, Mr. Cripps, Mr. Claxton, Mr. Great Lowson, Mr. Hesekiel, Mr. Lambert, and Mr. Stanley Leight- on do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Jeffreys accordingly presented a Bill for the purposes of Title Redemption: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 20th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Title Redemption.

Bill 246.

The Select Committee on the Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill was nominated of the Lord Advocate, Mr. Austruther, Mr. Blake, Mr. Caldwell, Sir Thomas (Estates-Charnock), Dr. Clark, Mr. Cory, and Mr. Crompton, Mr. Dalrymple, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Herbert Maxwell, Mr. M'Killop, Sir Robert Reid, Mr. Keaun, Mr. Thorburn, and Mr. Stuart-Wortley.

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

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

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Department Estimates, 1898-99.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That £ 100,000, not exceeding £ 500,000, 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 1899, 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 £ 100, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State.—(Sir Charles Dilke). The Committee proceeded to a Division:

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Tellers for the [Sir Charles Dilke], 128,
Yeas, [Mr. Bolton], 254.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 139.
Nees, [Mr. Anstruther], 125.

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Original Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, 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 Committee on the Pauper Children (Ireland) Bill, Gas Bill, and the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill be now read a second time.

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

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

Monday, 13th June, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Company Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Gainsborough 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 Gaslight and Coke Company Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Great Eastern Railway (Pensions) Bill Great Eastern Railway (Pension Bill) was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Matlock Urban District Council Bill was Matlock Urban Council Bill read the third time, and passed, with a new Title District Council Bill as followeth:

An Act for authorising the Matlock Urban New Title District Council to acquire the Water Undertaking of the Matlock Waterworks Company, Limited, and to construct Waterworks, and for making
The order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill:—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) 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 said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Patentee Command,—Copy of Thirty-sixth Report of the Royal Commissions of the Patriotic Fund.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretaries Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 18th day of February last, for a Return relative to Intoxicating Liquors (Licences Refused).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretaries Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of the 17th July, 1898, for the Borough of Hemel Hempstead, dated 8th June 1898, under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1889.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2112, and 2115 to 2121.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, tomorrow, the Honorary Burgess (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

The Order made upon the 17th day of March last, That there be laid before this House, a Return relative to Navy (Seamen and Stokers' Re-engagement), was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing as nearly as possible for each Re-engagement year.
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 York United Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Corporation of London (Foreign Cattle Market, Depôt) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 authorize the Urban District Council of Felixstowe and Walton to purchase the Undertaking of the Felixstowe and Walton Waterworks Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the Urban District Council of Newtown and Landseith to purchase the Undertaking of the Newtown Waterworks Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the Urban District Council of Newton and Landseith to purchase the Undertaking of the Newtown Waterworks Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Buenos Ayres Northern Railway Company, Limited, to sell and the Central Argentine Railway Company, Limited, to purchase the Undertaking of the Buenos Ayres Northern Railway Company, Limited, and to make provision for the distribution amongst the members of the Buenos Ayres Northern Railway Company, Limited, of the obligations or other consideration resulting from such sale, 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 abandonment of the Kingston and Kingsbridge Junction Railway; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the Exeter, Teign Valley, and Chagford Railway Company to construct Deviation Railways; to revise the Powers and further extend the time limited for the completion of their authorized 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 additional Powers upon the North Eastern Railway Company for the construction of new Railways and other Works, and the acquisition of additional Lands; and for amalgamating the Sourthfield and Whiteley Railway Company with the Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Emancipation and Walton Water Bill was read the first time.

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

The Neasden and Seaford Water Bill was read the first time.

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

The Felixstowe and Walton Water Bill was read the first time.

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The Newhaven and Walton Water 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 Felixstowe and Walton Gas Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
Another Clause (Exemption from Land Tax) — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer) — added.

Another Clause (Person not sui juris not to be deemed competent to dispose for the purpose of breaking settlements) — (Captain Fitzmaurice) — added.

Another Clause (Settlement estate duty not to be payable on property liable to be settled conditionally unless such property becomes actually settled) — (Captain Fitzmaurice) — 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 (Settlement estate duty repayable) — (Mr. Attorney-General) — added.

Another Clause (Powers to barristers, solicitors, to plead before the General Commissioners) — (Lord Alwyne Compton) — brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:— Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 4 of the Finance Act, 1894, extending to lineals, &c. the exemption thereby given to collaterals and strangers) — (Lord Alwyne Compton) — brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:— Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Limitation of property passing at death to property in which the deceased had an interest at the time of his death) — (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 (Tax) — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer) — added.

Another Clause (Amendment of Finance Act, 1894, ss. 2 and 38) — (Mr. Baird) — brought up.

Order made, That the Bill be read a second time:— Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of s. 4 of the Finance Act, 1894, extending to lineals, &c. the exemption thereby given to collaterals and strangers) — (Lord Alwyne Compton) — brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:— Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Powers to landlords to pay Income Tax under Schedule A) — (Mr. Attorney-General) — added.

Another Clause (Substitution of fixed annual grant to Local Taxation Accounts in lieu of varying grants, 37 &c 56 Vic. c. 30, s. 19) — (Mr. Gibson Bowles) — brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:— Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Surplus on run from Crown Commissions to be used for education) — (Mr. Price) — 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 (Power to landlords to pay Income Tax under Schedule A) — (Mr. Attwell) — brought up.

Another Clause (Substitution of fixed annual grant to Local Taxation Accounts in lieu of varying grants, 37 &c 56 Vic. c. 30, s. 19) — (Mr. Gibson Bowles) — brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:— Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of Finance Act, 1894, ss. 2 and 38) — (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 (Certificate of payment of duties) — (Mr. Attorney-General) — added.

Another Clause (Certificates of payment of duties to Local Taxation Accounts) — (Mr. Baird) — brought up.

Another Clause (Amendment of Finance Act, 1894, s. 48) — (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 (Powers to landlords to pay Income Tax under Schedule A) — (Mr. Attwell) — brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause (Substitution of fixed annual grant to Local Taxation Accounts in lieu of varying grants, 37 &c 56 Vic. c. 30, s. 19) — (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 (Powers to landlords to pay Income Tax under Schedule A) — (Mr. Attwell) — brought up, and read the first time.
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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Saturday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation 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 Uniform of Benevolent 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 Statute Law Revision 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 Charitable Loans (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 Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Further Proceeding on Consideration of the Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Further Proceeding be resumed this day.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Pauper Children (Ireland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act (1887) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Jurisdiction Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 13th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Carriage of Game Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Antiquities (Ireland) (Transfer) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parochial Schools (Scotland) Suspension Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Local Government) upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Acts Second Reading of the Poor Law Acts Amendment 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 Universities (Scotland) 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 Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of May last, That the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 1st day of this Instant July.

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

Tuesday, 14th June, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, etc.—

Caledon Line Railway Bill.
London and North Western Railway (Walsall) Bill.
Smeaton's Thomas, Southwark, and Saint Saviour, Southwark, Bill.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Private Bills (Order Bills)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into were applicable, viz.:—

Dover Harbour Bill.

Plymouth Corporation (Loans) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

New Title.

The Cromer Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Drogheda Gas Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Drogheda Gas 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 a New Title, as follows—:

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

New Title.

The Cromer Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Glasgow Corporation (Sewage, &c.) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Glasgow Corporation Bill,

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

Great Central Railway Bill.

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

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

Norwich Electric Tramways Bill.

The Norwich Electric Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Plymouth Corporation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Plymouth Corporation Bill;
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An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—[Mr. Cripps.]

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. Lefevre.  
Tellers for the Mr. Cripps.  

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

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with;

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

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, be printed.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made under the Voluntary Schools Act, 1897, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments proposed in the Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments proposed in the Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
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Salterton Gas, Coulbridge Gas, Great Marlow
Gas, King's Lynn Gas, and Witcheswick (Sopley)
Gas; to which the Lords desire the concurrence
of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An
Act to empower the Corporation of Carlisle to
obtain Water from Old Water and New Water,
and other Tributaries of the River Gelt, in the
County of Cumberland, for the supply of the City
of Carlisle, and other places within their limits
of supply, and for other purposes; to which the
Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Gas Orders
Confirmation (No. 1) Bill [Lords.]

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill
was read the first time.

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

The Carlisle Corporation Water Bill was read
the first time.

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

Cemeteries
Rating Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, To­
morrow, the Cemeteries Rating Bill, was read,
and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant
June.

Watermen's
and Lighter-
men's Acts
Amendment
Bill.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill
to amend the Watermen's and Lightermen's Acts:
And that Mr. Woods, Mr. Charrington, Sir
Edward Greville, and Mr. Steadman do prepare,
and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to amend the Procedure in regard to Pri­
vate Bills relating to Scotland: And that Mr.
Reinham, Mr. Baird, Mr. Forth Smith, Colonel
Draygo, Mr. Nield, and Mr. Ove-B several to prepare,
and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to enable Local Authorities to deal sepa­
ately with the Sewage and the Drainage of their
Districts: And that Mr. Stephens, Mr. Agnew,
Mr. James E. B. Baillie, Mr. Cox, Mr. McKittrick,
Mr. Nield, and Mr. Ove do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to enable Parish Councils to borrow Fire
Engines: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr.
Choplas do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to abolish Petty Customs in Scotland, and
to make provision for levying a Rate in lieu
thereof: And that Captain Sinclair, Mr. Asquith,
Mr. James E. B. Baillie, Mr. Cripps, Mr.
McKittrick, Mr. Nield, and Mr. Ove do prepare,
and bring it in.

Mr. Woods presented a Bill to amend the
Watermen's and Lightermen's Acts: And the
same was read the first time; and ordered to be
read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th
day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Mr. Stephenson presented a Bill to enable Local
Authorities to deal separately with the Sewage
and the Drainage of their Districts: And the
same was read the first time; and ordered to be
read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th
day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to enable
Parish Councils to borrow Fire Engines: And the
same was read the first time; and ordered to be
read a second time upon Monday next; and to
be printed.

Captain Sinclair presented a Bill to abolish
Petty Customs in Scotland, and to make provision
for levying a Rate in lieu thereof: And the same
was read the first time; and ordered to be read
a second time upon Monday next; and to be
printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the London University Com­
mission 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. Harwood.)

And the Question being proposed, That the
word "now" stand part of the Question.—The
said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the
House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second
time.—The Bill was accordingly read a second
time; and committed to the Standing Committee Law, &c.
on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Pro­
cedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the East
India Loan Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question
being proposed, That the Bill be now read a
second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to
the Question, by leaving out from the word
"That" to the end of the Question, and adding
the words "this House declines to sanction a
Sterling Loan of £10,000,000 until a Select
Committee, on an examination of the East
India Accounts, shall have reported that such
Loan is in the interest of the Indian taxpayer,
"and will not unduly increase the burden he
now sustains"—(Sir William Wedderburn)—
instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the
words proposed to be left out stand part of the
Question.—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood
adjourned.

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Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon
Thursday.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to
consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the
Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Further Proceeding on Con­
sideration of the Bill, as amended in the Com­
mmittee, be resumed upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the
Metropolitan Police Courts Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the
Greenwich Hospital Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday 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; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Councils' Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Councillors' Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish of Llan Rhydallt.

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 27th day of this instant June.

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 Monday the 27th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish of Llan Khyddlad.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Churches Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Further Proceeding on Consideration of the Lodge's Declarations (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Further Proceeding on Consideration of the Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Further Proceeding be resumed upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pauper Children (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lodge's Declarations (Scotland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parish Councils' Acts Amendment Bill.
The Billford and Cloissy Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—
Accounts of the Receipts and Expenditure under the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1865, for the year ending 31st December 1897.

An Abstract of the Accounts of all Fines and other Penalties, accounted for under the Act 34 & 35 Vic. c. 90; and a Statement of Accounts, under the Act 21 & 22 Vic. c. 100, for the year ending 31st December 1896.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House—|Richard Bridge Cash Account for the year 1897.

Ordered, That the County Councils (Advances) Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Post Office Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, 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 Solicitors (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was made to the Bill, 

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Locomotives on Railways Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made in the Bill, in p. 3, l. 28, by inserting, after the words “reasonable,” the words “Provided that the use of locomotives shall not be prohibited on any road unless there be a reasonable alternative route open for through traffic.”—(Mr. Griffith-Boscawen.)

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. 17, by leaving out from the word “locomotives” to the word “and,” in l. 18.

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 proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 20, by leaving out from the word “areas” to the end of Sub-section (4).—(Mr. Jackson.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—

It was resolved in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Nonconformist Marriages (Attendance of Registrars) Bill.

(Concluded.)

Clause, No. 1 (Short Title and construction). Amendments made.

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, after the word “worship,” to insert the words “and for the solemnization of marriages therein.”—(Mr. Griffith-Boscawen.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, after the word “areas,” to add the words “(2) The governing body of a religious denomination shall mean for the purposes of this Act any prelate, priest, minister, trustee, person, or body of trustees or persons recognised by the Registrar General as having the power of appointment of the minister of that denomination in any particular area or district, or of the minister of any particular place of worship, and where such power of appointment is exercised by the congregation whose usual place of worship is the registered building of which the person certified, as hereinafter provided, is minister, the governing body shall mean the managing body of such congregation, or, if there be no managing body, ten householders being regular members of such congregation.”—(Mr. Sydney Gedge.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 3, agreed to.

Clauses, No. 4 and No. 5, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, No. 6 (Declarations to be made at marriage in presence of person officiating or registrar). Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 9, after the words last added, to add the words “provided that a person authorised for one registered building may officiate at or solemnise a marriage in another registered building.”—(Mr. Attorney General.)

Amendment amended, by inserting, after the word “may,” the words “in accordance with and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by rules to be made under this Act.”

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, at the end, to add the words “belonging to the same religious denomination.”—(Mr. Sydney Gedge.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Words, as amended, added. Clause, as amended, agreed to.
CLAUSES, N° 7 and N° 8, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSES, N° 9 and N° 10, disagreed to.
CLAUSES, N° 11 and N° 12, amended, and agreed to.
CLAUSE, N° 13, agreed to.
CLAUSE, N° 14, disagreed to.
CLAUSE, N° 15, agreed to.
A Clause (Return of entries)—(Mr. Attorney General),—added.
Another Clause (Proviso as to non-application of Act to Society of Friends)—(Mr. John Edward Ellis),—brought up, and read the first and second time, amended, and added.
Schedule I., amended, and agreed to.
Schedule II., amended, and agreed to.
Preamble disagreed to.
Amendment proposed, to leave out the words "the attendance of registrars at."—(Mr. Sydney Gedye.)
Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Title,—put, and agreed to.
Title agreed to.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leech reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant June; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Pauper Children (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)
CLAUSE, N° 1 (Provision for relief of children out of workhouses).
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the words "orphan or deserted."—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)
Question proposed, That the words "orphan or deserted" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
CLAUSES, N° 2 to N° 6, agreed to.
Bill to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leech reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Libraries (Offences) Bill.

(In the Committee.)
CLAUSES, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.
CLAUSE, N° 3 (Application of Act), Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, to leave out the words "approved and."—(Mr. Harwood.)
Question proposed, That the words "approved and" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Clause agreed to.
CLAUSES, N° 4 and N° 5, agreed to.
Bill to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leech 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 Post Office (Local Authority Guarantee) Bill.

(In the Committee.)
CLAUSES, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.
A Clause (Application of Act)—(Mr. Caldwell)—added.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leech 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 the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Franchise (Women) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
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Bills.

Burials Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Burials Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of July next.

Bills.

Solicitors Final Examination Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors Final Examination Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 12th day of July next.

Companies Act (1867) Amendment (No. 2) Bill. The Companies Act (1867) Amendment (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Bills.

Raising of Machinery Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Raising of Machinery Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Local Government Provisional (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Provisional (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Tolls and fares (Prices) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tolls and fares (Prices) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Lochwood, Mr. and Lord. 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.

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 Wednesday the 29th day of this instant June.

School Board Conferences (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Conferences (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Education Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Education Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Solicitors (Magistracy) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors (Magistracy) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 16th day of July next.

County Courts Audience Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Audience Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of July next.

Sale of Distress Act Amendment Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Distress Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of March last, was proposed to the Question, 'That the Rivers Pollution Prevention 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 Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1896) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Board Electors (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 Poor Law 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 School Board Conferences (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Board Electors (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 Public Education 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 Trustees' Expenses Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) Parish Councillors 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 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 Second Reading of the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill; Resolved, That the Bill will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the organisation of Secondary Education: Education Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 18th day of July next; and to be printed.

Mr. James Stuart reported from the Committee of Supply on Group No. 4 of Railway Bills; That the parties promoting the Taff Vale Railway Bill had stated to the Committee that it was not their intention to proceed with the same.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 63) Bill. [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 63) Bill, that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Military Lands Provisional Orders 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 Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Edinburgh Improvement 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 Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Clergy Mutual Assurance Society 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 Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company Bill; that the Committee had made provision in the Bill as to Stamp Duties, in pursuance of the Instructions of the House on the 5th day of this instant June.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Market Harborough Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Newhaven Harbour and Otte Lower Navigation Bill, without Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Wirral Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Wirral Railway Bill (Lords.)

Ordered, That the Bill 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Belfast Corporation (Hospitals) 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 Crouch, Sidley, and Buckhill 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 the Lords to the Bill, and which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The South Eastern 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 the Lords to the Bill, and which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Higham and Hundred of How Water Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Mid-Kent Water Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Middleborough Corporation (Gas) Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
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Windsor Dock. Mr. James Stuart reported the Waverley Dock, Cardiff, Bill, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Monkroy reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills. That, in the case of the Liverpool Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and had 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.

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring further Powers on the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company; for the construction of Works, and the acquisition of Lands, and for other purposes; so which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the first time; and be printed.

Sir Charles Dilke; and had appointed in substitution: Dr. Clark.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Edinburgh Improvement 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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Wey Valley Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (One) 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 Local Government Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) 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 Local Government Provisional Orders Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, That a Message from the Lords, and the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Corporation of Bury to purchase and hold Lands for the purposes of their Waterworks, and to make further and better provision in relation to the Local Government of the Borough of Bury; and for other purposes; so which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the first time; and be printed.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring further Powers on the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company; for the construction of Works, and the acquisition of Lands; and 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 Glasgow and South Western Railway Company; for the construction of Works, and the acquisition of Lands; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring further Powers on the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company; for the construction of Works, and the acquisition of Lands; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring further Powers on the Glasgow and South Western Railway Company; for the construction of Works, and the acquisition of Lands; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

In reply to Questions put to the Select Committee, on an examination of the East India Loan Bill, was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 14th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the East India Loan Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was to leave out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House declines to sanction a Sterling Loan of £10,000,000 until a Select Committee, on an examination of the
The Order of the day being read, for the Universities Third Reading of the Universities and Colleges Estates Bill.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Finance Bill, take into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 32, by inserting, after the words “collected and,” the words “if such owner produces to the said collector a certificate from the surveyor of taxes that such owner has been allowed in that year an abatement of income tax by reason of his income not exceeding four hundred pounds, one half of the said amount of land tax shall not be collected; and any amount of land tax not collected by reason of this section.”—(Mr. Lawrence Hardy.)

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

Mr. Herbert Lewis moved, “That the Debate be now adjourned; but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon.—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put, Those words be there inserted;

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 134. 
Mr. Broadhurst, 32. 
Mr. Goddard;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Greenwich Hospital Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commissioners’ Nunn Bin.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Committee on Telegraphs [Grant].

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking Prison Bill, into consideration the Prisons Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tramways 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 Union of Benefices 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 making progress in the Merchant Shipping (Marine Insurance Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Further Proceeding on the Consideration of the Land (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation 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 Statute Law Revision 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 Charitable Loans (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 Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the Further Proceeding on the Consideration of the Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Further Proceeding be resumed upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Post Office (Local Authority Guarantee) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wild Birds Protection (Ireland) Bill.

THE HOUSE met at Three o'clock.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parish Councillors (Treasure of Office) 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 Plumbers' Registration Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 2nd day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Service Franchise Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 30th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Cottage Homes Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Waterhouses 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 Acts 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 Cottage Homes 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 Waitresses Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 30th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 14th day of July 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, originating in the Lords, and referred on to the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Kingstown and Kingsbridge Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill.
Newcastle and Stafford Water Bill.
North Eastern Railway Bill.
Wath-upon-Dearne Urban District Council 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 to the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:

Felixstowe.
Felixstowe and Walton Water Bill.  

Firby Water and Gas Bill.  

Northsea Water Bill.  

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable therein, have not been complied with:—

Eastern Teign Valley; and Chasford Railway 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 Torrington and Okehampton Railway Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Endfield Gas Bill.  

The House proceed to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Endfield 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 Bristol Tramways (Electrical Power, &c.) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Bristol Tramways (Extensions) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Clitheroe-on-Sea Gas and Water Bill.  

An Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Clitheroe Gas and Water Company, and to authorise the acquisition by the Clitheroe Urban District Council of the Undertaking of that Company, and for other purposes.  

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

The Coventry Corporation 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 Easton and Church Hope Railway (Extension of Time) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Milford Docks 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the Amendment made by the Lords to the Amendment made by the Lords to the Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government (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 Local Government (Housing of Working Classes) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Military Lands Provisional Orders Bill Military Lands was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

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

Mr. Cerran presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, enclosing a Copy of the Convention between Great Britain and France.  

Signed at Paris, 14th June 1898.  

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2126 and 2127.  

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders Bill Military Lands was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Railway Command,—Returns of Accidents and Casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the Three Months ending 31st March 1898, together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department to the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

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

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of the Board of Agriculture, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, dated 14th June 1898, entitled “The Importation of Dogs (Amendment) Order of 1898.”  

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

Mr. Husky presented, by Her Majesty's Old Age Command,—Copy of Report, dated 7th June 1898, (with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices), of the Committee appointed by the Treasury to consider the Question of Old Age Pensions.

Mr. Husky also presented, pursuant to the Savings Banks Act, directions of several Acts of Parliament, and Foreign Account for the year ended 31st December 1897, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the credit of the Post Office Savings Bank.
Banks Fund, the Interest paid and credited to Depositors in pursuance of the Acts relating to Post Office Savings Banks, and the Expenses incurred in the execution of those Acts.

Accounts for the year ended 20th November 1897, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the credit of the Fund for the Banks for Savings, and the Interest paid and credited to Trustees of Savings Banks.

Account for the year ended 20th November 1897, showing the Interest accrued in respect of the Securities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the Credit of the Fund for Friendly Societies, and the Interest paid and credited to the Trustees of Friendly Societies.

Accounts of Receipts and Payments in respect of the Capital and Income of the National School Teachers’ (Ireland) Pension Fund, for the year ended 31st December 1897, with the Certificate of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Savings Banks and Friendly Societies be printed.

Technical Instruction Act, 1889.

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

County of Wilts (Twelfth Minute), dated 23rd April 1898;
City of Cork (Third Minute), dated 5th April 1886;
County Borough of Cardiff (Third Minute), dated 23rd April 1898;
County of Wilts (Thirteenth Minute), dated 26th April 1898.

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

Bolton, Turton, and Westhoughton Extension Bill.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee on the Bolton, Turton, and Westhoughton Extension 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 thereunto.

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

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill; (Provisional Orders confirmed.)

Mr. James William Leathes reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Leathes reported from the Sheffield Corporation on the Sheffield Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by filling up certain blanks as to the dates of meetings of the Council of the Corporation; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Remuneration to the Commissioners who may be appointed under any Act of the present Session to
to make further provision with respect to the University of London, and of all Expenses incurred in the execution of such Act—(Sir John Gerald)

Sir John Gerald; 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 into itself the said Committee.

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

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills, That, in the case of the Leyton Urban District Council Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments therein.

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

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Education Department under the Elementary Education Acts, 1870 to 1893, to enable the Council Bill, which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have made a formal Representation to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Public Education in England and Wales, including Expenses of the Education Office in London:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £100, in respect of the Salary of the Vice President—(Mr. Cauning)—Debate arising.

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

Mr. Strachey presented a Bill to provide for Old Age Pensions (No. 1) Bill 255.

Mr. Lightbown presented a Bill to prohibit the hunting, shooting, and coursing of Animals kept in Confinement: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Friday the 1st day of July next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments

Estimates, 1898-99.

Resolved, That the Question be now put.

Ordered, That the Question be now put.

Question put, "That the Question be now put":—

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Austruther:)

Mr. Austruther: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Herbert Lewis:)

Mr. Herbert Lewis: 48.

Question put accordingly, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant June.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of Old Age Pensions (No. 2) Bill 255.
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Leatham 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;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Post Office (Local Authority Guarantee) 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 New Licences (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councils (Advance) Bill;

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

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

Monday, 20th June, 1898.

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.:

Burscough and Southern Railway Bill.
Bury Corporation Bill.
Carlisle Corporation Water Bill.
Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the City and Brighton Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lancashire 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London, Waltonwood, and Epping Forest Rail Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That 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 Lancashire and Derbyshire Railway 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Middleborough Corporation (Gas) 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 Amendments made by the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Blackburn Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wirral Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Weaver Navigation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Middlesbrough Town Council Bill, as amended in the Committee, and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

Ordered, That the Dover Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the London and North Western Railway Bill was read a second time tomorrow.

The London and North Western Railway (Wales) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Poole Corporation (Leas) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Saint Thomas, Southwark, and Saint Saint Thomas, Southwark, Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Commons Regulation (Sunderland) 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 Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copy of Fortieth Report of the Board of Superintendence of Dublin Hospitals, with Appendices.

Copy of Sixteenth Annual Report, being for 1897, of the Royal University of Ireland.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copy of Twenty-second Annual Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives, being for the year 1897.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copy of General Report to the Education Department by the Chief Inspector of the North Western Division, for the year 1897.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Report by the Board of Trade on an application made during the year 1897 under the Railways Construction Facilities Act, 1894, and of the Proceedings of the Board of Trade with respect thereto.

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

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2125 and 2126.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 464.

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

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee on Group G of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of Members, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Kenmure reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills; That, to meet the convenience of Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James Stuart reported from the Committee on Group 4 of Railway Bills; That, to meet the convenience of the Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

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 follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Sheriff's Tenure-shotes of Office (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Truck Acts Amendment Track Acts Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 4th day of July next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1878 to 1895, as to the time of Employment of Women and Young Persons in Processes necessary for the Preservation of Perlable Materials; And that Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley and Mr. Jesse Collings do prepare, and bring it in.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1878 to 1895, as to the time of Employment of Women and Young Persons in Processes necessary for the Preservation of Perlable Materials; 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, proceeded to consider further the Business (No. 18 & 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill ( Clergymen instituted, &c., to Livings in Wales: to speak Welsh) — (Mr. Bryn Roberts); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; — The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Henry David; Mr. Austruther; 117.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Sydney Godwin; Mr. Austruther; 204.

So it passed in the Negative.

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Ampendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 6, by inserting, after the word "valid," the words "if it has been for any monetary consideration; nor."—(Mr. Carroll Williams.)

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 6, by inserting, after the word "valid," the words "if it has been made by 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. 7, by inserting, after the word "in," in 1. 15, by leaving out sub-section to the word "in," in 1. 16, words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "redemption," the words "Provided always..."—(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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 7, by leaving out from the word "transfer" to the word "and," in 1. 10.—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

And the Question being put, 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. 1, l. 8, by leaving out the word "two," and inserting the word "six."—(Mr. Harry Foster.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "two" 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. 8, by leaving out from the word "transfer" to the word "and," in 1. 10.—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

And the Question being put, 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. 1, l. 11, by leaving out paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) of Clause 1.—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, 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. 1, l. 18, by inserting, after the word "perjury," the words "Before the declara-ration set forth in the Schedule to this Act is..."—(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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 1, by leaving out sub-section (4) of Clause 1.—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 20, by leaving out from the word "transfer" to the word "and," in 1. 10.—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

And the Question being put, 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. 21, by inserting, after the word "redemption," the words "Provided always that every mortgage of an advowson shall be subject to the same provisions as to registration as a transfer..."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

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

And,
Tuesday, 21st June, 1898:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Union of Benefices Bill; 2nd Reading of the Union of Benefices Bill; (Ireland) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law (Scotland) Bill; 2nd Reading of the Poor Law (Scotland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraphs Committee on Telegraphs [Grant]; Report. Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Record Office Bill; (Ireland) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lodgers’ Declarations Bill; 2nd Reading of the Lodgers’ Declarations Bill; (Ireland) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Universities Estates Bill; 2nd Reading of the Universities Estates Bill; (Ireland) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Regulation Bill; 2nd Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill; (Ireland) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Charity Commission (Nunna) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Statute Law Revision Bill; (Ireland) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Statute Law Revision Bill; (Ireland) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; (Ireland) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure have leave to sit this day until half-past Three of the clock, and to adjourn till the same hour next; and ordered to be printed.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure have leave to sit this day until half-past Three of the clock, and to adjourn till the same hour next; and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordsships.

The Bursley Corporation (Manchester, &c.) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Powell Duffryn Steam Coal Company Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and passed.

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

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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 Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Market Harborough Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and North Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London and North Western Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time; and committed.

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 Paper relative to the Railways Construction Facilities Act, 1896, which was presented upon the 20th day of this instant June, be printed.

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 1896 to the 30th June 1897; also of the Returns made to the Board of Trade during the year 1896–97 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 1896–97 of the Lives lost from British Vessels by Accidents other than Casualties to the Vessels and by Disease, &c.; 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 1896–97; and of the Official Inquiries Abroad 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 1896–97, and of other Investigations at Home and Abroad which affected the Certificates of Masters and Officers in the Mercantile Marine, with Charts and Appendices.

Copy of Report of the Committee appointed by the President of the Board of Trade, relative to Railway Passenger Communications, and passed.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, — Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Technical Education (France), Vol. 153.

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

Mr. Corbett presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports (Annual Series, No. 2126.)

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 455.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Trade 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; (2) 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 1897; 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 1897; the Total Amount of the separate Surplus Fund on the 20th day of November 1897; other Assets, including Estimated Value of Bank Premises, Furniture, &c.; the Total Assets; the Total Amount of Government Stock standing to the Credit of Depositors; the Number and Amount of Annuities granted; and the Average Cost of each Transaction; also the year in which Business commenced in each Bank, and the Name of the Day or Days, and the Number of Hours in the Week, on which the Banks are open for the Deposit and Withdrawal of Money; including in such Return a List of all such Savings Banks as, under the provisions of the Act 26 Vic. c. 14, or otherwise, have been closed and have transferred their Funds, or any part thereof, to the Post Office Savings Bank; showing, in each Case, the Number of Banks, as well as the Number and Amount of Depositors' Accounts so transferred, and the Amount of Compensation, if any, made to all or any of the Officers of such Banks conjointly; and showing also the Years in which such Banks were respectively opened and closed, and the Number and Amount of their Depositors' Balances, and the Number of Days and Hours in each Week on which the same Banks were open for Public Business at the close of the year next preceding the Date of such Closing; distinguishing the same, as in the form of the Return, for each separate County, as well as collectively, for England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and the Channel Islands, and for the United Kingdom; and (2) for the year ending the 20th day of November 1897, showing the Total Number of Depositors in Trustee Savings Banks; the Total Number of Deposits; the Average Amount of each Deposit Account; the Average Sums paid in and drawn out; the Total Number of Persons who have deposited in single Sums the entire Amount allowed to be deposited during the year (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 32, of Session 1897). — (Mr. John William Masters.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a Message of Condolence from the Chamber of Peers of the Kingdom of Portugal, on the occasion of the Death of the Right Honourable William Edward Gladstone.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Belfast Corporation (Hospitals) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the South Eastern Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Milford Docks Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Electric Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1890, relating to Montrose and Bill (Lords). Perth; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the (No. 9) Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and Bill (Lords).

Ordered with the Bill (Lords).

The House, according to Order, proceeded to 

take into further consideration the Benefices (No. 1) Bill.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Benefices (No. 9) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 22, by leaving out Clause 2.—(Mr. Brynimer Jones.)

And the Question being put, That the words " A bishop " stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 22, by leaving out the word " may," and inserting the word " shall "—(Colonel Sandy.—) instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word " may " stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right.

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Walrond,] 246.

Tellers for the [Sir V. Austriner.] 133.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 24, by leaving out paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of Clause 2. —(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words " if at the date of " stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 24, by leaving out the words " unless," and inserting the word " if "—(Mr. Harry Foster.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word " unless " stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, by inserting, in p. 2, l. 27, after the word " concurrence of the presentee. "—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 26, by leaving out the words " within each year. "—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

And the Question being put, That those words " within each year " stand part of the Bill;—
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The House divided, Yeas to the Right, Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Austruther; 233; Mr. Herbert Lewis, 109.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. William Allen; 197.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 30, by inserting, after the word "five," the words "and there is in consequence of the circumstance affecting the conduct of the presentee which renders it undesirable in the interests of the parishioners to institute such presentee."—(Mr. Sydney Gedge.) And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted; The House divided, Yeas to the Right, Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Harry Foster; 89.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Austruther; 190.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 30, by leaving out the word "five," and inserting the word "three."—(Mr. Sydney Gedge.)—instead thereof.
And the Question being put, That the word "five" stand part of the Bill; The House divided, Yeas to the Right, Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Carroll Williams; 56.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Lloyd-George; 165.
So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word "three" be inserted in the Bill;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 30, by inserting, after the word "presentee," the words "has within the five years next preceding his presentation taught doctrines contrary to or inconsistent with the articles of religion commonly called the Thirty-nines Articles, or participated in ecclesiastical practices not authorized by the Book of Common Prayer or."—(Mr. Samuel Smith.)
And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;
The House proceeded to a Division.
The House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 22nd June, 1888:
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the East India Loan 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 Parish Fire Engines 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 Parish Fire Engines Bill;—Vol. 158.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Caucasian Loans (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vagrancy Act 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 Leggories' Declaration (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies—(Mr. Cohen.)
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London University Commission (Expenses) Bill;
Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Powers of Charge conferred by Parliament on the Metropolitan Gas Companies, and to report as to the method in which those Powers have been exercised, having regard to the differences of Price charged by the various Companies.—(Mr. Cohen.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Post Office (Local Authority Guarantee) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
And an Amendment was made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on London University Commission [Expenses]
Reported, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Standing Orders in Valley, and Railway Bill might be read; and the
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ordered to lie upon the Table.

Another Clause (Saving rights of the Duchy of Cornwall) was twice read; and made part of the
Amendment was made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Kensington and Kingsbridge Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The Wath—upon—Dearne Urban District Council 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 Exeter, Tiviot Valley, and Chagford Railway Bill might be read; and the same being read;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Technical Education (France), which was presented upon the 21st day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the Superannuation
directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1859, dated 19th June 1898, declaring that for the office of Law Clerk in the Patent Office under the Board of Trade professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the Public Service are requisite.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary
Polling Districts (Cheltenham.)

Provisional Inquiry into Benefices and Charities (County of Carnarvon.)

Polling Districts (Scotland)

Inquiry into Charities (County of Carnarvon.) No. 284.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders. No. 248.

Benefices (No. 2) Bill.

 Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Cheltenham altering certain Polling Districts within the Borough.

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

The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of March last, for a Return relative to Paupers (Scotland). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of February last, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Cheltenham (County of Carnarvon).

Ordered, That the said Return 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.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Benefices (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 33, by leaving out the word "incapacity," the word "existing."—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "existing" 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. 35, by leaving out the word "caused," and inserting the words "given "just occasion for"—(Mr. Brynmor Jones),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "caused" 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. 36, by inserting, after the word "Act," the words "Provided always that a bishop shall not refuse such institution or admission until he has given the patron and the presentee a full opportunity of being heard, and of testing by cross-examination the evidence upon which the bishop proposes to act, and the patron and the presentee shall have the right to take a full report of such hearing."—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the—Mr. Harry Foster, Yeas, Mr. Brynmor Jones; 75.

Tellers for the—Sir William Walrond, Nos., Mr. Austruther; 170.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 2, by inserting, after the word "manus," the words "and he shall not, under any circumstances, collate, institute, or admit any person to a benefice where the parishioners by a majority of two-thirds have passed a resolution objecting to such person, provided that such resolution be passed and communicated to the bishop within fourteen days after the notice in this sub-section mentioned has been served upon the churchwardens."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by inserting, after the word "parishioners," the words "being constituents."—(Mr. Newbiggin.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be inserted in the said proposed Amendment.—The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the—Mr. Herbert Lewis, Yeas, Mr. Williams Jones; 74.

Tellers for the—Sir William Walrond, Nos., Mr. Austruther; 168.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 3, by leaving out Clause 3.—(Mr. Brynmor Jones)—be there inserted in the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nos. to the Left.

Tellers for the—Mr. Herbert Lewis, Yeas, Mr. Williams Jones; 74.

Tellers for the—Sir William Walrond, Nos., Mr. Austruther; 168.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "conduct" 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. 35, by leaving out the word "caused," and inserting the words "given "just occasion for"—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan),—instead thereof.

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Fire Engines Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraphs Committee on Telegraphs [Grant];

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

The Ex-Oficio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) 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 Supply Committee of Ways and Means;

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office (Local Authority Guarantee) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Bill, upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) Bill; and, after some time spent therein, 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.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy Act (1883) 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 House of Working Classes (Urban Districts) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the New Licences (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of July next.

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 the 7th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teinds and Farmers’ Prices Amendment (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Teinds and Farmers’ Prices Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trusts (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Rivers Pollution Prevention 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 School Board Conference (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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 upon Wednesday the 9th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the New Licences (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councils (Advances) 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 Summary Jurisdiction Act (Scotland) Bill—(Mr. Stuart-Wortley)—And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Connexion (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poorest Householders (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Juries’ 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 Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Sir John Kenmurey reported from the Com-
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government 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, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 14th day of this instant June, they had inserted provision in the Bill authorising the Promoters to raise further money by the creation and issue of debenture stock.

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 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 Sheffield District Railway Bill; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 14th day of this instant June, the Committee had made provision in the Bill authorising the Promoters to raise additional capital.

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 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 Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroad (Tramway Extensions) Bill; That, with reference to the Resolution of the House of the 1st day of April last, powers to construct new Tramways had been struck out of the Bill during the passage of the Bill through the House of Lords.

Mr. James William Lowther further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Blackpool Improvement Bill, with Amendments.
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.

Windsor Dock, Cardiff, Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third
time, and passed, with Amendments.
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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.

Riversides and Walton Water Bill (Lords.)
Ordered, That, in the case of the Riverides and
Water Bill, Standing Order 243 be suspended, and
that the Bill be now read the third time.—
(Dr. Farquharson.)
Mr. Chaplin, by Her Majesty's Command
acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having
been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives
Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is
concerned, that the House may proceed therein as
they shall think fit.
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.

Private Bills.
Ordered, That the consideration of Private
Bills ordered to lie upon the Table be deferred
till after the other Private Business.

Railways and Water Bills.
The Districts and Walton Water Bill was
read a second time; and committed.
The Pilgrim and Gas Bill was read
a second time; and committed.
The Newtown Water Bill was read a second
time; and committed.
The Order made upon the 6th day of this
instant June, That the Great Northern and
City Railway Bill be committed, was read, and
discharged.—(Dr. Farquharson.)
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Railways and Water Bills.
The Local Government and Harbour Extension
Bill.
The Local Government Provisional Orders
Bill (No. 12) 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
Bill (Poor Law).
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 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 read the third time
To-morrow.

Local Government Provisional Orders
Bill (No. 12) 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. 12) Bill, as amended in
the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
To-morrow.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to
take into consideration the Higham and Hundred
of Wey Valley Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
A Clause (Penalty for failure to supply pure
and wholesome water) — (Mr. Chaplin) — was
offered to be added to the Bill:—And the said
Clause was brought up, and read the first time.
And a Motion being made, and the Question
being proposed, That the said Clause be now
read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause
were severally, with leave of the House,
withdrawn.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Mid-Kent
Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Wey Valley
Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Mid-Kent
Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public
Petitions.

Mr. Hasbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of
Parliament, — Account No. 949 of Revenue and Expenditure in
respect of the Duties of the Customs of the Isle of Man,
Abstract Account of the Accumulated Fund, and Cash Account of the Passenger Tax and Harbour
Dues, for the year ended 31st March 1898, 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. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — The Annual Local Taxation Returns for England for
the year 1896-97, Part I. (Poor Rate Return and Valuation for Poor Rate).
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table; and be printed.

Mr. Curson presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2130 to 2132.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports,
Miscellaneous Series, No. 466.

Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom and Belgium referring to arbitration
of the case of Mr. Ben Tillett. Signed at Brussels, 18th March 1898.

Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom, France, Greece, and Russia to facilitate
the conclusion of a Loan by the Greek Government,
Signed at Paris, 29th March 1898.
Ratifications deposited at Paris, 18th May 1898.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the
Table.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Order under the Diseases of
Animals Acts, 1894 and 1898, dated 29th June 1898, revoking Order, No. 5744, which prohibited the conveyance of Animals by the
Strangulation "Alfalfa."
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the
Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of the
Cantoneers Act, 1897, and of the Cantoneers Regulations, published 15th October 1897.

Ordered,
23rd June. 1898.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the proceedings on the Benevolence (No. 2) Bill, if under discussion at Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Sittings of the House—(Mr. Order.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nos to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yea, [Mr. Anstruther]; 279.

Tellers for the (Sir James Fergusson, Nos, [Mr. Fleury Gibbs]; 104.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 36, by inserting the word "benefice," in l. 35, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word "legal" be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 36, by leaving out subsection (4) of Clause 2.—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

And the Question being put, That the words of subsection (4), to the word "impediment," in l. 35, stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 36, by inserting, after the word "other," the word "legal."—(Mr. Courtenay Warner.)

And the Question being put, That the word "legal" be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 36, by leaving out from the word "section" to the words "in respect of," in l. 30, and inserting the words "the patron and the presentee shall have the right of proceeding either under this Act or by the existing process of querela or duplex querela"—(Mr. Harry Foster),—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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 40, by leaving out from the word "archbishop" to the end of sub-section (9) of Clause 2, and inserting the words "the three bishops nominated by the Queen under Her Sign Manual, and having power to act by a majority of the same, shall, for the purpose of the foregoing provisions, be substituted for the archbishop"—(Sir James Fergusson), 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 proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 36, by inserting after the word "benefice," the words "and being an aged or infirm incumbent, has failed to provide adequately for the discharge of his duties."—(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.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, 1. 38, by inserting the words “Archbishop of the province,” instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “Archbishop of the province” 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. 5, 1. 31, by leaving out Clause 10 of the Bill.—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

And the Question being put, That Clause 10 stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. Balfour acquainted the House, That he had it in Command from the Queen to signify to the House that Her Majesty has been pleased to place at the disposal of Parliament, for the purposes of the Benevolence (No. 2) Bill, Her Majesty’s interest in Benefices in the patronage of the Crown and of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, 1. 38, by inserting, after the word “chapel,” the words “and districts formed for ecclesiastical purposes by virtue of statutory authority, and includes benefices in the patronage of the Crown, but does not extend to any of Her Majesty’s Royal Chapels, or to any Royal peculiar, nor to any cathedral or capitular preferment or dignity, nor to any chapel belonging to any college, school, hospital, inn of court, asylum, or public or charitable institution.”—(Mr. Solicitor General.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words “nor to any cathedral or capitular preferment or dignity.”—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment;—

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;—
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],
Yes, [Mr. Austen];—
Tellers for the [Mr. Lloyd-George],
No, [Mr. Philipps];—
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words from the word “dignity” to the end of the said proposed Amendment.—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words “and districts formed for ecclesiastical purposes by virtue of statutory authority, and includes benefices in the patronage of the Crown, but does not extend to any of Her Majesty’s Royal Chapels, or to any Royal peculiar, nor to any cathedral or capitular preferment or dignity, nor to any chapel belonging to any college, school, hospital, inn of court, asylum, or public or charitable institution”—(Mr. Vol. 158.

Solicitor General,)—be inserted after the word “Chapel,” in p. 5, 1. 38, of the Bill.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the East Indies Loan Bill. (In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.

CLAUSE, N° 3 (Power to the Secretary of State to raise any sum not exceeding £. 10,000,000).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, 1. 12, to leave out the words “Ten millions of pounds,” in order to insert the words “Three millions three hundred and eighty-four thousands of pounds”—(Sir William Welden.)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words “Ten millions of pounds” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSES, N° 4 to N° 6, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leecher reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The Parish Fire Engines 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 Telegraphs into a Committee on Telegraphs [Sirnart].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of Sums not exceeding £. 1,000,000 for the purpose of the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1887, and to authorise the Treasury to borrow such Sums by means of Terminable Annuities payable out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, and if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr. Horbury.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leecher reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Committee on London University Commission [Expenses];—

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Greenwich into a Committee on the Greenwich Hospital Bill. (In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 6, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leecher 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 Metropolitan Police Courts Bill.

CLAUSE N° 1 (Amendments of 60 & 61 Vict. c. 26, 6, s. 6, as to certain fines).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out the words "or Inland Revenue," in order to insert the words "Excise or other
branch of Her Majesty's Revenue, or to the
"Post Office, or trade, or navigation, or under
"the Factory Acts."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question proposed, That the words "or Inland Revenue" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "or to be paid " to the Crown or to the Exchequer."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE N° 2, amended, and agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and passed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Poor Law (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time—the Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Suffragan Bishops Bill.

CLAUSES N° 1 and N° 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 upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved into a Committee on the Reading of the Universities and College Estates Bill:

(The Committee.)

CLAUSE N° 1 (Amendments of 60 & 61 Vict. c. 26, s. 6, as to certain fines).

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, to leave out the words "or Inland Revenue," in order to insert the words "Excise or other "branch of Her Majesty's Revenue, or to the "Post Office, or trade, or navigation, or under "the Factory Acts."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question proposed, That the words "or Inland Revenue" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "or to be paid " to the Crown or to the Exchequer."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE N° 2, 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs' Regulation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Statute Law Revision Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, Adjournment. That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr. Balfour;)

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Walrond,]

Tellers for the [Mr. Arthur Forwood]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations (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 Lodgers' Declarations (Ireland) Bill;
Friday, 24th June, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Bill originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Higham and Hundred of Hoo Water Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Higham and Hundred of Hoo Water 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.

Mid-Kent Water Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Mid-Kent Water 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.

Way Valley Water Bill.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Way Valley Water 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.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Sheffield Corporation Bill, as amended Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Orders (No. 11) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Orders (No. 12) 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.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Scheme under the Endowed Schools Act, 1869, and Amending Acts, for the Management of the Foundation called Queen Mary's, No. 593. Schools, in the Borough of Waltham, in the County of Suffolk, regulated by a Scheme made under the Endowed Schools Acts, 1869, 1873, and 1874, on the 28th July 1893.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Goschen presented,—Return to an Order for a Return relative to Navy (Squad and Scorers' Re-engagement). N. 253.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Bolton, Turton, and Warrington Extension Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Liverpool Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee. Vot. 183.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as followeth:

An Act for authorising the Corporation of the City of Liverpool to execute certain Street Improvements, and to acquire and appropriate permanently as Open Spaces certain Burial Grounds within the City; for conferring further Powers on the Corporation in relation to Children trading in the Streets, and other matters; for amending various Local Acts in force within the City, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
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Sir John Mavor 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 Procedure: Dr. Clark and Mr. Richards; and had appointed in substitution: Sir Charles Dilke and Mr. Twizell.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for taking into consideration, upon Tuesday next, the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday the 6th day of July next.

Mr. James William Lenthove reported the London County Council (Money) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lenthove reported the Ris- ford and Cheshunt Railway Bill, with Amend- ments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Alistair De Tostos Egerton reported the Dundee Corporation Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Center reported from the Committee on Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, that they had considered the Orders therein contained: that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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 Amendment made by this House to the Lanarkshire and Dunbartonshire Railway Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to alter and extend the Constitution and Powers of the Colonial Bank; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act, 1870, relating to East Ham Urban District Tramways, Eveshott Urban District Tramways, Huddersfield Corporation Tramways, and Linth- scott Tramway; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to remove the Disqualification of Justices in certain cases under the Licensing Acts, 1872-74; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Lord Balfour of Burleigh to attend in order to his being examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on the Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill; his Lordship, in his place, consenting.

The Colonial Bank Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Parish Church (Scotland) Bill was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Brymer Jones, Member for Swansea, adjourned, 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, namely, the widespread privation existing in South Wales and the urgent necessity for putting in force the provisions of the Conciliation Act, 1896; and the pleasure of the House having been signified:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—Mr. Brymer Jones)—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved Supply into the Committee of Supply.

Naval Estimates, 1899-99.

1. £7,325,900, to defray the Expenses of Half-Pay, Reserved, and Retired Pay, to Officers of the Navy and Marines.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,082,900, 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 1899:

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Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That Item C. (Pensions and Gratuities to Seamen and Marines) be reduced by £1,100—(Mr. Colquhoun),—put, and negatived.
Original Question put, and agreed to.
3. £220,000, to defray the Expense of Civil Pensions and Gratuities.

Resolutions to be reported.

Revenue Departments.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,320,325, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,707,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department.—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £100, in respect of the Salaries of the Chairman of the Board of Customs.—(Mr. Strachey)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.—Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item B. 1, A. (Salaries and Allowances), be reduced by £100—(Captain Norton).—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Saturday, 25th June, 1898;—Tellers for the [Captain Norton,] Yes, [Mr. Stedman,] 50. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] No, [Mr. Austrander,] 115. Original Question again proposed.—Debate arising;—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 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.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply;—Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

Sir John Gorst reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

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Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1898-99.

That a Sum, not exceeding £4,920,175, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Public Education in England and Wales, including Expenses of the Education Office in London.

The said Resolution being read a second time;—An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out "£4,920,175," and inserting "£4,920,075"—(Mr. Nussey)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "£4,920,175" stand part of the Resolution:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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;—
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] Yes, [Mr. Austrander,] 91. Tellers for the [Mr. Nussey,] No, [Mr. William Jones,] 22.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Companies Act take into consideration the Companies Act (1867) Amendment (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means into a Committee on the Wild Birds Protection (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.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Common Employment Abolition Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Councils (Tenure of Offices) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Watermen's Certificates Second Reading of the Watermen's Certificates Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for 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 Poor Law Acts Second Reading of the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Local Authority showing the extent to which, and the manner in which, Local Authorities in Scotland do take into consideration the Companies Act (1867) Amendment (No. 2) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the remission of a Sum advanced to the Government of H.H. the Khedive of Egypt—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of annual Sums to the Local Taxation Account (Scotland), and of making provision for the application of such Sums—(The Lord Advocate);—The Lord Advocate, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after One of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 27th June, 1898.

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 to the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (Barnes, &c.) 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 Gloucester 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, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ilkeston 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.

A Motion being made, That the Lords of the London County Council (General Powers) Bill be now read the third time;

Sir John Mowbray, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

And Notice being taken, that the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Sir John Mowbray, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Royal Highness's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Market Harborough Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroad and Tramway Extensions Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Clergy Mutual Assurance Society 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 Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Junction 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 Kettering Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lancashire, Dorsetshire, and East Coast Railway 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. Forster)—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 Leyton Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 232 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time—(Dr. Forster)—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with a new Title, as followeth:

An Act to empower the Leyton Urban District Council to work Tramways for the time being owned by them within their District; to make further and better provision for the good government...
Mr. Corren presented, by Her Majesty’s Trade Reports Command.—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular (Annual Surveys).

Ordered, The Annual Session, No. 2135 to 2136.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—

1. Copy of Schedule containing a List and Public Records Particulars of Classes of Documents which have been removed from the Office of the Comptroller (Treasury) and Auditor General and deposited in the Public Record Office, but which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation therein.

2. Copy of Second Schedule containing a List of Public Records and Particulars of Classes of Documents in the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill included in the Gas 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.

Ordered, That the Antiquities (Ireland) (Transfers) for Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Local Government Committee, that they had amended the Title, as follows:—A Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Counties of Brecon, Monmouth, and Radnor.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

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 Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Light Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pilotage Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Societies’ Borrowing Powers Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Canal Protection (London) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have agreed to the Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners) Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Iceland Improvement Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Carmarthen Improvement Bill, with Amendments, 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 Executors and Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Andrew Walker, in relation to his Real and Personal Estate; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Todmorden to construct certain Reservoirs and other Waterworks, 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 Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Portsmouth, with reference to the acquisition, construction, and working of Tramways in the said Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate a Company for making Railways between Windsor and Ascot, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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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 Egypt [Remission of Loan].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question put, That it is expedient that the Grant in Aid of £7,980,802 to the Government of the Khedive of Egypt should not be repaid—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Yes. [Mr. Asquith;]

No. [Mr. Dillon;]

Resolved, That it is expedient that the Grant in Aid of £7,980,802 to the Government of the Khedive of Egypt should not be repaid.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lennox reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Local Taxation Account (Scotland) [Consolidated Fund].

(In the Committee.)

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the annual payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, during the continuance of the Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts and Burgh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Act, 1886, of sums to the Local Taxation (Scotland) Account, equal to the difference between the sums payable to that account under section three of the said Act, and a sum equivalent to seventeen sixteenths of the total amount certified by the Secretary for Scotland as the amount to be taken as having been raised by rates by county councils and parish councils from the owners and occupiers of agricultural lands and heritages as defined in the said Act during the year ended the 15th day of May 1896; and also to make provision for the distribution and application of such sums,—

(1) To the relief of the occupiers of Agricultural Lands and Heritages in Scotland;

(2) To an additional contribution to the Police Authorities in Scotland for the pay and clothing of the Police;

(3) To providing and maintaining vessels for the enforcement of the Scottish Sea Fishing Laws;

(4) For the purposes of secondary or technical (including agricultural) education in Scotland.

—(The Lord Advocate) :—Debate arising;

Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman), put, and agreed to.

Mr. Sykes resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lennox reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed in the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill, was read the first time, and passed.

Mr. Asquith moved, That the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill be committed to a Select Committee—(Mr. Alfred Lyttelton); And
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon; And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Tuesday, 28th June, 1898:
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parish Fire Engines Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Attendance of Children at School (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee on Telegraphs (Grant); 
Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops (Emergency Processes) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on London University Commission [Expenses]; 
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 Union of Benefices Bill. 

Clauses, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Universities and Colleges Estates Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Prisons Bill into consideration the Prisons Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Merchant Shipping (Merchant Marine and Mercantile Marine Fund) 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 Dogs Regulation Bill; 
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 Statute Law Revision Bill; 

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lodgers' Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations Revision 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 Parish Churches (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Mr. Handbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, Report, as follow:—

Navy Estimates, 1898-99.
1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 752,500, be Half Pay, &c. granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the 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 1899.
2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,082,900, Naval and Marine Pensions, Gratuities, and Compassionate Allowances, which will come in
in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899. 2. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,329,900, 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 1899.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report 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.:

Rivers Pollution Prevention (Border Counties Councils) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report 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.:

Neachmore Harbour Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nottingham 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 Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed. (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (Hertford, &c.) 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. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Report of the Board of Trade respecting the Applications to and Proceedings of the Board under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1890, during the past year.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Supplementary Estimate for the Year ending 31st March 1899, to pay the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioner of Police, the Police Courts, and Metropolitan Police Establishment of Dublin.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed.

Mr. Carson presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2135 to 2138.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 467.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Accidents which have occurred during Shunting Operations to Em­ployees on the Railways of the United Kingdom during the Ten Years ending 1897, setting forth in separate columns the Fatal and Non-fatal Accidents on each Line, and distinguishing those resulting from Coupling and Uncoupling from other causes:— Year 1888.

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Statement showing the Numbers of Goods Guards, Brake-men, and Shunters killed and injured in the Ten Years ending 1897, showing the Proportion of Killed and Injured to the Numbers employed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Summary of Statistics concerning certain Higher Grade Board Schools and Public Secondary Schools which was prepared for the use of a Conference of Representatives of the Incorporated Association of Head Masters and of the Association of Head Masters of the Higher Grade Schools, held at the Education Department in November last.—(Colonel Lockwood.)

Railways

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Accidents which have occurred during Shunting Operations to Employees on the Railways of the United Kingdom during the Ten Years ending 1897, setting forth in separate columns the Fatal and Non-fatal Accidents on each Line, and distinguishing those resulting from Coupling and Uncoupling from other causes:— Year 1888.

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 17th day of May last, the Committee had inserted in the Bill, with certain modifications, the additional provision referred to in the said Resolution.

Sir Stafford Northcote further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Pier, Harbours, and Boat Slips constructed under the provisions of the Act by the Commissioners of Public Works, Ireland, the Total Expenditure upon each Work, and the sources from which such Expenditure was met; distinguishing the Amounts advanced on Loan, and showing with regard to each Loan the Localities and Persons by whom repayable, the Mode and Period for Repayment, the Amounts already repaid, and still remaining to be repaid; together with a Summary Statement of the Total Funds available for Works under the Act, the Payments therefore, and the Amount remaining available on the 31st day of May 1898.—(Mr. Field.)

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the Local Government 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 him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

The Order for reading a second time Tomorrow, the Liquor Traffic Local Veto Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 18th day of July next.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Cemeteries Rating Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of July next.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Drainage Separation Bill was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 6th day of July next.

Message from the Lords. Message had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Local Government Bill, with Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the New Bridge and Approaches Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Foreign Bondholders Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Reservoirs Joint Committee Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Act, 1879, relating to Colne, Ashton-under-Lyne, Huddersfield, Haslam, and Swairstown Gas; 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 Orders (No. 6) Act, 1882 and 1888, relating to Colnbrook, Datchet, and West Drayton; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Act, 1882 and 1886, relating to Colnbrook, Datchet, and West Drayton; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Royal Borough of Forres to purchase the Undertaking of the Forres Water Company (Limited) ; to authorise them to construct New Works, and to supply Water to the Royal Burgh of Forres and the Parishes of Forres, RAFFORD, and Dallas, in the County of Elgin; 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 County Borough of Rochdale to acquire the Undertaking of the Todmorden Waterworks Company; to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and Bill 266, be printed.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and Bill 267, be printed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and Bill 270, be printed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and Bill 271, be printed.

The Forres Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Rochdale Corporation Water Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Metropolitan Order to amend Section Sixty-nine of the Metropolitan Poor Act, 1867, as to the Expenses payable out of the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Caplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell accordingly presented a Metropolitan Bill to amend Section Sixty-nine of the Metropolitan Poor Act, 1867, as to the Expenses payable out of the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Beneffees (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 House, according to Order, proceeded to Pray for Orders take into consideration the Prayers Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Criminal Punishment) — (Mr. Henry David Greene) — And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time; 

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Henry David Greene) 

Mr. Haldane: 102.

Mr. Atwood: 192.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Treatment of Treason Felony and High Treason Prisons) — (Mr. Darby) — And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And
And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Denzit,]
Tellers for the [Mr. Austruther,]

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 6, by leaving out the words from the word "provisions" to the word "said," in l. 7.—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley.)
And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left.
Tellers for the [Mr. Denzit,]
Tellers for the [Mr. John Burnes,]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

And the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time;

By means of Terminable Annuities payable out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament for the service of the Post Office, and if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Telegraph said Resolution: And that Mr. Hanbury and Mr. [Money] Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented a Bill toTelegram provide for raising further Money for the purposes of the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1897; And Bill 973. 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 Factories and Workshops (Emergency Proceedings) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Taxation Committee on Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Bill; 

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Taxation Committee on Local Taxation Account Account (Consolidated Fund); 

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 Administration of Children at School (Ireland) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time [Lord's] this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Universities and College Estates Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Merchant Seamen's) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 

Resolved, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Regulation Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Statute Law Revision Committee on Statute Law Revision Bill; 

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lodgers' Declaratory (Ireland) Bill; 

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the parish Second Reading of the Parish Churches (Scotland) Bill; 

Ordered,
Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Truck Acts, and to make it illegal for Employers to compel their Workmen as a condition of employment to become or remain Members of or to leave any Benefit or Friendly Society or Club: And that Mr. Schwann, Mr. Gibson Bowles, Mr. Grice, Mr. Drage, Major Gibson, Mr. Libbert, and Mr. Galbraith do prepare and bring in such Bill.

Mr. Galbraith accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Truck Acts, and to make it illegal for Employers to compel their Workmen as a condition of employment to become or remain Members of or to leave any Benefit or Friendly Society or Club: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Companies Act (1867) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Wild Birds Protection (Ireland) Bill.

(The Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1.

Question proposed, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress—(Mr. Tully), —put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leathem reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 19th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of May last, That the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal 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 Poor Law Acts Amendment 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 Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 29th June, 1898.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Scheme Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That 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 Belfast Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Blackpool Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Docks Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Sheringham and Water Bill (No. 2), as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

To-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Eighth Report.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of the Fifty-second Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy to the Lord Chancellor, with Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Evidence in itself into a Committee on the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Competency of witnesses in criminal cases).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "person," to insert the words "(if of the age of sixteen years or upwards)."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, (Mr. Lloyd Morgan: Mr. Asquith: ) 51.

Tellers for the Noes, (Sir William Walrond: Mr. Asquith: ) 159.

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The Order of the day being read, that the Lead Tax Commissioners’ Names 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 Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill; —Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factories and Workshops (Emergency Proceedings) Bill; —Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the London University Commission [Expenses] Bill; —Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Taxation Account [Consolidated Fund] Bill; —Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Attendance of Children at School (Scotland) Bill; —Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the House of Lords; —Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Regulation Bill; —Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; —Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lodgers’ Second Reading of the Lodgers’ Declarations (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 Parish Churches (Scotland) Bill; —Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Post Office (Local Authority Guarantee) Bill; —Resolved, That the Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Companies Act (1867) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; —Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.
Nonconformist Marriages Attendance of Registrars Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Nonconformist Marriages (Attendance of Registrars) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Parish Councils (Tenure of Office) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parish Councils (Tenure of Office) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 11th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Carriage of Game Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Carriage of Game Bill; 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.

Nonconformist Marriages Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nonconformist Marriages (Attendance of Registrars) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Trusts (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill; 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.

Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill; 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.

Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 9th day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill be now read a second time; and ordered that the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 13th day of July next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

School Board Electorate Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill; and ordered that the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Tracts (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tracts (Scotland) Bill; and ordered that the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Counties (Advances) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councils (Advances) Bill; and ordered that the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Jurors’ Expenses Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jurors’ Expenses Bill; and ordered that the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Antiquities (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Antiquities (Ireland) (Transfer) Bill; and ordered that the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Tramway Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Truck Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill; and ordered that the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill; and ordered that the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before six of the clock, adjourned till tomorrow.

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The Local Government Provisional Orders Lord Govern-

ments.

(Dr. Farquharson.)

Mr. Horace Plunkett, by Her Majesty's Com-
rmand, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty,
having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gi-
ged 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 desirè their concurrence.

And several Public Petitions were presented, and Public

read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Company to the Societies' Borrowing Powers 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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desirè their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Local Government Provisional Orders Lord Govern-
ments.

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29th June, 1896.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the Societies' Borrowing 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.

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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 any sums that may be required for the establishment and maintenance of Inebriate Reformatories, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to provide for the treatment of Habitual Inebriates, and of any expenses connected therewith, and also of remuneration to any inspectors who may be appointed under such Act.—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley);

Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Metropolis Management Acts Amendment Bill was read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of July next.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Old Age Pensions (Friendly Societies) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Thursday the 14th day of July next.

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the East India Loan Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sheringham and Boston Protection Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Market Harborough Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Post Office Acts Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Lunacy Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Waterworks Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the granting of further Powers to the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was read the first time.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill.

Clause, No. 1:—(Competency of witnesses in criminal cases).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, to leave out the word "whether," in order to insert the word "when"—(Mr. Gibson Bawole),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "whether" stated part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word "furnishes," to insert the words "at the close of the case for the prosecution the court shall inform the prisoner that he may, instead of giving evidence on oath, put in evidence a written statement, or make any oral statement."—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "and the court shall inform the prisoner that he is a competent bu not a compellable witness."—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "The failure of any person charged with an offence, or the wife or husband, to give evidence, shall not be made the subject of any comment by the prosecuting counsel or solicitor, or by the court."—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, after the word "without," to insert the words "his or her consent, and."—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, after the word "charged," to insert, as a new sub-section, the words:—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "court shall inform the prisoner that he is a competent but not a compellable witness."—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, after the word "charged," to insert, as a new sub-section, the words:—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, after the word "charged," to insert, as a new sub-section, the words:—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, after the word "by," to insert the words "on behalf of Mr. Gibson Bootes."

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 22, at end of sub-section (d), to insert the words "(e) the non-appearance as a witness on his own behalf of the person charged shall not be deemed to rebut any presumption of law that the one proof of the guilt of the person charged lies upon the prosecution."—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)

Question proposed, That the word "jointly" be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 25, after the word "person," to insert the words "on behalf of."—(Mr. Gibson Bootes.)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, after the word "person," to insert the words "jointly."—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

Question proposed, That the words "jointly" be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 20, to leave out the words "expiring of two months from the passing thereof," in order to insert the words "first day of January one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine"—(Mr. Gibson Bootes).—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 26, to leave out sub-section I.—(Mr. Curwen.)

Question, That sub-section I stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 28, after the word "section," to insert the words 4th.)

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 29, to leave out part of the Clause;—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Question proposed, That sub-section (d) stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out sub-section (d).
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing 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 Dogs Regulation 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 Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations (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 Amendment which, upon the 28th day of June last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Prisoners Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Money) 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 Common Employment Abolition 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 2nd day of March last, That the Service Franchise 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 Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) 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 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 Rivers Pollution Prevention (Border County Councils) Bill; 
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. 
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn. 
Ordered, That leave be given to present another Bill instead thereof.

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 upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Truck Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the Hours of Labour in Bakehouses to Forty-eight per Week; and that Mr. Woods, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Maddison, and Mr. Stoddard do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir John Brunner presented a Bill to enable Boroys, the County Councils on either side of the Border, to set together for the Prevention of the Pollution of Rivers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Woods presented a Bill to restrict the Hours of Labour in Bakehouses to Forty-eight per Week; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

**Friday, 1st July, 1898.**

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the applicable thereto, have been complied with, etc.—Portsmouth Corporation Tramways Bill.
Windsor and Ascot Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the applicable thereto, have been complied with, etc.—Portsmouth Corporation Tramways Bill.

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PRAYERS.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Stones Reservoirs 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 Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1898.

A Clause (for protection of Frances Julius Manfield and John Markwell) 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.

Royal Assent. 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 the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Finance Act, 1898.
2. Sheriffs’ Tenure of Office (Scotland) Act, 1898.
3. Reserve Forces and Militia Act, 1898.
5. Suffragan Bishops Act, 1898.
6. East India Loan Act, 1898.
7. Customs and other Offices (Barry Dock) Act, 1898.
9. Local Government Board’s Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1898.
11. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1898.
12. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1898.
13. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1898.
14. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1898.
15. Pilotage Order Confirmation Act, 1898.
16. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1898.
17. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1898.
20. Central Gas Act, 1898.
23. Bentley, Barrow, and Central India Railway Act, 1898.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Sixteenth Annual Report of the Loan Fund Board of Ireland, 1897. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Sixteenth Annual Report of the Government Board of Ireland, 1897. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Sixteenth Annual Report of the Loan Fund Board of Ireland, 1897. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order for Papers, dated the 29th day of June last, for a Return (Ireland) Act, relative to the Sea Fisheries (Ireland) Act, 1883, relating to the restoration of several Acts of Parliament,—As per copy of the Papers, count of all Deposits received and paid under the authority of the Act 24 Vic. c. 14, during the year ended 31st December 1897, and of the Expenses incurred from the commencement of the Business on 16th September 1891 to 31st December 1897, together with a Statement of the Total Amount due at the close of the year 1897 to all Depositors; and Account of the Sums received and paid by the National Debt Commissioners.
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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed. Mr. Alan de Tuttun Egerton reported from the Select Committee on the Aberdeen Corporation Tramways Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Proposals contained in the Provisional Order included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill. Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed. Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper. 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. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper. 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. 10) Bill. Mr. Ritchie 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 Merchant shipping (Liability of Shipowners) Bill be now taken 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. Colonel Gooch reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills. That the part of the said Bill opposing the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 10) Bill had stated that the evidence of Edward St. Aubyn, of Glyde, Sedney, Cornwall, 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 Edward St. Aubyn do attend the said Committee upon Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock. Ordered, That Edward St. Aubyn do attend the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills upon Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed. Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to give leave to the Earl of Merley to attend to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee on the Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill; and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Mr. Stuart-Wortley.) Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lord one of their Clerks, as follows:—The Lords have agreed to the North East Urban District Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. The Lords have agreed to the North Wirral, North Warwickshire Water Bill, with Amendments; a Bill whereby the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Circuit Clarks Bill to amend the Law regarding Circuit Clarks of Justice in Scotland: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Advocates do prepare, and bring it in. The
The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law regarding Circuit Clerks of Justiciary in Scotland. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Civil Service and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1898-99.)

Class II.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 9,100, 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 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland and Subordinate Offices:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £ 100, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary for Scotland—(Mr. Pirie)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £ 50, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary for Scotland—(Mr. Weir);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: Mr. Caldwell, 42.
Mr. Pirie: 107.

Yeas, (Mr. Caldwell:)
Noes, (Mr. Weir:)

Tellers for the: Sir William Walrond, 115.
Mr. Austruther:

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class III.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 20,479, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board for Scotland, and for Expenses under the Public Health Acts, Infection 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 the Vote be reduced by £ 100—(Mr. Caldwell);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the: Mr. Caldwell, 42.
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Mr. Austruther:

Original Question put, and agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply; the Report from the Committee of Supply, ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next;

Mr. James William Lea ther 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 Superannuation (Metropolitan Police) Bill, the Report from the Committee of Supply, ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of this instant July.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Company (Voluntary Liquidation) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

**Monday, 4th July, 1898.**

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.:—

- Isle of Wight Railway (Brading Harbour and Railway) Bill.
- Roadside Corporation Water Bill.
- Todmorden Corporation Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

- Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

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.:—

- Leywood Corporation Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Carmarthen 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 same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Storrowham Gas and Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments; to which the House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Blythford and Closeley 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 County Council (Money) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be the read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Saint Thomas, Southwark, and Saint Saviour, Southwark, Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be the read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Ham Corporation Bill, as amended Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Ham Corporation Bill, as amended Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Yeovil Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Colonial Bank Bill was read a second Colonial Bank Bill; and committed.

The Neathaven Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,— Copies of Two Orders, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1895, dated the 1st July 1895, prohibiting the conveyance of Animals by the Steamships "Norse" and "Port Victoria."

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland) giving effect to an additional Rule of Court 1877, under...
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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill, No. 271.

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 Gas 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.

Post Office Acts Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Post Office Acts 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 acquit those, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

The Order for taking into consideration, Tomorrow, the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

New Member sworn.

The Honourable Arthur Ralph Douglas Elliot, Member for the Borough of Durham, was sworn.

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 Norwich City Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) (Provisional Orders) (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Southwark and Peckham Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have agreed to the Galashawbridge Gas Bill, with an Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Charing Cross, Elephant, and Hampstead Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Blackpool and Fleetwood Tramroad (Tramway Extensions) Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Hamilton Water Bill, with an Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Junction Railway and Dock Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Kettering Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Sea Fisheries; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the provisions of the Metropolis Management Acts with respect to Bye-laws; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Newcastle-upon-Tyne; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Middlesbrough,-Scarborough, Teignmouth, and Weymouth; 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 Citizens of the City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to convey to the Trustees of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Royal Infirmary a portion of the Castle Leases as a Site for a new Infirmary; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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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 Trawlers' Certificates (Suspension) 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 Universities (Scotland) Acts 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 Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Amendment 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 13th day of May last, That the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal 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 School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Councils (Advances) 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 Crothers' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law 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 Rivers Pollution Prevention (Border County Councils) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Company (Voluntary Liquidation) Amendment 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 this day.

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The House met at Three o'Clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following 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.:

Newcastle and Gateshead 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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 20th day of June last, That, in the case of the following Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:

Watermen's and Lightermen's Acts Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ilford Improvement Bill ; and the same were twice read, and agreed to, and a consequential Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords ; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, and hath made a consequential Amendment to the Bill ; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9 Bill) was, according to Order, read a second time ; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Sea Fisheries (Ireland) Act, 1883 (46 & 47 Vic. c. 26), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Fifth Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Classes of Documents existing, or in ordinary course about to exist, in the War Office, which are not considered of sufficient public value to justify their preservation in the Public Record Office.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the Local Government Order of the County Council of Lancaster (Lancs.), directing that the Township of Latchford shall be united to and form part of the Township of Warrington under Section 37 of the Local Government Act, 1894.
Government Act, 1888, as confirmed by the Local Government Board.

Copy of Order of the County Council of Salop (Supplementary to the County of Salop (Cockshott) Order, 1895) making provision as to the liabilities of the Parish of Cockshott with regard to the Ellersmore Cemetery under Section 59 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1888, as confirmed by the Local Government Board.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Final Report of the Commissioners on Manual and Practical Instruction in Primary Schools under the Board of National Education in Ireland.

Copy of Fourth Volume of Minutes of Evidence, comprising that taken between 29th September and 17th December 1897, being a Supplement to the Final Report of the Commissioners on Manual and Practical Instruction in Primary Schools under the Board of National Education in Ireland.

Copy of Appendices to the Reports of the Commissioners on Manual and Practical Instruction in Primary Schools under the Board of National Education in Ireland.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland and County Court Judges under the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, as to Arbitrations before the Judge and other matters under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897.

Interim Education (Ireland) Act, 1887 (Ireland). Copy of Rules made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland appointing the Places at which Examinations shall be held for 1898.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curran presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2146, and Miscellaneous Series, No. 468. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) 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. 8) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James Stuart reported from the Committee on the Cardiff 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.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Bill, Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Vaccination Bill was referred, that the Bill had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; No. 275, and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Grassmarket Proclamations 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 Graswood, in the room of James Dampier Pelours, Esquire, who, since his election for the said Borough, has accepted the Office of Sheriff, Sheriff, Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stowe, Desborough, and Broughton, in the County of Buckingham.—(Sir William Ward.)

Sir John Moubray 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 Procedure: Mr. Briggs, Mr. Carlisle, Mr. Logan, and Mr. Mond; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Anstruther (Middlesex), Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Lloyd Morgan, and Mr. Lucas.

Sir John Moubray further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Trade, Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures the following Member: Colonel Ward.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alan de Tottin Egerton reported from the Committee on the London and South Western 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 upon the Table; and be printed.

The Sea Fisheries Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows—

The Lords have agreed to the Land Drainage Provisional Order (Hoscomney Fen) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Eastern Railway Company and Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Eastern Railway (Pensions) Bill, with Amendments; 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 North British Railway Company, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Railway Company in connection with their undertaking; to authorise the Burntisland Harbour Commissioners to lease certain of their lands, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords give leave to the Earl of Morley to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of examining a witness before the Select Committee appointed by this House on the Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill, his Lordship (in his place) consenting.

The North British Railway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. Shewers-Cox accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Commons 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 Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant July, That the disproportion between the Taxation of Ireland and its taxable capacity, as compared with the other parts of the Kingdom, disclosed by the findings of the Royal Commission, constitutes a grievance, and demands the early attention of the Government, with a view to proposing a remedy—(Mr. John Redmond); and the Question being again proposed.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—The House proceeded to a Division.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Fire Engines Bill, as amended in the Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Universities and College Estates Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Parish Fire Engines 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 Statute Law Revision 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 Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motion on Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops (Emergency Processes) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motion on Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motion on Second Reading of the Statute Law Revision Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motion on Second Reading of the Universities and College Estates 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 Motion on Second Reading of the Poor Fund Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motion on Second Reading of the Parish Churches (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Motion on Second Reading of the Telegraph (Money) Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Circuit Clerks of Justiciary (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Habitual Inebriates (Expenses.).

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any sums that may be required for the establishment and maintenance of Inebriates Reformatory, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to provide for the treatment of Habitual Inebriates, and of any expenses connected therewith, and also of remuneration to any Inspectors who may be appointed under such Act.—(Sir William Walrond.)
Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jesse Collings 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply:
Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Companies Act (1867) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Nonconformist Marriages (Attendance of Registrars) 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 Licensing (Disqualification of Justices Removal) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Rivers Pollution Prevention (Border Counties Councillors) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Company (Voluntary Liquidation) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.
And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Mr. Harbary presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, — Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1804, dated 27th June 1898, declaring that James Turnbull, Examiner, Inspection Department, War Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.
Accounts of Receipts and Payments under the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, during the year ended 31st March 1898.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Education Command, — Copy of General Report to the Education Department by the Chief Inspector of the South Eastern Division for the year 1887.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented — Return to an Order, Traver dated the 23rd day of June last, for a Return relative to the Trawler "Nellie."
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

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The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to the House, dated the 5th day of May last, for a Return relative to Teachers over Age (Scotland).—Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonial Res.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Reports, No. 250 (Turks and Caicos Islands, Annual Report for 1897).—Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Amendments to be made in Orders in Council under Clauses 73, 74, and 75 of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill. Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland 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 Copy of Minute by the Secretary of State for India, stating the circumstances under which a Member of his Permanent Establishment has been retained in the Service after he has attained the Age of 65. —(Secretary Lord George Hamilton.)

Ordered, That the Aliens Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Trawlers’ Certificates Suspension Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Workmen’s Compensation Act (1897) Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill:—(Consent to Bye-laws, 3 & 4 Vic. c. 108, s. 125) So much of the Municipal Corporations (Ire­land) Act, 1849, as requires the approval of the Honourable Society of the Governor and Assist­ants of London of the new Plantation in Ulster within the realm of Ireland to any bye-law made by the council of the Boroughs of Coleraine and Londonderry, as shall be repealed.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (As to navigation trackways) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of law as to audit) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Chairman on re-election need not again take oath as justice of the peace) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Appeal Commission) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill:—(As to registration in 1898)—(1.) In the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight the Registration Acts shall have effect as if for every date therein mentioned in July or August in respect of any matter there were substituted each day as is seven days later than that date. (See 48 & 49 Vic. c. 17, s. 14) As regards the registers of voters to be made in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, no election shall be questioned by reason of any error or informality whatsoever in relation to the filling up the forms or lists, the forming, printing, publishing, revising, or completing the lists of voters, or the register of voters, for any county or county borough, or by reason of any matter or thing not having been done within the time limited by law for that purpose. The signature of the chairman or revising barrister, or his deputy, to each register shall be conclusive evidence that such register has been in all respects duly made and revised at the time and in the manner prescribed by and in conformity with the Registration Acts and this Act.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in l. 1, by inserting, after the words “ninety-eight,” the words “and thereafter.” —(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in l. 6, by inserting after the word “election” the words “under this Act.”—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill:—(Transfer of business under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Terms of borrowing by county councils) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Appointment of Auditors) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill:—(Use of licensed premises for meetings, &c.)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the London University Commission [Expenses].

Motion made, and Question proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of remuneration to any person employed 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 all expenses incurred in the execution of such Act.—(Sir John Gorst.)

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Universities and College Estates Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. Jesse Collings reported from the Committee on Habitual Inebriates [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 sums that may be required for the establishment and maintenance of Inebriate Reformatories, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to provide for the treatment of Habitual Inebriates, and of any expenses connected therewith.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for reserving Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Fire Engines Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Statute Law Revision Bill; Resolved, 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 Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Factory and Workshop (Emergency Processes) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Companies Act (1867) Amendment Bill (No. 2); Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Carriage of into a Committee on the Carriage of Game Bill; Game Bill.

(Clauses, No. 1.)

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rivers Pollution Prevention (Border County Councils) (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the Committee on the Rivers Pollution Prevention (Border County Councils) (No. 2) Bill.

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 the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant July.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Acts (1887) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant July.

CLAUSE, No. 1.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

To-morrow.

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 Merchandise Marks Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant July.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Allotments and Cottage Gardens (Compensation for Crops) 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 Truck Acts Amendment Bill (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (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 Poor Law 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 (Disqualification of Justices Removal) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Parliamentary Bill to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Deposits in certain cases: And that Mr. Cozens-Hardy, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Aird, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Maurice Healy, and Mr. Arthur O'Connor do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Cozens-Hardy presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Deposits in certain cases: 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 William Lowther reported from 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 directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Clarke, No. 1.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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 To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trust Acts (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law 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 Merchandise Marks Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Doores Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of August next.

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 To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Temperance Reform (Threefold Mergers) Bill (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Doores Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale or Doores 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 Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trust Acts (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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Mr. Cozens-Hardy presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Deposits in certain cases: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Thomas Esmenla presented a Bill to develop the Fisheries of Mussels in Ireland; and that Sir Thomas Esmenla, Sir John Colon, Mr. Donal Sullivan, Mr. Field, and Captain Donelan do prepare, and bring it in.

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Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting 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 Report do lie upon the Table.

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 Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 18) 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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Alan de Tufton Egerton reported from Railway Bills Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; (Group A.) That, to meet the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Friday next, at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Colonel Gaster reported from the Committee Local Government Provisional Order (No. 10) Bill; That they had considered the said Order therein contained; that the said Order (Provisional) 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.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman reported from Standing Committee of the House of Commons, (Chairman's Panel,) Standing Committee for the consideration of Bills relating to Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, in the place of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

Ordered, That the Report 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 (India Office, Retirement at 60.)

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till Tomorrow.
The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bills on the Order Paper, and the Motion for the Third Reading of the Southwark, Saviour, Southwark, and Water Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Charing Cross, Exton, and Hampton Railway Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Northeast Water Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the 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 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 Bishop and Clovelly 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 London County Council (Money) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The St. Thomas, Southwark, and Saint Saviour, Southwark, 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.

A Motion being made, That the Yeovil Corporation Bill be now read the third time; and Notice being taken that the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Mr. Hanbury, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Royal Highness's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, 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 Yeovil Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill, as amended in 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.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Tramways 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, in the case of the Fishguard and Rosslare Railway Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time—(Dr. Farquharson).—The House accordingly proceeded to 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 Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill, Standing Orders and the same be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time—(Dr. Farquharson).—The House accordingly proceeded to read the third time, and passed.

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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill, Standing Orders and the same be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time—(Dr. Farquharson).—The House accordingly proceeded to 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 Cardiff Castle Railway Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time—(Dr. Farquharson).—The House accordingly proceeded to read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Amenities of England, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein.

Mr. Hanbury, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Royal Highness's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit. 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 Order) (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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (India Office, Retirement at 65), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Trawler "Nellie," which was presented upon the 5th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the direction of the House, a Copy of Preliminary Return of 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.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Preliminary Return of the Length of Tramways authorised, and the Length of Tramways required to be constructed for the Public Conveyance of Passengers, down to the 30th day of June 1898; 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 1898; together with the Number of Horses, Engines, and Cars at that date (in continuation of Parliamentary Papers, No. 373, of Session 1897).— (Mr. Ritchie.)

The Land Charges Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time Bill [Lords.] upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That 3 Messages from Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, and one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hoemouth Harbour Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Blackpool Improvement Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Sheringham Gas and Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Wakena 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 East Harrow 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 Cranbrook District 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 Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to the Brentingham Water, Hoying Water, Hopton Water, Portmarnock Water, Ross Water, and Snareswater; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Board of Trade under the Tramways Acts, to confirm certain Provisional Orders made under Part III. of "The Sea Fisheries Act, 1868," Orders for Fishery Grants, 1897-98.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Board of Trade, under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Acts, 1870, relating to Brentingham, Hoying, Hopton, Portmarnock, Ross, and Snareswater; and to confirm the Orders made under Part III. of "The Sea Fisheries Act, 1868," Orders for Fishery Grants, 1897-98.
Act, 1870, relating to Carlisle Tramways, Hartlepool Tramways, and City of Oxford and District Tramways; 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 General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Calvery Bay, Montrose, Montrose River, Portsmouth Camber Quays, and Southend; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the improvement of the existing Harbour and the construction of a Dock at Seaham Harbour, in the County of Durham, and Works connected therewith, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Water Orders Confirmation Bill was read the first time.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill was read the first time.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was read the first time.

The Seaham Harbour Bill was read the first time.

Colonel Gaster reported from the Committee on the Picklewater 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 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.

Colonel Gaster reported the Halifax Corporation Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Floods Prevention Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Customs Duties in the Isle of Man: And that Mr. Hon­son and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Honson accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Customs Duties in the Isle of Man; 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, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill,—

Ordered, That the said Clause be now read a second time.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, अ. अस्ट्राथर; Tellers for the (Mr. Timothy M. Healy, ए. टॉली)

So the Clause was withdrawn in the Affirmative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, by leaving out sub-section (1) of the Clause. —(Mr. Gerald Balfour)

And the Question being put, That sub-section (1) stand part of the Clause;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Timothy M. Healy, ए. टॉली)
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, अ. अस्ट्राथर)

And the Question being put, That clause "a county borough" stand part of the Clause;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Austruther ; 296.

Tellers for the [Mr. Timothy M. Healy] 62.

Noes, [Mr. Tully;]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in l 21, by leaving out the words “ the use and.”—[Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.)

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the words “ use and” stand part of the Clause:—It passed in the Negative.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 53 & 54 Vic. c. 30)—[Mr. Maurice Healy)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of 23 & 24 Vic. c. 152)—[Mr. Maurice Healy)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Receipts of collectors of rates)—Sir James Haslett:—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a third time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Parliamentary franchise to remain unaffected)—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy)—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exemption from stamp duty)—(Mr. James O'Connor;)

Tellers for the [Mr. Timothy M. Healy] 99.

Tellers for the [Mr. Timothy M. Healy] 180.

Noes, [Mr. Austruther;]

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Clause saving clause)—(Mr. Condon):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Amendment of 5 & 54 Vic. c. 30)—[Mr. Maurice Healy)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of 23 & 24 Vic. c. 152)—[Mr. Maurice Healy)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Repeal of bank tax) —(Mr. Timothy M. Healy) — And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Revision of valuations) —(Mr. Timothy M. Healy) — And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (As to theatrical licences in Dublin)—[Mr. Conyngham) :—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Deductions in rate) —(Mr. Timothy M. Healy):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in l 21, by inserting, after the word “ " of," the words " bicycles, tricycles, velocipedes, and other similar.” —(Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.)

And the said Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in l 21, by inserting, after the word “ " of," the words " bicycles, tricycles, velocipedes, and other similar.” —(Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.)

And the said Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in l 21, by inserting, after the word “ " of," the words " bicycles, tricycles, velocipedes, and other similar.” —(Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.)

And the said Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in l 22, by leaving out the word "summarily" stand part of the Clause:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Rating powers of urban district councils)—(Mr. Horace Plunkett)—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision as to petitions to Local Government Board for Provisional Orders)—(Mr. Maurice Healy) :—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And, it being Midnight, Further Proceeding on Consideration, as amended, stood adjourned.

Friday, 8th July, 1898:

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

London University Commission [Expenses].

The Order of the day being read for, the Committee on London University Commission [Expenses],

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Universities and College Estates Bill.

The Order of the day being read for the Third Reading of the Universities and College Estates Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Metropolitan Police Courts Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Metropolitan Police Courts Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee Supply, several Resolutions, which were read as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1898-99.

Secretary for Scotland and Subordinate Offices.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,100, 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 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's General of Births, &c., in Scotland.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £20,479, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar-General of Births, etc., in Scotland.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,241, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board for Scotland, and for Expenses under the Public Health Acts, Infectious Diseases Notification Act, Vaccination Act, Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, Borough Police (Scotland) Act, and Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894.

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5. That a Sum, not exceeding £92,046, be Law Charges granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Lord Advocate's Department, and other Law Charges, and the Salaries and Expenses of the Courts of Law and Justice in Scotland.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £28,051, be General Expenses of the House, Edinburgh.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

the said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read for the Parish Fire Engines Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read for the Statute Law Revision Bill; and Local Taxation Acts.

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 27th day of June last, That the Tax Commissioners' Nama 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 Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read for the Factories and Workshops 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 Common Poor Fund Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Taxation Committee on Local Taxation Accounts (Scotland) [Consolidated Fund];

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 Attendance of Children at School (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Resolved, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dogs Regulation 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 Attendance of Registrars 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 Charitable Loans (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 Parish Churches (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 Telegraph (Money) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Companies Act (1897) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nonconformist Marriages (Attendance of Registrars) 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 Common Employment Abolition Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Carriage of Game 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 Company (Voluntary Liquidation) Amendment 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 Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 21st day of this instant July.

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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Commons 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 Poor Law 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 Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) 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 Second Reading of the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Second Reading of the Licensing (Disqualification of Justices Removal) 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 Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 9th July, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Linenminders of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Petitions for Private Bills, not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—Manchester Carriage and Tramways Company Bill; Saint Marylebone Churches Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.
8th July.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders, which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Private Bills (Lords).

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.:

Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Great Eastern Railway Company and Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Eastern Railway Company and 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.

Great Eastern Railway (Pensions) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Eastern Railway (Pensions) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Dundee Corporation Tramways Bill (Lords).

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dundee Corporation Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

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 now read the third time;—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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

United Kingdom (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 200, of Session 1897) (as furnished by the various Pilotage Authorities), for the year ended 31st December 1897.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twentieth Report (Ireland.) of the General Prisons Board (Ireland), 1897-98, with an Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports (Annual Series), Nos. 2147 to 2151.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented,—Return to an Order, Navy and dated the 24th day of May last, for Returns Nautical, relative to Navy and Maritimes.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Return of Loss of Life at Sea for the year 1897 (in continuation of Parliamentary No. 260, Paper, C. 8577).

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Wharton 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 Law, &c.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alex de Totté reported the Midland Railway (West Riding Lines) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir James Ferguson reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure, to whom the Habitual Inebriates Bill was referred; That they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lord the one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The Allens Bill was read the first time; and Allens Bill ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday (Lords) Bill 295.

The Lunacy Bill was read the first time; and Lunacy Bill ordered to be read a second time upon Monday (Lords) Bill 296.

The Lunacy Bill was read the first time; and Lunacy Bill ordered to be read a second time upon Monday (Lords) Bill 297.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Poor Law (Ireland) Unions Association Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Solicitors (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Tramways Order in Council (Ireland) Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Norwich Electric Tramways Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Cardiff Corporation 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, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1898-99.

Class I.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £136,578, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £130,420, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature and of certain other Legal Departments in Ireland as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Bill, not exceeding £82,341, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature and of certain other Legal Departments in Ireland as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon 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 War and 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 receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Companies Act (1867) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

And the House having continued to sit until after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning;

Saturday, 7th July, 1898;

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Commission Bills;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till one minute after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 11th July, 1898.

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 [if any]); and

Amendment of Standing Orders not previously inquired into, with

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and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Secunderin Harbour 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, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:—

North British 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 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.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill.

Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time To-morrow.

Cranbrook District Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cranbrook 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.

Crawley and District Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Crawley and District Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

East Ham Improvement Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the East Ham 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.

Wishaw Water Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wishaw 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 Linkwood Corporation (Water) Bill be now read the third time;

And Notice being taken, That the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Sir Upton Kay-Shuttleworth, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Royal Highness's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, 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 Aberdeen Corporation (Tramways) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Barrow 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 Burness Agreis Northern Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dover Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the St. Helen's Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. 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 Redevelopment Runfleet East Ham and Harbour Extension Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 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.)

Sir Upton Kay-Shuttleworth, 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 Isle of Wight Railway (Brading Harbour and Railway) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Newcastle and Gateshead Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Rochdale Corporation Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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The Bedworth Corporation Water Bill was 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.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Civil Service (Candidates), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Navy and Marines, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant July, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of Order made by the County Council of Middlesex, altering the boundaries of the Parliamentary Polling Districts in the Parish of Finchley, in the County of Middlesex. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, a Copy of the Annual Local Taxation Returns for England for the year 1899-7, Part V., containing Accounts of Commissioners of Sewers, Drainage, Embankment, and Conservancy Boards, Salmon and Freshwater Fishery Boards, Sea Fisheries Committees, Church Rate, Harbour, Fever, and Dock Authorities, and School Boards. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Garshen presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 18th day of March last, for Returns relative to Port Royal (Dockyard and Hospital). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cross presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2120 to 2155. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of May, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Fife). Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Draft of the Sixth Schedule to the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, as proposed to be amended, on consideration of the Bill as amended.

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Ireland, to make out a New Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Down (West Down Division), in the room of the Right Honourable Arthur William Hill, commonly called Lord Arthur Hill, who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward of Banff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northallerton, in the County of York. (Sir William Walrond.)

The Bedworth Corporation Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill, with an Amendment; in which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Drogheda Gas Corporation (No. 8) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Yeovil Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Dumfries Divorce Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Chelsea Electricity Supply Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Wigan Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Southwark, Seas­mouth, and Saint Saviour, Southwark, Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Foulis Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Chelsea Electricity Supply Company (Limited) to acquire Lands and erect Generating Stations, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Chelsea Electricity Supply Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Evesham Divorce Bill was read the first time.

The Local Government (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Amendments proposed to be added to the Bill (Establishment of district hospitals)—(A board of guardians, with the consent of the Local Government Board, may make regulations for—

(a) the conversion of their workhouse hospital into a district hospital; and

(b) the transfer of the duties and powers of the guardians as regards such hospital and the administrative control thereof to a committee of hospital governors appointed by the guardians (consisting wholly or partly of members of their own body); and

(c) the payment and accommodation under which private patients may be admitted.

Subject to the regulations of the Local Government Board and to the powers of that Board with respect to guardians and their officers, the guardians, acting through the said committee, shall properly manage and maintain such district hospital, and may appoint and remove officers and regulate expenditure, and may receive and apply for the benefit of such district hospital any endowments or subscriptions given by private persons for that purpose.

Subject to the general control of the guardians in respect of all moneys provided out of rates, the acts of the committee shall not require confirmation by the guardians.—(Sir John Colomb):—

And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time; the House divided.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Clynes; Mr. Dunlop.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Jordan; Mr. Daly.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Clause was accordingly read a second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in l. 4, by leaving out from the word "hospital" to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. Dunlop.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,—the said Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in l. 5, by leaving out sub-section (b) of the Clause.—(Mr. Pickston.)

And the Question being proposed, That subsection (b) 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, in l. 8, by leaving out the words "consisting wholly or partly of members of their own body," and inserting the words "of whom at least two-thirds shall be members of the board."—(Sir John Colomb):—instead thereof,

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And the Question being put, That the words "consisting wholly or partly of members of their "own body" stand part of the Clause:—It passed.

And the Question being put, That the words "of whom two-thirds at least shall be members "of the board" be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, by adding at the end thereof the words "as the guardians shall have power to "committee at any time by giving "six months' notice of their intention so to do, "but such dissolution shall not invalidate any "act done by the committee before dissolution.""—

(Sir John Colbourn.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Clause, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Disposal of Agricultural Grant in case of extension of urban district)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of Valuation Acts as to general re-valuation)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill—(Licensing of theatrical performances for charitable objects)—(1). Notwithstanding anything in the said Acts of the Parliament of Ireland of the twenty-sixth year of the reign of King George the Third, chapter fifty-seven, intituled, An Act for regulating the Stage in the City and County of Dublin, the Lord Lieutenant may, on the application of the Council for the County of Dublin or the County Borough of Dublin, grant an occasional licence for the performance of any stage play or other public entertainment in any theatre, room, or building where the profits arising therefrom are to be applied for some charitable purpose, for the purpose of science, literature, or the fine arts exclusively.

(2) The licence may contain such conditions and regulations as appear fit to the Lord Lieutenant, and may be revoked by him)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to this Clause, in 1, &c., by inserting, after the words "County of Dublin," the words "or the urban "district of the County of Dublin."—(Mr. Horace Plunkett.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said Clause was withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be added to the Bill (Proceedings against councillors)—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy)—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Road authority as to pipes and wires)—(Mr. Horace Plunkett).—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill (Road authority as to pipes and wires)—(Mr. Horace Plunkett)—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Municipal assessors)—(Mr. Keane):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill (Provision relating to Ninemile)—(Mr. Carvill).—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill (Amendment of 46 & 47 Vic. c. 45)—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy).—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of 46 & 47 Vic. c. 45)—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill (Revenue of Irish counties)—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time, and amended; and made part of the Bill.

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Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments)—(Mr. Keane):—And the said Clause was brought up.

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And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill (Bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments)—(Mr. Keane):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill (Bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments)—(Mr. Keane):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.
11th—12th July.

And the Question being put, That the words "(9) Where dangerous lunatics are committed so as an asylum in a district to which, in the opinion of the committee, they are not properly chargeable, the committee may apply to the Local Government Board in the prescribed manner for power to transfer them to some other asylum, and the Local Government Board, after due inquiry, may make or refuse a transfer order, accordingly, which order shall be binding on all bodies and persons therein named. Rules shall be made by the Local Government Board to give effect to this section, and to regulate the mode of inquiry, may make or refuse a transfer order, and to provide for repayments by one asylum committee to another."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted —It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 36, by inserting, after the word "jointly," the words "(9) Where dangerous lunatics are committed so as an asylum in a district to which, in the opinion of the committee, they are not properly chargeable, the committee may apply to the Local Government Board in the prescribed manner for power to transfer them to some other asylum, and the Local Government Board, after due inquiry, may make or refuse a transfer order, accordingly, which order shall be binding on all bodies and persons therein named. Rules shall be made by the Local Government Board to give effect to this section, and to regulate the mode of inquiry, may make or refuse a transfer order, and to provide for repayments by one asylum committee to another."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

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And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted —It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 29, by leaving out Clause 12. —(Mr. Dillon.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words of Clause 12 to the word "large," inclusive, in p. 9, l. 2, stand part of the Bill—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Tuesday, 12th July, 1898;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Money) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the London University Commission (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 this day;

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 Land Charges Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Universities and Colleges Standing Committee Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man Contagious Diseases Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isle of Man Contagious Diseases Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Universities and College Standing Committee Bill, as amended in the Standing 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 Metropolitan Common Poor Fund Bill;

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Attendant and Attendance at School (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day (Lords.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations (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 Parish Churches (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 Circuit Clerks of Justiciary (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Mr. Hooker reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1898-99.

Class III.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £38,650, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £69,292, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature and of certain other Legal Departments in Ireland as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of May last, That the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill be now read a third time, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Petty Customs Abolition (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant July.

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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Universities (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 18th day of May last, That the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal 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 Truck Acts Second Reading of the Truck Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Parliamentary Deposits 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 Mussel Fisheries (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Floods Prevention Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Common Councils Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
Tuesday, 13th July, 1898.

The House met at Three of the Clock.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure have leave to sit this day during the Sitting of the House.—(Sir James Ferguson.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Norwich Electric 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Cardiff 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 Amendment made by their Lordships.

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 Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill; and the same were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the York-Port Royal Dockyard and Hospital, which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, pursuant to the Army Directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Volunteers) Draft of a proposed Amendment of the Scheme relative to the Efficiency of Volunteers in force under Her Majesty's Order in Council dated 21st July 1898, or subsequent amending Orders to be submitted to the Queen in Council under the Volunteer Act, 1863.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Rules under Section 11 of the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act, 1879.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India (Loans raised in India) Return of all Loans raised in India, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding at the commencement of the Half-year ending on the 31st March 1898, with the Rates of Interest and Total Amount payable thereon, and the Date of the Termination of each Loan, the Debts 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; and be printed.

Mr. Halévy reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions which were read as follow:—

1. That, in the case of the Heywood Corporation 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 Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill, might be read; and the same being read;—(Dr. Farquharson.)
No. 228. Ordered, That the Report do be upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Trawlers' Certificates (Suspension) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Workmen's Compensation Act (1897) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Sir Augustus Godwin reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills, that the said committee, on the 11th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and which Amendment was, in p. 8, l. 29, to leave out Clause 12—(Mr. Dillon);

And the Question being again proposed, That the words of Clause 12 to the word "large," inclusive, in p. 9, l. 2, stand part of the said proposed Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 2, by inserting, after the word "large," the words "or, however, that the total amount of such expenditure levied off the county at large in any one year shall not exceed a sum equal to fivepence on the rateable value of the county."—(Mr. Gerald Balfour);

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the word "fivepence," and inserting the words "one penny."—(Mr. Dillon), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "fivepence" stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 2, by inserting, after the word "large," the words "one penny" be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by inserting, in the place of the word omitted, the word "threepence."—(Mr. Gerald Balfour).

And the Question being put, That the word "threepence" be inserted in the said proposed Amendment:

The Lords have agreed to the consequential Amendment made by this House to the Eiffel Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bideford and Clovelly Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Act to empower the Metropolitan Electric Supply Company (limited) to use Lands at Acton Lane for the purpose of their Undertaking, and to lay certain Cables or Wires in Streets and along the Grand Junction Canal, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on the General Power Distributing Company to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The General Power Distributing Company Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Metropolitan Electric Supply Bill was read the first time.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 11th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee; and which Amendment was, in p. 8, l. 29, to leave out Clause 12—(Mr. Dillon);

And the Question being put; The House divided.

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 Sheffield Corporation Bill, with an Amendment; 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 Torquay Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Plymouth Wharves and Warehouses Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Crystal Palace Company Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Tynemouth Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do be upon the Table; and be printed.

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The Lords have agreed to the Crystal Palace Company Bill, as
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Tellers for [Sir William Weybread, 
   Year] (Mr. Auditor: 229)
   Noes, (Mr. MacNeill: 126)
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "so, however, that the total amount of such expenditure levied off the county at large in any one year shall not exceed a sum equal to threepence in the pound on the rateable value of the county"—(Mr. Gerald Balfour)—be inserted, after the word "large," in p. 9, l. 2, of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 33, by leaving out sub-section (5) of Clause 13—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words of the sub-section to the words "or district," in l. 34, 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. 9, l. 134, by inserting, at the end of Clause 13, the words "The salary of every Coroner shall be in lieu of all sums which otherwise would be payable to him for fees, mileage, and allowances, and shall be fixed with the approval of the Local Government Board by the county or borough council by whom the salary is payable, or in default of the same being so fixed, then by the Local Government Board, and shall not be subject to increase or diminution during his tenure of office."

Provided that—
"(a) nothing in this section shall deprive the Coroner of the right to be repaid expenses and disbursements lawfully made by him on the holding of any inquest; and
"(b) the salary of any existing Coroner shall not be less than the average annual net receipts of such Coroner from his office of Coroner during the five years next before the passing of this Act;—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)"

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 9, l. 134, by inserting, at the end of Clause 13, the words "Provided that for all purposes of assize, general or quarter sessions, civil bill courts, making of lists of jurors and jurors' books, and summoning and service of jurors, a borough which has not a separate commission or quarter session shall be part of the county in which, at the passing of this Act, it is situate for such purposes."—(Mr. Condon.)

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. 11, l. 9, by inserting, after the word "Infirmary," the words "but if the Corporation or County Council, respectively, of the City and County of Waterford agree to contribute any sum towards said Infirmary, they shall each be entitled to elect annually one governor for every sum of fifty pounds so contributed."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 34, by inserting, after the word "Council," the words "unless with the consent of the Local Government Board,"
—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 13, l. 20, by inserting, at the end of Clause 19, the words "Provided that for all purposes of sanitary districts, civil bill courts, making of lists of jurors and jurors' books, and summoning and service of jurors, a town or district council shall be part of such town or district if the salary of the Coroner, or a part of it, is payable from the proceeds of any work done under the authority of the committee under circumstances which in the case of a county or district council would disqualify him from being elected, or being a member of such council."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 14, l. 21, by inserting, at the end of Clause 13, the words "Provided that all purposes of sanitary districts, civil bill courts, making of lists of jurors and jurors' books, and summoning and service of jurors, a borough which has not a separate commission or quarter session shall be part of the county in which, at the passing of this Act, it is situate for such purposes."—(Mr. Condon.)
Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 3, by leaving out the words "oncouncillor," and inserting the words "two councillors."—(Mr. Arnold-Forster.)—Instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "one councillor," stand part of the Bill:—

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 15, l. 27, by inserting, after the word "district," the words "except that a person being in holy orders, or being a regular minister of any religious denomination, shall be eligible as a guardian."—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the 
Sir Charles Dilke,
Yea, 62.
Tellers for the 
Sir William Walrond,
Noes, 123.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 17, l. 42, by inserting, after the word "district," the words "The contribution to be paid by the County Council of the County of Dublin in respect of that portion of the Harbour of Rathdown not included in any township to the maintenance of the Rock Road shall be on the valuation of the standard year, or on such average valuation taken on a number of years as the Local Government Board for Ireland shall determine."—(Mr. Horace Plunkett.)

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. 18, l. 1, by leaving out Clause 32 of the Bill.—(Mr. Seton-Karr.)

And the Question being put, That the words of Clause 32 to the words "or part," in l. 2, 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. 20, l. 11, by leaving out the words "as heretofore."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words 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. 15, l. 13, by inserting, after the word "councilors," the words "Provided that the Coroner for the Borough of Galway shall be elected by the District Council of the said borough."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 21, l. 20, by inserting, after the word "liabilities," the words "(3) If two or more urban district councils determine, by resolution passed by a majority of three-fourths of each council, to amalgamate and to combine their respective districts into one united district, the Local Government Board for Ireland shall make an order for such amalgamation and union on such conditions and subject to such provision as the Board may deem just and the councils may approve."—(Mr. Horace Plunkett.)

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. 22, l. 32, by inserting, after the word "charges," the words—

"(a) Provided that in calculating the amount of the county at large charges for the purpose of apportioning the amount to be paid by any urban district council there shall be deducted from the amount of each county at large charges the sums paid or payable by the county council for the salaries of the county surveyor, the county secretary, the county solicitor, and the sums paid for legal and office expenditure in respect of that portion of the Barony of Rathdown not included in any township to which it was apportioned, and no portion of any county at large charge for which no provision is otherwise made by law;

"(b) Any urban district council which would be liable to pay any portion of the county at large charges may appeal to the Local Government Board in the prescribed manner against the inclusion of any particular charges or expenses in such county at large charges, and the decision of the Local Government Board shall be final."—(Mr. Horace Plunkett.)

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. 24, l. 1, by leaving out Clause 42. —(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "as from the" stand part of the Bill:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, being Midnight, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business:—

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Whereupon Mr. Rafferty 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. Rafferty,
Yea, 3.
Tellers for the 
Mr. Lloyd-George,
Noes, 129.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words "as from the" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the 
Mr. Rafferty,
Yea, 3.
Tellers for the 
Mr. Lloyd-George,
Noes, 129.
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The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill;
Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lodgers' Declarations (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 Habitual Inebriates Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Rivers Pollution Prevention (Border County Councils) (No. 2) Bill;
and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant answered that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the company Committee on the Company (Voluntary Liquidations) Amendment Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Second Reading of the Solicitors Final Ex¬amination Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 25th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for the Truck Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Truck Acts Second Reading of the Truck Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Commons Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Merchant Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.
The House met at Twelve of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and South Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Manchester Carriage and Tramways Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Saint Marylebone Churches Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Heywood Corporation Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hussey, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the Amount required in the year ending 31st March 1899 for certain Inland Fisheries of Ireland for 1897.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries on the Sea and Inland Fisheries of Ireland for 1897.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return relative to Charitable Endowments (West Riding of the County of York).

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Mr. A. Goddard, reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills: That the said Bill [Private Bill] had stated that the evidence of Silvanus Phillips Thompson, of 1, Chislett Road, West Hampstead, London, 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 Silvanus Phillips Thompson do attend the said Committee this day, at a quarter after Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That Silvanus Phillips Thompson do attend the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills this day, at a quarter after Twelve of the clock.

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 Figgs' Divorce Bill: and that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills, That they do hear Counsel and examine Witnesses for Figgs' 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 94, l. 6, by inserting, after the word "account," the words "for the period of five years."—(Mr. Strachey.)

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. Strachey], 12.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 161.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question, That Clause 42 stand part of the Bill, be now put."

And the Question being put, "That the Question, That Clause 42 stand part of the Bill, be now put."

The House divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Strachey], 12.
Tellers for the [Mr. Austruther], 100.

And the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lambert], 47.

And the Question being put, "That Clause 42 stand part of the Bill."

The House divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lambert], 47.

With the Documents deposited in the case of Figgs' Divorce Bill: And that the Clerk do send a Message.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, that the Select Committee on Divorce Bills 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 Figgs' Divorce Bill:

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

The House divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), 182.
Tellers for the [Mr. Broadhurst], 43.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "such rules shall not come into operation till they have lain ten days;"—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;
The Noes to the Left.
The Yeas to the Right;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Broadhurst,
Yea, [Mr. Lambert ; ] 70.

Tellers for the Mr. Broadhurst,
Noo, [Mr. Austruther : ] 275.

So it was passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That those words "two years" stand part of the said proposed Amendment;—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Broadhurst,
Yea, [Mr. Lambert ; ] 80.

Tellers for the Mr. Broadhurst,
Noo, [Mr. Austruther : ] 275.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That those words "two years" stand part of the said proposed Amendment;—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Broadhurst,
Yea, [Mr. Lambert ; ] 271.

Tellers for the Mr. Lloyd-George,
Noo, [Mr. Austruther : ] 85.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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And
And the Question being put, That the words—
"Every debt, claim, or demand which is directly
or indirectly payable out of the poor rate, and
becomes due after the passing of this Act,
shall be paid within the half-year (whether
the first or the second six months of the local
financial year) in which the same was incurred
or became due, or within three months after
the expiration of such half-year, and not after­
wards: Provided that the Local Government
Board may, if they think fit, extend the time
within which such payment may be made to a
time not exceeding twelve months from the
date at which the same was incurred or became
due.
"If any person claiming any such debt, claim,
or demand commences any legal proceedings
within the time hereinafore limited, or the
time to which the Local Government Board
may grant extension, and with due diligence
proceeds such proceedings to judgment or
other final settlement of the question, such
judgment shall be satisfied notwithstanding
that the judgment is recovered or the final set­
dlement arrived at after the expiration of the
said time, and all proceedings taken by manda­
tory or otherwise for enforcing such judgment
without delay shall be deemed to be within
the operation of this enactment"—be inserted
in p. 28, l. 5, of the Bill:—It was resolved in the
Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the
Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee,
be taken into further consideration
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The Order of the day being read, for the Parish
Committee on the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Councillors
Office) Bill,
Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday
next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read
the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That this House will, To-morrow,
resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the County Courts Audience Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 27th day of this instant July.

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 Wednesday the 27th day of this instant July.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon Monday last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 15th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Metropolis) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Antiquities (Ireland) (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 School Board Electorate Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 Executors (Scotland) 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 Floods Prevention 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 Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Metropolis) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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.

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 next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Floods Prevention 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 Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of August next.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House has agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Hooas Agero Northern 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 has agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Colonial Bank 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 has agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Dover Harbour 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 has agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The London, Chatham, and Dover 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 has agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Waltham Forest 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 has agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hoo 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 Saint Marylebone Churches Bill;

And a Motion being made, the House dividded.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Birnam Jones.)

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. Blount evening.

Noes: Mr. Evelyn.

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So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That Standing Order 78 be suspended in the case of the General Power Distributing Company Bill, and that the Examiners have to sit and proceed tomorrow.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read, and ordered to be entered upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Light Railway Commissioners, a Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway between Finswath Hall Railway Station and London, in the Counties of Middlesex and Berwick (London Light Railway Order, 1898).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Booth presented, by Her Majesty's War Office Department, a Return of the Number of rated Inhabitants in each Parish in Scotland whose Names were omitted from the Parliamentary Register in the year 1896 in respect of Non-payment of Rates, under the Heads of (1) Relief through inability to pay; (2) Failure to pay; and (3) being in receipt of Parochial Relief.—(Mr. Caldwell.)

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 Military Lands (Scotland) Bill, if under discussion at this moment, be not interrupted till Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under Order.)
Local Government (Ireland) Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 28, l. 13, by leaving out the word "rate," the words "except in respect of any increase in the poundage of such rate which may accrue after the commencement of this Act."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Tellers for the (Mr. M'Kenna.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 226.

Tellers for the Mr. Keorley, Nos. Mr. Forster: 78.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 31, l. 29, by inserting, after the word "workhouse," the words "on employment in the teaching of destitute or pauper children."—(Mr. Timmy M. Healy.)

Tellers for the (Mr. M'Kenna.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 43.

Tellers for the Mr. Lombard, Nos. Mr. Austruther: 182.

So it was in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 19, by inserting, after the word "amount," the words "Provided that this section shall be held to apply to harbour charges in Bray, Dungarvon, and Kinsale."—(Mr. James O'Connor.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Lloyd-George.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 60.

Tellers for the Mr. Charles Dilke, Nos. Mr. Austruther: 151.

So it was in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 34, l. 19, by leaving out the words "and any contract to the contrary respecting such deduction shall be void."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Lloyd-George, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 155.

Tellers for the Mr. Lloyd-George, Nos, Mr. Austruther: 48.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 72, by inserting, after the word "tenancies," the words "Provided always that this section shall not apply to any county borough, or town as defined in this Act."—(Mr. Dillon.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Lloyd-George, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 95.


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. 23, l. 25, by leaving out the words "said salary of one trained nurse," and inserting the words "salary of the trained nurse"—(Sir Thomas Lefevre) 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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 31, l. 29, by inserting, after the word "rate," the words "for the county of the city or town is held on petition from the council of any borough Vic. c. 41, s. 4."

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. M'Kenna.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Lloyd-George, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 174.

So it passed in the Negative.

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Tellers for the (Mr. Lloyd-George.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 43.

Tellers for the Mr. Lombard, Nos. Mr. Austruther: 182.

So it was in the Negative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill, in p. 33, l. 36, by inserting, after the word "district," as a new sub-section, the words "Where the boundary of any county or borough or county district or other area is altered by or in pursuance of this Act, or any Order; in council made thereunder, the consequential alterations of the ordnance map shall be, as soon as may be, made through the Commissionaire of Valuation in manner directed by the Lord Lieutenant in Council."—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Lloyd-George.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Dilke, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 60.

Tellers for the Mr. Austruther: 151.

So it was in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 28, l. 13, by inserting, after the word "made," the word "half."—(Mr. Lloyd-George.)

Tellers for the (Mr. M'Kenna.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Lloyd-George, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 43.

Tellers for the Mr. Charles Dilke, Nos. Mr. Austruther: 182.

So it was in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, l. 19, by inserting, after the word "amount," the words "Provided that this section shall be held to apply to harbour charges in Bray, Dungarvon, and Kinsale."—(Mr. James O'Connor.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Lloyd-George.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Charles Dilke, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 60.

Tellers for the Mr. Austruther: 151.

So it was in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 29, l. 72, by inserting, after the word "tenancies," the words "Provided always that this section shall not apply to any county borough, or town as defined in this Act."—(Mr. Dillon.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Lloyd-George, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 95.


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. 34, l. 36, by inserting, after the word "exist," the words—"the poor rate shall be made ' stand part of the Bill;—

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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Tellers for the (Mr. Lloyd-George.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. M'Kenna.

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Tellers for the (Mr. Lloyd-George, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: 155.

Tellers for the Mr. Lloyd-George, Nos, Mr. Austruther: 48.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
"Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the same officer shall continue to be Clerk of the Crown, and when the officers of Clerk of the Crown and Clerk of the Peace are amalgamated, shall be Clerk of the Crown and Peace, for the County of Antrim and for the County of the City of Londonderry, and for the County of the City of Kilbenny, and for the County of the City of Kilkenny.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

Friday, 15th July, 1898:

And the Question being put;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left:—

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Austruther)] 165.

Tellers for the [Sir Thomas Eacow, Noes, (Captain D'Oyly)] 74.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 42, l. 16, by inserting, after the word "counselor," the words "until a period of two years has passed before the passage of this Act."—(Mr. Murnagh.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 44, l. 8, by inserting, after the word "demand," the words "less ten per cent. which may be deducted as and for the cost of collection, irrecoverable rates, pensions, and office expenses."—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 47, l. 14, by inserting, after the word "board," the words "an election in any urban county district may be held and the poll...

and for the County of the City of Kilbenny, and for the County of the City of Kilkenny.

34 & 35 Vic. c. 81.

8 & 9 Vic. c. 63.

The House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

Friday, 15th July, 1898:

And the Question being put;—The House divided.

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Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Austruther)] 165.

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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.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 47, l. 14, by inserting, after the word "board," the words "an election in any urban county district may be held and the poll...
to be registered as parliamentary electors for the county and not for the parliamentary borough, the names of such persons shall be entered in a separate list for such division, and that list shall, for the purpose of local government elections, form part of the local government register of electors for that division, and for the purpose of parliamentary elections shall form part of the register of parliamentary electors for the parliamentary county. — (Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out from the word "list," in l. 5, to the word "for," in l. 7.—(Mr. Knox.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said proposed Amendment:—

"The Amendment to the said proposed Amendment and the said proposed Amendment were severally, 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. 58, l. 16, by leaving out the words "county solicitor."—(Mr. Flynn.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "county solicitor" 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. 58, l. 22, by inserting, after the word "office," the words "and also any assistant to the Secretary of the Grand Jury who has devoted his whole time to the duties of his office, and who has been employed in such duties for not less than three years previous to the date of the passing of this Act."—(Mr. Flynn.)

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. 58, l. 40, by inserting, after the word "service," the words "or any other officer."—(Mr. Field.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "or any other officer" 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. 60, l. 8, by inserting, after the word "serve," the words "Provided that any existing poor-rate collector of the guardians who shall express his willingness to serve shall be entitled to be preferred as an officer under such scheme."—(Captain Downian.)

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. 60, l. 1, by inserting, after the first word "clerk," the words "or any other officer."—(Mr. Field.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "or any other officer" 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. 62, l. 3, by leaving out the words "or incapacity."—(Mr. Horace Plunkett.)

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. 62, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "hundred," the words "and ten."—(Mr. Flynn.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words "and ten" 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. 62, l. 12, by leaving out the word "Treasury," and inserting the words "Local Government Board."—(Mr. Field)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "Treasury" 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. 62, l. 34, by leaving out the word "Treasury"—(Mr. Knox.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
words "if he were to retire on the appointed "day," and inserting the words "when he shall "hereafter retire." —(Sir John Colquhoun),

instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "incapacity " 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. 62, l. 39, by inserting, after the word "Act," the words "Provided always, in the event of the refusal of such application by the county council, the high constable and collector or collector of a barony or district may appeal from such refusal to the Local Government Board, who shall entertain the subject-matter of such appeal and make such order thereon as to them seems just."—(Sir John Colquhoun),

and the Question being proposed, That these 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. 70, l. 22, by inserting, after the word "Act," the words "Provided always, in the event of the refusal of such application by the county council, the high constable and collector or collector of a barony or district may appeal from such refusal to the Local Government Board, who shall entertain the subject-matter of such appeal and make such order thereon as to them seems just."—(Sir John Colquhoun),

another Amendment was proposed to the proposed Amendment, by 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. 28, by inserting, after the word "Waterford," the words "Clanmorris, Kilkenny, Sligo, Newry, Galway, Drogheda."—(Mr. Dillon),

and the Question being proposed, That these words be there inserted.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, in respect of the new clauses standing on the Notice Paper, and of the four amendments standing in the name of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour),

The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(Continued.)

CLAUSE, No. 14.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, at the end of l. 15, to insert the words "Any county council may, notwithstanding anything in any other Act, contribute to any such county council any income or revenue paid into any such county council, as to the amount not exceeding the amount that he would have been entitled to receive under the "said Act."—(Mr. Dillon),

and the Question being proposed, That the words "or city" be inserted in the proposed Amendment, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Words inserted.

CLAUSE, No. 43.

An Amendment made.

New Clause (Lowns to board of guardians) added on consideration of the Bill, as amended.

Another Clause made.

A Clause (Power of county council as to purchase of quarries and steam rollers and obtaining materials)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour),—added.

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Another Clause (Recreation ground and public walks)—(Mr. George Redmond),—added.

Another Clause (Adjustment of financial relations between county and urban districts, or between two county districts)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour),—read the first and second time, amended, and added.

Another Clause (Periodical revision of financial relations between county and urban districts)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour),—read the first and second time, amended, and added.

Another Clause (Power of district council to purchase lesser interest in lands held by them on lease for the purpose of 46 & 47 Vic. c. 60, and 59 & 60 Vic. c. 56, 60 & 61 Vic. c. 51)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour),—added.

Another Clause (Powers of County Council of Dublin as to cemeteries)—(Mr. Field),—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 (Establishment of post or telegraph offices in county boroughs or urban districts)—(Mr. Clancy),—added.

Another Clause (Provisions as to ballot boxes, &c. at elections)—(Mr. Gerald Balfour),—added.

Another Clause (Powers of County Council of Dublin as to cemeteries)—(Mr. Field),—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 (Boundaries of Dublin)—(Mr. Redmond),—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 (Fund for sick pay in County Borough of Cork)—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Urban councils' market and fair tolls)—(Mr. MacAleese),—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 (Exemption of charitable institutions from the payment of rates)—(Mr. MacAleese),—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 (Power of county council to appoint bacteriologist)—(Mr. Clancy),—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Boundaries of Dublin)—(Mr. Redmond),—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 (Boundaries of Dublin)—(Mr. Redmond),—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 (Boundaries of Dublin)—(Mr. Redmond),—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 (Boundaries of Dublin)—(Mr. Redmond),—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.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lovett reported, That the Committee had added new Clauses, and made Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday 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 Five of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 15th July, 1898.

THE HOUSE met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure have leave to sit this day during the Sitting of the House.—(Sir James Ferguson.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:-

Electricity Supply Bill.

General Power Distributing 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 Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:-

Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill.

Water Orders Confirmation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Crystal Palace Company Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Plymouth 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 Turnchapel Wharves and Warehouses Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That 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 Heanix 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 Stirling Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into considerations Glasgow and Districts the Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Clifton and Hill of Howth Tramroad Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Order of the House of the Paphos 1st day of March last, "That, in the case of Bills Improvement Bill, reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations, 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," be suspended in the case of the Paphos Improvement Bill.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That Standing Orders 84, 214, 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 232 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

And Notice being taken, That the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Sir Charles Dilke, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives His Consent, as far as His Royal Highness's interest is concerned; and that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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 Standing Order 73 be suspended in the case of the Metropolitan Electric Supply Bill, and that the Examiners have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

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 are applicable, viz.:-

Metropolitan Electric Supply Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to be read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

SECRETARY Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Order, made by the Council of the City of Manchester, dividing into Pollution Districts the several Divisions of the Parliamentary Borough of Manchester.

Ordered,
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Sir John Gorst presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 14th of June last, for a Return relative to Voluntary Schools Act, 1887 (Associations).

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,—Copy of List of all Pensions granted during the year ended 30th June 1898 and charged upon the Civil List.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order of the County Council of Kent converting the Parish of Cheriton into the Cheriton Urban District, under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1888, as confirmed by the Local Government Board.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of May last, for a Return relative to Highlands and Islands of Scotland (Public Works Expenditure).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Cuninghame presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Report of the Select Committee of the Lords on the Bill intituled, An Act to incorporate the Collegiate Church of St. Andrews, printed 1898.

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 setting out (1) Copies of such parts of all Treaties and Conventions now existing and still obligatory as contain a specific engagement or guarantee entered into by the Government of this Country into the Territory or Government of any other Power; and (2) Copies of such parts of all Treaties, Conventions, and Engagements now existing and still obligatory as contain an Undertaking entered into by Her Majesty with reference to the Territory or Government of any other Power.—(Mr. Healdsworth.)

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 Reading in the room of Charles Townsend Murdoch, Esquire, deceased.—(Sir William Waldegrave.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the creation of a Colonial Loans Fund for the purpose of granting Loans to Colonies: 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.

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. Goulding; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Arthur Morton.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Land Charges Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Statute Law Revision Bill in Ireland.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Revenue Bill; Scotland.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Taxation Account (Scotland) (Consolidated Fund); [Consolidated Fund] ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Dogs Regulation Bill; (Scotland)
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Prison Bill.
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Evidence in consideration the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Attendance of Children at School (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Circuit Clerks Second Reading of the Circuit Clerks of Justiciary (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Committee on the Telegraph (Money) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Vaccination into consideration the Vaccination Bill, as amended Bill, in the Standing Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Fire Engines Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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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, resolved itself Metropolitan into a Committee on the Metropolitan Commons Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUDES, No. 1 to No. 3, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leathes reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time; and passed.

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(In the Committee.)

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CLAUDES, No. 2 to No. 4, amended, and agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leathes reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vexatious Actions (Scotland) Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Vexatious Actions (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Habitual Inebriates Bill, as amended in the Standing 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 Lodgers' Declarations (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 Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Common Employment Abolition Bill; Report from the Committee on the Common Employment Abolition 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 Carriage of Game 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 Carriage of Game Bill; Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leathes reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration—
Monday, 18th July, 1898.

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. 5) Bill.
- Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.
- Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) 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, 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.:

- Forres Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Aberdeen 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 London and South Western Railway 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.

And Notice being taken that the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Mr. John Gorst, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as His Royal Highness’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, 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 Folkstone 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 Folkstone and Walmer 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 Railway (West Riding Lines) Provisional Orders 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 Newtown Water 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 Clonard and Bill of Bill of Howth Tramroad Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Heywood Corporation Water Bill with Heywood Corporation Water Bill [Lords.]

read a second time; and committed.

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The North British Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Seaham Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Figors’ Divorce Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Water Orders Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions.

Ordered, that the said Papers be laid upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Calendar, History, and General Summary of Regulations of the Department of Science and Art for the year 1899, with Tables.

Sir John Gorst also presented, pursuant to the Technical directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Minutes sanctioning the subjects to be taught under Clause 8 of the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, for the following Counties:

- County of Middlesex (Third Minute), dated 9th June 1898;
- County of Derby (Sixth Minute), dated 29th June 1898;
- County of East Suffolk (Fifth Minute), dated 7th July 1898.

Copy of Scheme, under the Endowed Schools Redundancy Act, 1869, and Amending Acts, for the Management of the Foundation known as the Grammar School, in the Borough of Colchester, in the County of Essex, founded by Charter or Letters Patent of Queen Elizabeth, dated 4th July 1584.

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Mr. Hubbard also presented, pursuant to the provisions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of Account prepared by the Admiralty, under the provisions of the Naval Defence Acts, 1889 and 1893, showing the Amount of Money provided to meet the Expenditure for the Purposes of the Acts, and also the Amount of Money expended for the Purposes of the Acts, distinguishing each Purpose on which such Money was expended, and the Expenditure on each of the Vessels and its Armament, on the 31st March 1885 (Revised and Shortened Edition of Parliamentary Paper, No. 104, of Session 1898.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Paper be lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Return of the Amount received in respect of each Administrative County and County Borough in England and Wales for Local Taxation Licence Duties and Penalties, under the Local Government Act, 1898, in the year ended the 31st day of March 1898.—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Statement of the Amount expended for In-maintenance and Out-door Relief in England and Wales, during the half-year ended Lady Day 1898.—And, similar Statement for the half-year ended Michaelmas 1898.—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, in respect of the financial year ended the 31st day of March 1898 (1) the Total Amount of the Local Taxation Licences and Estate Duty paid into the Local Taxation (England) Accounts, 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 Rest of the Proceeds of those 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 1898, furnished to the Local Government Board under Section 1 (7) of the London (Equilibration of Rates) Act, 1894:—

(1) The Total Amount of the Sums so paid to every such Authority;
(2) The Total Amount of the Expenses incurred by every such Authority (a) under the Public Health (London) Act, 1891 (including Expenses of Seavenging Streets); (b) in respect of Lighting; and (c) in respect of Streets (other than the Expenses of Seavenging); 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.)

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills; That Viscount Milles, 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.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on Group H. of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned until Wednesday next, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 13th day of May last, That the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have agreed to the Dublin Port and Docks Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Mutlock Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Solicitors Act as to Solicitors struck off the Roll and suspended from practice; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the House do adjourn the House without 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. Selborne.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting, after the word "Session," the words "except on Wednesdays."

—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

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 Yes, Mr. Clough; the Noes, Mr. A. B. Strick. 222.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Noes, Mr. Anstruther; the Noes to the Left. 237.

Tellers for the [Mr. James Louch], Noes, Sir Charles Dille. 137.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put, the House divided.

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Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yes, Mr. Anstruther; the Noes, Mr. Clough. 114.

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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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The Local Government (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Colonial Loans Fund.

(In the Committee.)
Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the creation of a Colonial Loans Fund for the purpose of granting Loans to Colonies, out of money to be raised,—
(a) by the issue of Colonial Guaranteed Stock, the dividends on which are to be paid out of the Colonial Loans Fund, and, in default, out of the Consolidated Fund;
(b) by the issue of Bonds, the principal and interest of which are to be paid out of the Colonial Loans Fund, and, in case of default, out of the Consolidated Fund.

That it is expedient to make provision for securing the repayment, with interest and expenses, of such Loans out of the revenues of the Colonies; and to authorise the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of the sums necessary to meet the guarantee in respect of the Colonial Guaranteed Stock, or Bonds, such sums, so far as not repaid out of the Colonial Loans Fund, to be repaid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)
Resolution 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Police Courts 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, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parish Fire Engines Bill.

(In the Committee.)
Clause, No. 1 (Power of parish council as to provision of fire engines, 30 & 31 Vic. c. 106; 3 & 4 Will. 4, c. 90; 56 & 57 Vict. c. 73).
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 9, after the word "power," to insert the words "with the consent of the Local Board."—(Mr. Caldwell.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Debate arising;
The Chairman called the attention of the Committee to the continued irrelevance on the part of Dr. Tanner, Member for Mid-Cork, and directed him to discontinue his speech.—Debate resumed.

Question put, and negatived. Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, after the word "parish," to insert the words "and that the area of such parish, or such part thereof as may be agreed upon, shall be included within the area to be served by such fire engines and appurtenances, the parish council paying a sum not less than such a proportion of the annual expense of the fire engines and appurtenances as the rental of such parish or part thereof, as the case may be, bears to the ratable value of the total area to be served by such fire engines and appurtenances."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, at the end of the Clause to add the words—
"(3) No fire engine shall be sent beyond the limits of a borough or district unless at least one fire engine with appurtenances is left within such borough or district."
"(4) If a fire engine or fire engines be sent beyond the limits of a borough or district under the powers conferred by this Act, and if a fire breaks out within the limits of such borough or district, and less by fire can be shown to be due to any fire engine or fire engines and appurtenances being at the time outside of such borough or district, the council...

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 Isle of Man Customs Bill was, according Isle of Man to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Telegraph (Money) 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 Local Government (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parish Fire Engines Bill.
The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Habitation Inebriates Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee. A Clause (Power to recover expenses against inebriates’ estates)—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill. And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of an Amendment: Clause 25:—The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

(The in Committee.)

Clause, No. 25.
An Amendment made.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had amended Clause 25 of the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, 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 London University (Expenses.) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee. A Clause (Power to recover expenses against inebriates’ estates)—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley)—was twice read, and made part of the Bill. And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of an Amendment: Clause 25:—The House immediately resolved itself into the Committee.

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An Amendment made.
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had amended Clause 25 of the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration. Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

And the House having continued to sit until after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 19th July, 1898:

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on London University (Expenses.) Bill:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of remuneration to any persons employed 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 all expenses incurred in the execution of such Act.—(Sir John Gorst.) 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 Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Charitable Loans (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 Circuit Clerks of Justiciary (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 Attendance of Children at School (Scotland) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Mr. Hasbury reported from the Committee Supply of Surplus, several Resolutions; which were read, agreed to, and reported:

Civil Services Estimates, 1898-99.

Class IV.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £626,754, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, including a Grant in Aid of the Teachers' Pension Fund, Ireland.

Class III.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £70,341, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission.

Class VII.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £15,792, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

Class II.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,835, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office in Ireland, and of the Keeper of State Papers in Dublin.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,361, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioner of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,940, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office in Ireland, and of the Keeper of State Papers in Dublin.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,596, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c., and the Expenses of collecting
The Order of the day being read, for the Lodgers’ Declarations (Ireland) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the India Office Committee on the India Office (Store Depot) Bill.
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Charges Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Church Rates (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 Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Consolidated Fund; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Vol. 163.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.
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 London and North Western Railway 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, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lothian reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders ; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lothian reported from the Committee 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 Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lothian reported from the Committee on the Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (London) 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 an Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lothian reported from the Committee on the Leicester Freemen 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. James William Lothian reported from the Committee on the Paisley Corporation (Loans) Bill; with Amendments.

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Mr. James William Lowther reported the North Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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Mr. James William Lowther reported the Isle of Wight Railway (Brading Harbour and Railway) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Portsmouth Corporation Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the North Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Portsmouth Corporation Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Railway Bill, with Amendments.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Royal Arsenal Act (1894) Amendment Bill.

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Vide Supple.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Elementary School Teachers (Supernanisation, &c.)

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration;—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision for declaration of conscientious objection) Bill. (Mr. Pickering.)

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 Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Clause be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon:—Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

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And the Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Clause be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon:—Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
Mr. Grant Lawson also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.  

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 28th day of June last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Prisons Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;  

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Metropolitan Common Poor Fund Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the India Office (Store Department) (re-committed) Bill.  

(In the Committee.)  

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 14, 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.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee on Colonial Loans Fund, a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorise the creation of a Colonial Loans Fund for the purpose of granting Loans to Colonies, out of money to be raised,—  

(a) by the issue of Colonial Guaranteed Stock, the dividends on which are to be paid out of the Colonial Loans Fund, and, in default, out of the Consolidated Fund; or  

(b) by the issue of Bonds, the principal and interest of which are to be paid out of the Colonial Loans Fund, and, in case of default, out of the Consolidated Fund.

That it is expedient to make provision for securing the repayment, with interest and expenses, of such Loans out of the revenues of the Colonies; and to authorise the payment, out of the Consolidated Fund, of the sums necessary to meet the guarantee in respect of the Colonial Guaranteed Stock, or Bonds, such sums, so far as not repaid out of the Colonial Loans Fund, to be repaid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.  

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution; and that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, and Mr. Henbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the advance of Colonial Loans and the issue of guaranteed Colonial Stock or Bonds: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Henbury reported from the Committee on London University Commission (Expenses) a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That it is expedient to authorize the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of all expenses incurred in the execution of such Act.  

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.  

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans Committee on the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill;  

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill.  

(In the Committee.)  

Clause, No. 1 (Persons trading in Prostitution) was agreed to.  

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Laughr.)  

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Wednesday, 20th July, 1898:

Tellers for the (Mr. Laughr.)  

Yea, [Mr. Coldwell:]  

Nay, [Mr. Anstruther:]  

(50. Yeas, 155. Noes.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, to leave out sub-section 3.—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)  

Question, That sub-section 3 stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.  

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 24, to leave out sub-section 4.—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)  

Question, That sub-section 4 stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.  

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, agreed to.  

A Clause (Repeat of part of section 10 of 5 Geo. 4, c. 83) added.—(Mr. Packer,) added.  

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for recounting the Report from the Committee on the Merchandise (Import Duties) Bill;  

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Friday next.

The Circuit Clerks of Justice (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Attendance of Children at School (Scotland) Bill;  

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day;

The Land Charges Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue 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,
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Churches (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 Lunacy 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 Taxation Account (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations of (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

A Motion being made, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of certain sums to the General Lighthouse Fund under any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with regard to the payment of certain expenses under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the levy of Light Duties.—(Mr. Ritchie); Ordered, That the Motion be made a Special Motion, and be printed. vote*  th°

Mr. Ritchie, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 18th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, at being twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

Wednesday, 20th July, 1898.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Electric Lighting 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) 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.

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Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Arthur Hill, Esquire, Member for the County of Down (West Down Division), was sworn.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Liquefied Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Grocers' Licences (Scotland) Abolition Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee to report a Bill, on the Devon and 10th June. 1888.

Ordered, That 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 Chelsea Electricity Supply Company Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the General Power Distributing Company Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Metropolitan Electric Supply Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) 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 Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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1898. They considered it advisable, however, to examine the Secretary for Scotland as to the provisions of the Bill generally; and the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, with special view to the functions which were cast upon them by the Bill. They also examined the Chairman of the Committee of Selection and the Counsel for Mr. Speaker.

Your Committee specially considered the various proposals embodied in Government Bills dealing with the subject since 1888.

The present Bill differs from all former Bills in respect that it does not propose to alter the procedure connected with the passing of Private Bills. It rather seeks, in lieu thereof, to provide for a method of obtaining Provisional Orders, which shall have the same effect as Acts of Parliament, in all cases which are appropriate for such procedure, leaving other matters to be dealt with as at present by Private Bill.

Your Committee were satisfied, by the evidence of the Lord Chairman and of the Chairman of Ways and Means, that the task of discriminating between subjects which could be dealt with by Provisional Order and those which ought to be dealt with by Private Bill could be easily and efficiently discharged by them, so long as it is limited to Scotland.

By an almost unanimous decision your Committee came to the conclusion that the scheme of the Bill is preferable to any scheme not embodying the Provisional Order system.

Apart from matters of detail there remains, in the opinion of the Committee, only one question of difficulty and importance, viz., the constitution of the Tribunal which is to conduct the local inquiries provided under the Bill.

A substantial minority of your Committee were of opinion that the Tribunal should be composed of Members of the two Houses, as desired by the minority of the Committee. Your Committee wish to emphasise the fact that if, for practical or constitutional reasons, it is not possible to secure the services of Members of the two Houses for the conduct of local inquiry, then the alternative is to devise the duty on an external Tribunal. That Tribunal might be of a permanent character. The Bill prescribes a panel which is to be re-constituted every five years.

In the view of your Committee it is desirable to avoid the stereotyping of decision upon judicial lines of precedent by forming a Tribunal which, like a Parliamentary Committee, is liable to change at no extended interval, and is thus more likely to reflect prevailing opinion. It must be added, however, that a minority of Members of the Committee was in favour of substituting for the proposed Tribunal a permanent body analogous in composition and functions to the Light Railways Commission, to which should be referred all House of Parliament legislation subject only to an appeal in the last resort to the judgment of Parliament.

Your Committee have gone through the other clauses of the Bill, and have amended them with the object of securing the efficient working of the scheme.

There is another matter kindred to the subjects dealt with in this Report upon which your Committee wish to express an opinion. The annual sum of the fees of the two Houses, shown in 1888, was, on an average, about £23,000 for the Lords, and £32,000 for the Commons, whilst the expense of both House in relation to private business was at that time estimated at from 15,000/., to 20,000/., a year. The return presented to your Committee brings these figures up to the present date, and the sum of the fees of the two Houses to 1897 was, on an average, 24,176/., per annum, whilst the expense of both Houses for the year 1897 in relation to private business is estimated at only 21,680/., showing that an annual profit of 32,496/., is made. Your Committee strongly recommend that those who are responsible for fixing these fees should materially reduce them.

Appendix to Special Report.

The following were the two alternative Schemes referred to above under which it was proposed to form a Tribunal composed of Members of the two Houses:

A. 1. (A.) At the beginning of each Session of Parliament there shall be formed a Tribunal composed of Members of the two Houses:

(1.) The Commissioners' Panel.

B. 2. (A.) The panel shall be formed in manner following (that is to say) :-

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Sir John Gorst reported from the Committee on Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation, &c.), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to provide for Superannuation and other Annuities and Allowances to Elementary School Teachers certified by the Education Department, and to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of Superannuation and other Allowances in certain cases.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to, ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Sir John Gorst and Mr. Chancellor do prepare, and bring in it.

Sir John Gorst accordingly presented a Bill to provide for Superannuation and other Allowances to Elementary School Teachers certified by the Education Department: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 19th day of this instant July, That the Clause (Provision for declaration of conscientious objection) — (Sir Walter Foster) — proposed on consideration of the Vaccination Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:— The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exemption from penalties) — (No parent or other person shall be liable to any penalty under section twenty-nine or section thirty-one of the Vaccination Act of 1897, if, within four months from the birth of the child, he satisfies two justices in petty sessions that he conscientiously believes that vaccination would be prejudicial to the health of the child, and within seven days thereafter delivers to the vaccination officer for the district a certificate by such justices of such conscientious objection) — (Mr. Chaplin) — And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Clause, in 1, 3, by leaving out the word “satisfies,” and inserting the words “makes a statutory declaration before” — (Sir Walter Foster) — instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “satisfies” stand part of the Clause; the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the — (Sir William Walrond) 158.
Tellers for the — (Mr. M'Arthur) 101.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Clause was made part of the Bill. Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (No prosecution without authority of the guardians) — (Mr. Pickering) — The said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time: — The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (No proceedings in respect of child born before 1st July 1899) — (Mr. Briggs) — And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the said Clause be now read a second time: — The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill; (Reasonable excuse in certain cases)—(Mr. Channing).—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Prosecution)—(Mr. Thomas Begbie).—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—The said Motion and Clause were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 22, by leaving out the words from the second word “child” to the word “Board,” in l. 24, inclusive, and inserting the words “with such lymph as the parents may desire”—(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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 26, by inserting, after the word “opinion,” the words “or in the opinion of the medical officer of health or the chief sanitary officer”—(Mr. Channing).

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 28, by leaving out the words “eight hundred and ninety-nine,” and inserting the words “nine hundred and” in the opening part.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 27, by inserting, after the word “vaccined,” the words:

“Every case issued by the Local Government Board, enclosing tubes or points containing vaccine lymph, shall bear a ticket, wrapper, or seal having upon it the distinctive marks of the same child.”—(Mr. Logan).

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 11, by inserting after the words “child,” the words “nor shall the penalty of conviction in any case exceed the sum of one shilling, including costs.”—(Mr. Steadman).

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 15, by leaving out Clause 3 of the Bill. —(Mr. Logan).

And the Question being proposed, That Clause 3 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. 16, by leaving out from the word “and” to the word “child,” in l. 18, both inclusive.—(Mr. Secretary General).

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. James Stuart.

Yea, Mr. Pickerill; Noes, Mr. Anstruther.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 37, by leaving out the words “any” stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. Kenyon.

Yea, Mr. Ough; Noes, Mr. Herbert Robertson.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words “local authority may incur reasonable expense in the diffusion of information as to the reasons why vaccination of children is required by the State, and of literature generally illustrative of the advantage of vaccination,” stand part of Clause 7 of the Bill:—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. 3, l. 14, by leaving out the words “eight hundred and ninety-nine,” and inserting the words “eight hundred and ninety-nine,”—(Mr. Brigg),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words “eight hundred and ninety-nine,” stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) [Expenditure].

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an allowance to the owner of a ship equal
equal to one-fifth of the light dues paid by him during the year in respect of that ship, in cases where boys enrolled in the Royal Naval Reserve have been carried in such ship, under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with regard to the payment of certain expenses under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the levying of Light Dues.—(Mr. Ritchie.)

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 Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Circuit Clerks of Justiciary (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declarations (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 on the 19th day of this last July, That the Customs and Island Revenue Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Mr. Hanbury 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 1899, the Sum of £10,924,352 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 32, 1. 26, by inserting, after the word "and," the words "also for the supply under any agreement for the Tramroad being worked and used by the Dublin United Tramways Company."—(Mr. Lewis Fyfe.)

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.

The House, accordingly to Order, proceeded to consider and take into consideration the Matlock and Matlock Urban District Council Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That 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 Tynemouth Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and, with Amendments.

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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 Midland Railway (West Riding Lines) Bill was read a second time; and, 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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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider and take into consideration the Clacton and Bill of Health, Tramroad Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being 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 Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
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their Counsel, or Agents, be heard against the Bill: and Counsel be heard in support of the Bill:—

That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records:

That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Curlew Williams);
The House divided.
The Yeses to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Curlew Williams;
Yes, (Mr. Bryan Jones : ) 96.
Tellers for the Mr. Bonhams, 
Noes, (Mr. Lees Knowles : ) 193.
So it is passed in the Negative.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Order: 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 Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill, as amended in the Committee;—

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Land Transfer Act, 1897, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented. Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of March last, for Return relative to Government Property (County of London).

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of April last, for a Return relative to Imperial Revenue (Collection and Expenditure) (Great Britain and Ireland).

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—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 1897.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Cawson presented, by Her Majesty’s Command—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2158 to 2165.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 470.

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Abolition of the Legal Status of Slavery in Zanzibar and Pemba.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorial of Globe Loan Borrowers in Ireland presented to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant in December 1897, and subsequent Correspondence in reference thereto between the Irish Government and the Most Rev. Dr. Hely, Bishop of Clonfert.—(Mr. Timothy J. Sullivan.)

Resolved, That 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 Bounty, Subsidies, or other Aid afforded by Australasian Colonies to Agricultural Produce common to the Mother Country and Australasia:

Colonies.

List of Articles of Agricultural Produce common to the Mother Country and Colonies of Australasia.

Information as to Exports or Imports of Agricultural Produce.

Remarks.

Sir Augustus Godse reported from the Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution;—

That, in the case of the Forres Water Bill, and the Standings Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill:

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in Bill (Lords.) respect of the Forres Water Bill might be read; and the same being read;—

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

—(Dr. Fargurston.)

Sir Augustus Godse reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the Provisional Order relating to Stair Mary Bridge ought not to be confirmed; and that the other Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Sir Augustus Godse further reported from the Committee; That they had amended the Title, as followeth:

A Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to the Borough of Bermondsey.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth—

The Lords have agreed to the Poor Law (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 6) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill, without any Amendment.
The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make temporary provision for the Relief of Distress in Ireland: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Supply of Seed Potatoes, Seed Oats, and Spraying Machines and Material to Occupiers and Cultivators of Land in Ireland, and for the employment of Instructors in the use of such Machines and Material: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill, as amended in the Committee. A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Right of reply)—(In cases where the right of reply depends upon the question whether evidence has been called for the defence, the fact that the person charged has been called as a witness shall not of itself confer on the prosecution the right of reply)—(Mr. Attorney General):—And the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, by adding at the end thereof the words "And the above rule shall apply to cases in which the Attorney General "or Solicitor General, or any person acting on behalf of the Crown."—(Mr. Attorney General).

The Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Clause, by inserting, after the word "charged," the words "or the wife or husband of "that person."—(Mr. Gilmour Bowles.)

The Question being put, That those words be there added:—The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and be printed.

The Order for providing the Redeption of the Mersey Railway Redeemable First Debenture Stock, and for the employment of Instructors in the use of such Machines and Material: And that Mr. Pickersgill do prepare, and bring it in.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Secretary of State under the Military Lands Act, 1895: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Folkestone Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bacup Corporation Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Halifax Corporation Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the Redemption of the Mersey Railway Redeemable First Debenture Stock, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Northern Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Durham Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the Employment of Instructors in the use of Machines and Material to Occupiers and Cultivators of Land: And that Mr. Pickersgill do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make temporary provision for the Relief of Distress in Ireland: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill], [Mr. Samuel Evans]; Yeas, 23.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], [Mr. Astruther]; Noes, 128.

So it passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "offence," the words "not tried by a Court of Summary Jurisdiction."—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill], [Mr. Ducommune]; Yeas, 43.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], [Mr. Astruther]; Noes, 120.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 7, by inserting, after the word "proceedings," the words "except an inquiry before a grand jury."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 7, by inserting, after the word "offence," the words "or misconduct."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

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. 1, l. 27, by leaving out paragraph (1) of section (1) of Clause (1) of the Bill.—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "a person" 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. 7, by inserting, after the word "character," the words "or the nature or conduct of the defence is such as to involve imputations on the character of the prosecutor or the witnesses for the prosecution."—(Mr. Attorney General.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—And a Debate arising thereon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning:

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An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words "on the," and inserting the words "not merely of want of credibility but also of any imputations on the general"—(Mr. Robinson)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "on the" 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 Bill, in p. 1, l. 10, by inserting, after the word "charged," the words "and the wife or "husband, as the case may be, of the person so "charged."—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill], [Mr. Samuel Evans]; Yeas, 55.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], [Mr. Astruther]; Noes, 179.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 12, by inserting, after the words "character," in p. 2, l. 7, of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by inserting, in l. 2, after the word "on," the word "both."—(Mr. Attorney General.)

And the Question being put, That the word "both" be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 2, by inserting, before the word "character," the word "general."—(Mr. Attorney General.)

And the Question being put, That the word "general" be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, in l. 2, by inserting, after the word "character," the words "and credibility."—(Mr. Attorney General.)

And the Question being put, That the words "and credibility" be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 24, by inserting, after the word "asked," the words "not but if asked shall not be required to answer."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 24, by leaving out the words "notwithstanding that it," and inserting the words "the answer to which"—(Mr. Gibson Bowles)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be left out 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.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

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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. 2, l. 10, by leaving out subsection (1) of Clause 2 of the Bill.—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:—
The Noes to the Left:

Tellers for the Yeas:—
Mr. William Walpole, 145.
Mr. Asquith, 10.
Mr. Gibson Bowles, 10.
Mr. Duncombe.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee on Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) [Expenses], a Resolution;—That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of an allowance to the owner of a ship equal to one-fifth of the light dues paid by him during the year in respect of that ship, in cases where boys enrolled in the Royal Naval Reserve have been carried in such ship, under the provisions of any Act of the present Session to amend the Law with regard to the payment of certain expenses under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and the levying of Light Dues.

And the said Resolution being read a second time;—
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Resolution, by inserting, after the word “boys,” the words “officers and men.”—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being proposed, That these words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, 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 Metropolitan Committee on the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund Bill:—
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Loans Bill:—
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Committee on the Charitable Loans (Ordinance) (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 Local Charged Bill:—
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill:—
Resolved, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the London University Commission Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:—
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Prison Bill:—
The adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 26th day of June last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Prison Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:—
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:—
Ordered, That the Bill be read into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Vaccination Bill:—
The adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant July, That the Vaccination 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 Lodgers’ Second Reading of the Lodgers’ Declaration 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant July, That the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned (Mr. Pickersgill);—The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill]:—18.

Tellers for the [Mr. Jonathan Samuel]:—104.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Original Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Wedderburn]:—19.

Tellers for the [Mr. Jonathan Samuel]:—101.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;—Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;—Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Attendance of Children at School (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 Parish Churches (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 Lunacy Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 16th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

Friday, 22nd July, 1898.
The House met at Three of the clock.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Blackburn Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bristol Tramways (Electrical Power, &c.) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bristol Tramways (Extensions) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to. Ordered, That 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 Dublin Port and Docks Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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Ordered, That, in the case of the Great Northern Railway Bill, Standing Order 246 be suspended, and that the Lords' Amendments to the Bill be now taken into consideration.—(Dr. Forbury, M.P.)

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 London and North Western Railway (Wells) Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

A Motion being made, That the Newhaven Harbour Bill be now read the third time; Mr. James William 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, 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 Second Reading of the General Power Distributing Company Bill;—A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—An
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words from the word "That" to the end of the Question, and adding the words "the Promoters of the General Power Distributing Company Bill shall have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the same Bill, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament:"

"That, not later than three clear days after the next Meeting of Parliament, the Bill, the proceedings whereon shall have been suspended as aforesaid, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office in the form required by the Standing Orders, with a Declaration annexed by the Agent annexed thereto stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill with respect to which proceedings have been so suspended at the last stage of its proceeding in the House in the present Session.

"That such Bill, indorsed by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office as having been duly deposited, with such Declaration annexed, may be laid by one of the Clerks of that Office upon the Table of the House in the next Session of Parliament.

"That, in respect of the Bill so laid upon the Table, the Petition for the Bill, and the Order of leave to bring in the same in the present Session, shall be read, and thereupon such Petition shall be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, who shall by indenture on such Petition certify whether the Promoters have made compliance with the Standing Orders, and upon the Examiners certifying that the Standing Orders have been complied with the Bill shall be read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

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"That the Petitions presented or to be presented in the present Session against such Bill within the time prescribed by the Rules and Orders of this House, and which stood referred to the Committee on such Bill, shall stand referred to the Committee on the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament.

"That Standing Orders 211, 236, and 237 of the Orders of this House, and which stood referred to the Committee on such Bill, shall stand referred to the Committee on the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament."—(Mr. James William Lowther.)

"Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

"The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

"Ordered, That Standing Orders 211, 236, and 237 of the Orders of this House, and which stood referred to the Committee on such Bill, shall stand referred to the Committee on the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament."—(Mr. James William Lowther.)—instead thereof.

"And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;—It passed in the Negative.

"And the Question being put, That these words be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

"And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

"Ordered, That the Promoters of the General Power Distributing Company Bill shall have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the same Bill, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament.

"That, not later than three clear days after the next Meeting of Parliament, the Bill, the proceedings whereon shall have been suspended as aforesaid, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office in the form required by the Standing Orders, with a Declaration signed by the Agent annexed thereto stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill with respect to which proceedings have been so suspended at the last stage of its proceeding in the House in the present Session.

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"That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Mr. James William Lowther.)

"Ordered, That Standing Order 235 be suspended as aforesaid, and the Bill be now read a second time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

"The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill, as amended in Committee, and that the Examiners have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

"Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Bury Improvement Town Bill, Bill of Session 1872 be referred to the Committee on the Bury Corporation Bill of this Session.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

"Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that they had directed him to report the Bill, with an Amendment, to the House.

"Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

"Ordered, 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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Mr. James William Lowther reported the Manchester Carriages and Tramways Company Bill, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the St. Marylebone Churches Bill, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and refered on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

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Northey Railway Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hombury presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Forty-second Report of Her Majesty's Civil Service Commissioners, with an Appendix.

Mr. Hombury also presented, a Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of March last, for a Return relative to Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland), (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 266, of Session 1897). No. 312, for Explanations as to the Under-Expenditure (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 266, of Session 1897). No. 313. the first time; and ordered to be read a second time; and to be printed. Bill 309.

The Solicitors Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed. Bill 309.

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 Aberdeen Corporation (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 Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order granted by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, to the Midland Electric Corporation for Power Distribution (Limited), in respect of an Area situate in the County of Stafford; by the State in the Countries in which they reside, andParticulars with regard to the granting of Preferential Railway Rates (in continuation of "Commercial," No. 9, 1895," C. 7498).

Copy of Correspondence relating to the Conference at Brussels on the question of Sugar Bonnies. Ordered, That the said Paper be 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 No. 314. Ninety-third Report of the Commissioners of the Caledonian Canal.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Answer of the Admiralty to the Request of the Comptroller and Auditor General upon the Under-Expenditure (in lieu of Local Rates), and to Revenue and Expenditure (England, Scotland, and Ireland), (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 266, of Session 1897). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

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The Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 18) 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 Bill to regulate the use of certain University Degrees in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland: And that Mr. Sidebotham, Mr. Carson, Dr. Farquharson, Sir William Hope, Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. MacNeill, and Sir William Privately do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote the efficiency of Fire Brigades, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Pym, Mr. Birrell, Colonel Brice Field, Mr. Clare, Mr. Malcolm, and Lord Alane Compton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the use of certain University Degrees in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland: And that Mr. John Blair Balfour, Mr. Thomas Ewen, Mr. Clark, Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Robert Wallace (Perth), and Mr. Gordon do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Sidebotham presented a Bill to regulate the use of certain University Degrees in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the lst day of August next; and to be printed.

Mr. Pym presented a Bill to promote the efficiency of Fire Brigades, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Blair Balfour presented a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the Election and Proceedings of Town Councils in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Chaplin presented a Bill to make better Provision against the Adulteration of certain Articles of Agricultural and Horticultural Produce: And that Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Walter Long, and Mr. T. W. Russell do prepare, and bring it in.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 15) Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,491,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of 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 1899;

Resolved, That the Bill be referred to 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 Report be received upon Monday next.

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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 presented with the said Acts, as follow:

5. Poor Law Unions Association (Expenses) Act, 1898.
7. Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace (Scotland) Act, 1898.
9. Poor Law (Scotland) Act, 1898.
11. Greenock and Clyde Canals Protection Act, 1898.
12. Union of Benefices Act, 1898.
13. Land Drainage Supplemental Act, 1898.
14. Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1898.
15. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1898.
16. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1898.
17. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Act, 1898.
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23. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Act, 1898.
24. Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (Borrow, &c.) Act, 1898.
25. Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1898.
27. Electric Light and Power (Scotland) Act, 1898.
28. Edinburgh Improvement Scheme Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1898.
29. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1898.
30. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Act, 1898.
31. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Act, 1898.
32. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 11) Act, 1898.
33. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 14) Act, 1898.
34. Plymouth Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1898.
35. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Gas) Act, 1898.
36. Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1898.
37. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Housing of Working Classes) Act, 1898.
38. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Poor Law) Act, 1898.
39. Tramways (Order in Council (Ireland) (Loudonderry and Lough Swilly (Letterkenny to Burtmore) Extension) Railway) Confirmation Act, 1898.
40. Aberdeen Corporation (Tramways) Act, 1898.
41. South Western Railway Act, 1898.
42. Status Reservoirs Act, 1898.
43. Belfast Harbour Act, 1898.
44. Blackpool Improvement Act, 1898.
45. Sheringham Gas and Water Act, 1898.
46. Cardiff Corporation Act, 1898.
47. Northern Urban District Water Act, 1898.
49. London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Act, 1898.
50. Gtadford Gas Act, 1898.
51. Charing Cross, Easton, and Hampton Railway Act, 1898.
52. Southend Waterworks Act, 1898.
53. Southport and Vauxhall Water Act, 1898.
54. Saint Thomas, Southwark, and Saint Saviour, Southwark Act, 1898.
55. Yeovil Corporation Act, 1898.
56. Bideford and Woolacombe Railway Act, 1898.
57. Ifford Improvement Act, 1898.
58. Great Eastern Railway Company and Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee Act, 1898.
60. Crouchenden District Water Act, 1898.
61. Crowe and District Water Act, 1898.
62. East Ham Improvement Act, 1898.
63. Wiseran Water (Additional Supply) Act, 1898.
64. Lisburn Corporation Act, 1898.
66. Cardiff Corporation Act, 1898.
67. Dundee Corporation Tramways Act, 1898.
68. Buenos Ayres Northern Railway Company's Act, 1898.
69. Colonial Bank Act, 1898.
70. Rhuddlan and Snowes Bay Railway Act, 1898.
71. Cromer Gas Act, 1898.
72. Drayton (Corporation) Gas Act, 1898.
73. Wigan Corporation Act, 1898.
74. Dover Harbour Act, 1898.
75. London Building Act, 1894 (Amendment) Act, 1898.
76. Crystal Palace Company's Act, 1898.
77. Plymouth Corporation Act, 1898.
78. Turnchapel Quays and Wharves Act, 1898.
79. Steirling Gas Act, 1898.
80. Barry Railway Act, 1898.
81. London County Council (Acton Sewage) Act, 1898.
82. Mumbles Railway and Pier Act, 1898.
83. London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Act, 1898.
84. Halifax Corporation Act, 1898.
85. Folkestone Water Act, 1898.
86. City of Norwich Waterworks Act, 1898.
87. Corporation of Foreign Bondholders Act, 1898.
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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Penalty Corporation (Leaves) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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Ordered, That, in the case of the Metropolitan Electric Supply Bill, Standing Orders 82, 231, 235, 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. Furphyharn.)

Ordered, That, in the case of the Chelsea Electricity Supply Bill, Standing Orders 82, 231, 235, 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. Furphyharn.)

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 12) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 16, by inserting in the Schedule,—

"Plan No. 10.

A piece or parcel of land situate in the Parish of Saint Giles, Camberwell, in the County of London, and comprising eight houses, forecourts, gardens, and premises, on the north-eastern side of and being Nos. 29 to 43 (odd numbers), both inclusive, Cathill Road. House, garden, and premises (with entrance way), No. 11 Love Walk, situate at the rear of the last-mentioned premises. Also a house, garden, stabling, and premises, known as "Cormwell House," in Love Walk, the whole containing 48,680 square feet, or thereabouts, as the same is described in the Plan No. 10, and distinguished by the Nos. 1 to 11, together with all and singular the messuages and tenements now standing or being thereon with their appurtances. The names of the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessors, and occupiers of the said piece or parcel of land and hereditaments are as follows:—

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Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Return of all British Ships ordered by the Board of Trade, or its Offices, during the period from 1st July 1897 to 30th June 1898, to be provisionally detained as unsafe, by reason of the defective condition of their Hulls, Equipments, or Machinery, or by reason of overloading or improper loading, in pursuance of the provisions of 31 & 32 Vict. c. 60, s. 459, giving the Names of the Owners of those Ships which have been dismantled, broken up, or converted into Hulks, &c.; also of all Foreign Ships ordered to be provisionally detained during the same period as unsafe by reason of overloading or improper loading, in pursuance of the provisions of 31 & 32 Vict. c. 60, s. 462; together with Summaries, showing respectively the Total Number of Ships ordered to be detained as unsafe, from 1st July 1897 to 30th June 1898, and since 1st October 1876, distinguishing between those cases in which the Ships were found safe or unsafe (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, C. 8292).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Charitable Donations and Requests for Ireland.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of Resolution of the County Council of Essex dividing the Tilbury Polling Districts into two Polling Districts.

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 Two Orders in Council of 18th July 1898, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1898, entitled respectively the Africa (Acquisition of Lands) Order in Council, 1898, and the East Africa (Acquisition of Lands) Order in Council, 1898.

Copy of Order in Council of 18th July 1898, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, fixing the Engineering Establishment of the Trinity House.

Copy
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Merchant
Shipping Act, 1899.

Copy of Two Orders in Council of 18th July 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, approving Pilotage Bye-laws made by the Mer-

Mr. Attorney General reported from the Prime

Copy of Order in Council of 18th July 1899,

Prize Courts
Act, 1894.

under the Prize Courts Act, 1894, approving Rules of Court teaching the practice in Prize

Proceedings to be observed in Vice Admiralty
Courts and Colonial Courts authorized to act

as Prize Courts, with Forms and Table of Fees.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the

Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Ma-

jesty’s Command,—Copy of Thirty-fourth De-

scriptive Order in Council of 18th July 1899,

Marriages, Births, and Deaths
(Belfast.)

under the Thirty-fourth Descriptive Order in

Council of 18th July 1899, approving Rules of

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Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Ma-

jesty’s Command,—Copy of Despatch from Her

Minister at Peking, forwarding Copies of the

Notes exchanged with the Chinese Govern-

ment respecting the non-alienation of the Yang-

tze Region.

Young’s Copyof the Report of the President of

Queen’s Second Reading of
(Belfast.)

Queen’s College
the Report of the President of Queen’s College, Belfast, for the Session 1897-98.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the

Table.

China (No. 9, 1899.)

Mr. Cowen presented, by Her Majesty’s Com-

mand,—Copy of Despatch from Her Majesty’s Minister at Peking, forwarding Copies of the

Notes exchanged with the Chinese Govern-

ment, respecting the non-alienation of the Yang-

tze Region.

Young’s Treaty Series
(No. 10, 1899.)

Copy of Accession of the Republics of Honol-

ulu and Salvador to the Convention signed at Geneva, 22nd August 1894, for the Amendment of the

Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the

Field; 16th May 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the

Table.

Civil Services
(Supplementary
Estimate 1898-99.)

No. 212.

Mr. Handbury presented, by Her Majesty’s Com-

mand,—Supplementary Estimate of the further Amount required in the year ending 31st March

1899, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.

Permanent
Changes
Commutation
Arklow.

Mr. Handbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Return, pursuant to the sixth section of the Act 36 & 37 Vic. c. 57 of Permanent Changes on the Consolidated Fund or Votes of Parliament which have been redeemed in the period between 1st April 1893 and 30th June 1898.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Arklow Harbour.

Copy of Report of the Arklow Harbour Com-

missioners for the year ended 31st December

1897, and a Statement of Accounts for the same period.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply, and be printed; and that the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of February last, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Carlow). Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

London School
Board (Schools a
Closed.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Return of all Schools belonging to the London School Board which have been closed, giving the Names and Dates of closing.—(Mr. Toleda.)

Electric
Lighting
Provisional
Orders.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Order included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 16) Bill. Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the

Table; and be printed.
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 33, by leaving out the word "five," and inserting the word "six."—(Mr. Brigg), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, 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. 38, by leaving out from the word "London" to the word "in," in l. 38, and inserting the words "subject to the provisions therein contained."—(Sir Charles Dilke), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,
Yes, Mr. Austracher: 183.

Tellers for the Sir John Lubbock,
Noes, Mr. Brigg: 44.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1. 38, by leaving out from the word "Act" to the word "directly," in p. 3, l. 5, inclusive, and inserting the words—

"Where the Commissioners contemplate making a statute or regulation under this Act, altering, varying, or affecting the existing rights, powers, or privileges of Convocation, they shall, one calendar month at least (exclusive of the months of August and September) before adopting any final resolution in that behalf, communicate the draft of the proposed statute or regulation to the Clerk of Convocation, who shall thereupon immediately submit the same to the members of Convocation for their approval or disapproval, to be signified as at a Senatorial election."

And the Question being put, That the words to the word "person," in p. 3, l. 3, inclusive, stand part of the Bill;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,
Yes, Mr. Austracher: 158.

Tellers for the Sir John Lubbock,
Noes, Mr. Ellis Griffith: 30.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 3, by inserting after the word "affecting," the words "when the Commissioners contemplate making a statute or regulation under this Act they shall, two calendar months at least (exclusive of any University vacation) before adopting any final resolution in that behalf, communicate the proposed statute or regulation to the Registrar of the University of London, who shall forthwith cause a copy of such proposed statute or regulation to be exhibited or screened in the usual place for University announcements in the hall of the University buildings in Burlington Gardens, and to be kept so exhibited or screened for the whole of the said period of two calendar months.—(Mr. Harwood.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,
Yes, Mr. Ellis Griffith: 46.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,
Noes, Mr. Austracher: 141.

So it passed in the Negative.

And another Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 11, by leaving out from the word "belief" to the word "University," in l. 16, and inserting the words "approval of Convocation."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 36, by inserting, after the words "London Gazette," the words "or after the expiration of the period of forty days in the last preceding subsection mentioned (whichever shall last expire)."—(Mr. Harwood).

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 7, by inserting, after the word "referring," the words "but no petition shall in any event, or whatever the result of the petition. He required or adjudged to pay any costs or expenses of any respondent or of any person or corporation who may oppose such petition, nor shall any such opposing or respondent be required or adjudged to pay any costs or expenses of any petitioner."—(Captain Norton.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 32, by inserting, after the word "Wgs," the words "and any other English college recognised by the Senate.—(Sir John Lubbock.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted;—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Sir Francis Evans,
Yes, Mr. Ellis Griffith: 73.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,
Noes, Mr. Austracher: 183.

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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. 30, by leaving out from the word "one" to the word "degree," inclusive.—(Mr. Harwood.)

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 29, by leaving out the words "eight" and inserting the words "eight."—(Mr. Harwood.)

And the Question being put, 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. 6, l. 35, both inclusive, and inserting the words "The matriculation examination in the University, and all subsequent examinations in each faculty of the University, shall be the same for all students, whether external or internal, and no student, whether internal or external, shall be allowed to present any certificate in lieu of any such examination, or of any part thereof."—(Sir Charles Dilke).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, 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. 6, l. 4, by inserting, after the word "in accordance with the present practice"—(Mr. Brigg).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, 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. 6, l. 12, by inserting, after the word "eight," the word "twenty."—(Mr. Harwood.)

And the Question being put, That the word "eight" be there inserted:—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 29, by leaving out the words "and the recognised teachers, whether belonging to constituent colleges or schools of the University or not."—(Mr. Harwood.)

And the Question being put, 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. 5, l. 23, by leaving out the word "by," and inserting the word "of."—(Mr. Ellis Griffith.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 23, by leaving out the word "or other adequate test."—(Mr. Harwood.)

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 36, by leaving out the word "by," and inserting the words "matriculated at" and standing the word "of."—(Mr. Brigg),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, 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. 7, l. 7, by leaving out the word "unless" to the word "respectively," inclusive.—(Sir John Gorst.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 35, both inclusive, and inserting the words "All examinations shall be conducted by independent examiners appointed by the Senate in accordance with the present practice."—(Mr. Brigg).—instead thereof.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 29, by leaving out from the word "respectively" to the word "students," inclusive.—(Mr. Brigg).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, 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. 5, l. 34, by leaving out the word "conferee," to the word "degree," inclusive.—(Capt. Norton.)

And the Question being put, 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. 6, l. 5, by leaving out the word "or other adequate test."—(Mr. Harwood.)

And the Question being put, 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. 7, l. 30, by leaving out from the word "society of Apothecaries."—(Mr. Harwood.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.
378 25th–26th July, 1898.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Asquith];
Tellers for the Mr. Ellis Griffith, Noes, [Mr. Goldsworthy];
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.

Colonial Loans Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) 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 being put, That this House do now adjourn—(Dr. Tanner)

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Dr. Tanner, Yeas, [Mr. Joseph A. Pease];
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Noes, [Mr. Asquith];
So it passed in the Negative.

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.

Metropolitan Common Poor Fund Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Land Charges Bill (Ireland).
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Land Charges Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Prisons Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of June last, was proposed to be moved on consideration of the Prisons Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
Order, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 23rd day of June last, was proposed to be moved on consideration of the Prisons Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Local Taxation Account (Scotland) [Consolidated Fund].
The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Local Taxation Account (Scotland) [Consolidated Fund]; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of this instant July, That the Vaccination Bill be now read the third time;
Order, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lodgers' Declaration (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 Lodgers' Declaration (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 Colonial Loans Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Bill (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 Colonial Loans Bill (Scotland) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) (re-committed) 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 Vaccine 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 Vaccine 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 Vaccine Bill (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 Vaccine Bill (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 Vaccine Bill (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 Vaccine Bill (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 Vaccine Bill (Scotland) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Mr. Hoburg reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. Sec. 3. That a Sum, not exceeding the sum of £5,612,000, 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 1899.
2. Sec. 2. That a Sum, not exceeding the sum of £2,971,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Material 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 1899.
3. Sec. 1.
Confirmation

Tramways

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee, ordered, that the said Order be discharged.

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Ordered,

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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.—(Mr. Ritchie.)

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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of the Number of Agrarian Outrages, which were reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary, during the Quarter ended 30th June 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Local Government Command,—Copy of Supplement of the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Local Government Board, 1897-98, containing the Report of the Medical Office for 1897-98.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the 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.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the North British Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported 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.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Metropolitan Electric Supply Bill; College Estates Bill, with Amendments; to which and College Estates Bill, the House adjourned; and the said Bills were referred to a Committee of the Whole House, to be taken into consideration tomorrow.

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 tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Metropolitan Electric Supply Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Metropolitan Electric Supply Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing for each School in Scotland, the number of Schools in each case, as follows:—

(a) The number of Schools in Scotland, to which the Electric Lighting Acts in relation to the Channel Islands, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House;

(b) The number of Schools in Scotland, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, had been brought from the Lords in the House of Lords, that the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That the Resolution of the House had in other respects been given effect to by Amendments made in the Bill in the House of Lords.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill, that the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That the Resolution of the House had in other respects been given effect to by Amendments made in the Bill in the House of Lords.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Forester Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888; to
which the Lords desire the concurrence of this
House.

Bill 316.

Law Amend­
Fund.
Account
Taxation
Employers
Transfer Bill.

and Workmen
Bills.—(Mr.

Hanbury.)

Ordered,

That leave be given to bring in 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 that Mr.
Hanbury and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer
do prepare, and bring it in.

Kingstown
Harbour
Roads
Transfer.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a
Bill to amend the Law relating to the Employ­
ment of Waiters and Waitresses: And the same was
read the first time; and ordered to be read a second
time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented a Bill to transfer to the
Commissioners of the Township of Kingstown
certain Roads and Lands now vested in the Com­
missoners 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.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out
sub-head (2).—(Mr. Thomas Shaw.)

Ordered, That the words proposed to be
left out stand part of the Question;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Waldron, Yeas,
[Mr. Austruther] 153.
Tellers for the Mr. Edward Robertson, Noes,
[M. Crocket] 82.

Another Amendment proposed, to leave out
sub-head (5).—(Mr. Robert Wallace EastEdinburgh.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be
left out stand part of the Question;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Waldron, Yeas,
[Mr. Austruther] 120.
Tellers for the Mr. Shaw, Noes, [Mr. Seaward] 57.

Question put, That the words proposed to be
left out stand part of the Question;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Waldron, Yeas,
[Mr. Austruther] 122.
Tellers for the Mr. Robert Wallace, Noes,
[M. Oakhead] 38.

Main Question put, and agreed to. Resolution
to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr.
James William Lowther reported, That the Com¬
mmittee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To­
morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish
Second Reading of the Parish Churches (Scott­
land) 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 the House having continued to sit till after
Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 27th July, 1898:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the
Question, by leaving out the word "now," and,
at the end of the Question, adding the words
"upon the day three months."—(Mr. Dalziel)

And the Question being put, That the word
"now" stand part of the Question;

Noes to the Left,
Tellers for the Sir William Waldron, Yeas,
[Mr. Austruther] 90.
Tellers for the Mr. Dalziel, Noes,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Attendance of Children at School (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund 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 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. J. W. Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans 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 Land Charges 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 Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Evidence in Criminal Cases 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. Discombe.] And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Main Question being put; Ordered, That the Bill be now 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Prisoners Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 28th day of June last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Prisons Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Marine Insurance Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant July, That the Vaccination Bill be now read the third time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy 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 Lodgers’ Second Reading of the Lodgers’ Declaration (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Bill Procedure (Scotland) (re-committed) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Palatine Court Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors Bill (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Second Reading of the Agricultural Produce &c. (Adulteration) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving Supply Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 18th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.
Wednesday, 27th July, 1898.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

ORDERED, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Light Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Mr. Fergusson.)

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 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 Mercantile Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (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 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 hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) 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 Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Military Lands Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Kingsnorth Harbour Roads Transfer Bill the Examiners have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.—(Mr. Humfrey.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Annual Accounts of the Chamberlain of London for the year ended 31st December 1897.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Colonel Guiver reported the Bury Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Jebb reported from the Select Committee on Burial Grounds; that they had considered the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Louther reported the Carlisle Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 18, by inserting, after the word "authorities," the words "But in no case shall the light dues levied at any port under this Act for a single voyage exceed the net amount levied and paid for light dues from port to port on a single voyage before the passing of this Act, and no steamer shall be required to pay more than one shilling and one penny halfpenny per ton to port on a single voyage before the passing of this Act, and no steamer shall be required to pay more than one shilling and one penny halfpenny per ton to port on any one voyage."—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 3, by inserting, after the words "Scale of payments," the words "three farthings per ton for steamers and sailing ships engaged in the Baltic trade, and not in any year to make more than six payments. A "voyage is out and home one payment."—(Mr. Charles Wilson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 18, by adding, after the words "three farthings per ton for steamers and sailing ships employed in the Baltic trade, and not in any year to make more than six payments. A voyage is out and home one payment."—(Mr. Charles Wilson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 18, by adding, after the words "three farthings per ton for steamers and sailing ships employed in the Baltic trade, and not in any year to make more than six payments. A voyage is out and home one payment."—(Mr. Charles Wilson.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by inserting, in lines 1, 2, the words "persons", the words "two of them being justices of the peace." And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "Free Jews of the City of London," and the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House then proceeded to read the said proposed Amendment, to the Bill, in Committee, and, after consideration, the House agreed to the said proposed Amendment, as amended, and the same was read the first time; and the Bill ordered, that it be read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House for To-morrow.
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 Seven of the clock, adjourned till Tomorrow.

Thursday, 28th July, 1898.

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, pursuant to the Order of the House of the 25th day of July, That, in the case of the following Bill, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.——

Kingstown Harbour Roads Transfer 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, 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 Order (No. 15) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Tomorrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Clacton-on-Sea Gas and Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Maldon 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 Southampton Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Isle of Wight Railway, Broadway Harbour and Railway) Bill be now read the third time;

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 Leicestershire Freeholders 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 Freemen 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 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 Saint Marylebone Churches Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That 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 Yeas to the Right;—

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas:—

Mr. Lees-Kowalski;

Mr. Lloyd-George;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now 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 Yeas to the Right;—

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas:—

Mr. Lees-Kowalski;

Mr. Lloyd-George;

Mr. Harwood;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Seven of the clock, adjourned till Tomorrow.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kingstown and Kingsbridge Junction Railway (Abandonment) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Portsmouth Corporation Tramways Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, and Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Account relative to Naval Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant July, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Progress and Condition), which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Chapin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a 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 1897.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Oldham re-dividing the Parliamentary and Municipal Borough of Oldham into Polling Districts.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Local Taxation Returns for England for the year 1896-7, Part VI. (Accounts of Highway Authorities in Rural Districts).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour 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 1897.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Supplementary Estimate of the Amount required in the Year ending 31st March 1898.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Mr. James William Leather reported the Windsor and Ascot Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Leather reported the Wath-upon-Deerne Urban District Council Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Bryan Jones reported the Chelsea Electricity Supply Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Report.
Mr. Bryanston Jones reported from the Committee on the Seaham Harbour 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. 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 Benefits (No. 4) Bill, with amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Liverpool Corporation Bill, with amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for Enabling Bodies Corporate to Hold Property in Joint Tenancy; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Lords to the Benefits (No. 2) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a return showing in respect of each Local Authority in Scotland whether the contracts entered into by the Local 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. — (Mr. Coldwell.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a return of revenue and expenditure of the Post Office for each year from 1899-1900 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 280, of Session 1897), and an estimate for the same for the year ended the 31st day of March 1899, in the following form:

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Ordered, That three additional days be allotted to the Business of Supply. — (Mr. Balfour.)

The House, according to order, resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1898-99.

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2. £1,972,000, for the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores.
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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a return showing in respect of each Local Authority in Scotland whether the contracts entered into by the Local 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. — (Mr. Coldwell.)

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The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Loans Bill; Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Saturday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill; Second Reading of the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Saturday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on the 20th day of this instant July, That the Vaccination Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Saturday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans (Scotland) Bill; Second Reading of the Charitable Loans (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Products, &c. (Agricultural Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Saturday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Second Reading of the Local Taxation Account Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 18th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then five minutes after One of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

Friday, 29th July, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

QIR Francis Sharp Powell reported from the Select Committee on the 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, together with the Minutes of the Evidence taken before them, and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Charges Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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Berney Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ipswich Dock Commissioners Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ipswich Dock Commission Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

North Eastern Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the North Eastern Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Newhaven Carriage and Tramways Company Bill.

A Motion being made, That the House do take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Newhaven Carriage and Tramways 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.

Manchester Carriages and Tramways Company Bill.

The Manchester Carriages and Tramways Company Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Norseman and Seaford Water Bill [Lords.]

A Motion being made, That the Norseman and Seaford Water Bill be now read the third time; Mr. James William 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, 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.

North Eastern Railway Bill [Lords.]

A Motion being made, That the North Eastern Railway Bill be now read the third time; Mr. James William 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, 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.

London and North Western Railway Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and North Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Standing Order of the 22nd July, as to suspending the proceedings on the General Power Distributing Company Bill, be read, and rescinded.

Ordered, That the Promoters of the General Power Distributing Company Bill shall have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with the same Bill, if they shall think fit, in the next Session of Parliament.

That when the Bill is brought from the House of Lords in the next Session of Parliament the Agent for the Private Bill Office a declaration stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill which was brought from the House of Lords in the present Session, and so soon as one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office has certified that such deposit has been duly made, the Bill shall be read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

That all Petitions presented in the present Session against such Bill within the time prescribed by the Rules and Orders of this House, which stood referred to the Committee on such Bill, shall stand referred to the Committee on the same Bill in the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and desire their concurrence: And that the Clerk do carry the same. (Mr. James William Lowther.)

The Electric Lighting Provisional Order (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.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire into and report upon the Dissemination of Commercial Information and the Collection and Exhibition of Patterns and Samples.

Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before Commercial Intelligence Departmental Committee.
National Debt.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order returning (1) the Aggregate Gross Liabilities of the State 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 1836-7 to 1897-8, both inclusive; and (2) the Gross and Net Expenditure charged annually during that period against the Public Revenue on account of the National Debt, and other Payments connected with Capital Liabilities (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper (C. 8220) of Session 1897).

Copy of Report of the Director to the Board of Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of Ireland for the year 1897.

Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to Post Office Telegraphs (Revenue and Expenditure).

Return to an Order, dated the 26th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to Post Office (Revenue and Expenditure).

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 22nd July 1898, declaring that William Butler, Royal Carriage Department, War Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Superannuation Act, 1892.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2166, to the House.

Copy of Report on the Progress of the Mombasa-Victoria (Uganda) Railway, 1897-98.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Post Office Telegraphs (Revenue and Expenditure) and Post Office (Revenue and Expenditure) be printed.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Progress of the Mombasa-Victoria (Uganda) Railway, 1897-98.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Lunacy.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 22nd July 1898, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Percy Cherry, Second Division Clerk in the Money Order Office of the General Post Office.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

New Forest Verderers' Memorial.

Mr. James William Leathem reported from the Committee on the Tramways Order Confirmation (No. 9) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that they had directed him to report the Bill, with an 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 taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Leathem reported from the Committee on the Heywood Corporation 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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Vote Supplement to the Table; and be printed.

Mr. J. W. Leathem reported the Todmorden Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Charles Dilwyn Lloyd reported from the Public Petitions Committee on Public Petitions; that they had examined the Petitions presented upon Report.)

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 Mussel Fisheries (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Companies Act Amendment (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 London County Council (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Devonport, Plymstock, and Stone Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Mid-Kent Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Water Bill Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Dublin Port and Docks Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law as to Marriage contracted in the Colonies with a Deceased Wife's Sister; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, [Lord's] be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next; and be printed.

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The Colonial Marriages (Deceased Wife's Sister) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant Money for the purpose of certain Local Loans, and for other purposes relating to Loans out of the Local Loans Fund: And that Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Channing do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: And that Mr. Luttrell, General Goldsworthy, Mr. Philip Stanhope, Captain Wyndham-Quin, and Sir William Wedderburn do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hanbury presented a Bill to grant Money for the purpose of certain Local Loans, and for other purposes relating to Loans out of the Local Loans Fund: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Luttrell presented a Bill to make further provision for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: 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 the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Estimates, 1898-99.

Class II.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 88,126, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £. 100, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State—[Mr. Tennant];

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Tennant, Yes, [Mr. John Burns];

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], No, [Mr. Austruther];

Original Question again proposed:
Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £. 200, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary of State—[Mr. Harcourt Wisham];

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 28,747, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registry of Friendly Societies;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—[Dr. Clark];—put, and agreed to.

Resolved to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Luttrell reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this Day.

Mr. James William Luttrell also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resealed, 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, and agreed to:

(30th July)

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,232,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Provisions, Forage, and other Supplies, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,972,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supply of Warlike and other Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,335,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Supply and Repair of Warlike and other Stores, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 1,574,450, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the War Office, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Secretary of State for War, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Comptroller and Auditor General, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registrar General of Births, &c. in England:

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £. 9,362, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office:

6. That...
of Report of the Irish Land Commissioners for the period from the 1st April 1897 to 31st March 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Henbury presented,—Return to an Order, New Forest dated the 29th day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the New Forest Venerable Memorial.

Ordered, That the said Return 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 of the Dues charged Soldiers chargeable on the Poor Rates of England, Scotland, and Ireland, in the month of December 1897, as Inmates of Workhouses and in receipt of Outdoor Relief.—(Mr. Broadrick.)

The Order of the day being read, for Re-Vaccination amounting the adjourned Debate on the Question Bill, proposed upon the 20th day of this instant July, and ordered upon Monday next.

That the Vaccination 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 "read the third time," and inserting the words "the new Clause (Exemption from penalties)"

—(Mr. James Lowther)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. William Walrond, 133. Yeas, (Mr. Austrader:)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Verner: 29.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, 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 Elementary School School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill; (Superannuation) Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

CLAUSE, No. 1, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 2, amended, and agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 3, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 4 (Sale of seeds, spraying machines, and material):—Amendment.

Saturday, 30th July, 1898.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PLEA R S.

SEVERAL Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy Vol. 153.

Irish Land Commission. No. 381.
Colonial Loans

The Order of the day being read, for the Revenue Bill.

Inland Public Works

Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Bill; (Home Office.)

Harbour Roads—Transfer Bill. Transfer Bill. (In the Committee.)

Kingstown Harbour Roads—Transfer Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Kingstown Harbour Roads Transfer Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, No. 1 to No. 10, agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Lord Advocate reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Colonial Loans Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Bill; (In the Committee.)

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Lord Advocate reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time upon Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Sheffield Corporation Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (General Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (Money) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Mid-Kent 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 Sheffield Water Bill.

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 10, agreed to.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Lord Advocate reported, That the Committee had gone through 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 Works Loan Bill; (In the Committee.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Supply [29th July].

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Civil Services Estimates, 1898-99.

Class II.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £.88,156, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £.26,747, be Civil Service Commission.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £.40,734, be Commissioner and Auditor General.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £.5,350, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Registry of Friendly Societies.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £.9,382, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 18th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, till Monday next.

Monday, 1st August, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Sheffield Corporation Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (General Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London County Council (Money) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Mid-Kent 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 Sheffield Water Bill.
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 hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 232 and 234 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Mr. James William Leach, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, that Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, given 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.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 232 and 234 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the North British Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 232 and 234 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time,—(Dr. Farquharson.)

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 232 and 234 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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Ordered, That the Bury Corporation Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

A Public Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 232 and 234 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Mr. Bradfield presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 30th day of July last, for a Return relative to Discharged Soldiers (England, Scotland, and Ireland).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Ma-

jesty's Command,—Copy of Return of the Num-

ber of Evictions from Agricultural Holdings in Ireland, which have come to the knowledge of the Constabulary, and also of the Number of Tenancies determined, in the Quarter ended 30th June 1898.

Copy of Forty-seventh Report (with Appendices) of the Inspector of Lunatics (Ireland).

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return of Civil Servants for a Return relative to Glebe Loans (Ireland).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, civil Servants a Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 6th day (Retirement of July 1898, stating the circumstances under which certain Civil Servants have been retained in the Service after they have attained the Age of 65.}

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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Ordered, That the 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.
Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Saint Marylebone Churches Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill, with Amendments; to which the Metropolis Commissioners desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Local Lords to the Local Government Provisional Government Orders (No. 13) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Metropolis Commissioners to the Metropolitan Common Scheme [East Sheen] Provisional Order Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Leave be given to bring in a Expiring Laws Bill to continue various Expiring Laws: And that Mr. Hanbury and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented a Bill Expiring Laws to continue various Expiring Laws: And the Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

The Select Committee on Gas Companies (Gas Companies (Metropolitan Charge) was nominated of Mr. William Abraham, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Hanbury, Mr. Brigg, Mr. Cahan, Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, Sir John Darling, Mr. Gillott, Mr. Bryan Jones, Mr. Leath, Mr. Louder, Mr. Nicol, Mr. Pickersgill, Sir Andrew Scottie, and Mr. Steadman.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum.—(Sir William Walrond.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 30th day of July last, That the Elementary School Teachers (Supersession) Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed — The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now" and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Parker Smith.)

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 To-morrow.

The Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Bill Local Taxation was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Supply to take into consideration the Seed Supply and Potato Spraying (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

An Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 43, by leaving out the word
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 supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1898-99.

1. £ 614,200, for Capiation Grants and Miscellaneous Charges of Volunteer Corps, including Pay, &c. of the Permanent Staff.

2. £ 710,400, for Transport and Remounts.

3. £ 882,000, for Clothing Establishments and Services.

4. £ 113,000, for Establishments for Military Education.

5. £ 54,300, for Sundry Miscellaneous Effective Services.

Navy Estimates, 1898-99.

6. £ 187,000, the Expense of Medical Services, including the Cost of Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad.

7. £ 11,400, the Expense of Martial Law, including the Cost of Naval Prisons at Home and Abroad.

8. £ 88,000, the Expenses of Educational Services.

9. £ 57,000, the Expenses of Scientific Services.

10. £ 257,000, the Expenses of the Royal Naval Reserve and the Retired Officers, and Seamen Pensioner Reserve.

11. £ 232,000, the Expense of various Miscellaneous Effective Services.

12. £ 60,000, the Expenses 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 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 sit again, and resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to resume take into consideration the Amendments made by (No. 2) Bill.

The Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 6, l. 13, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 6, l. 13, the next Amendment, being read a second time; and it appearing by the said proposed Amendment that the interest of the Prince of Wales, as Duke of Cornwall, is concerned therein;

Mr. Balfour, by Command of His Royal Highness, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the said Amendment was agreed to.

And the subsequent Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

And consequential Amendments were made to the Bill.

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Ordered,
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, and hath made consequential Amendments to the Bill, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the third of the Resolutions which, upon the 29th day of July last, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed; and the same was again read, as follows:—

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 245,000, 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.

And the said Resolution was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, repeat itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 18th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then Ten of the clock, till To-morrow.

TUESDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A Message was delivered by Sir H. Allen, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker, The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, wish to make their Royal Assent to the several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desiring the immediate attendance of this Honourable House, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers; and, 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 of the Realm was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follows:—

1. Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1898.
2. Locomotives Act, 1898.
4. Companies Act, 1898.
5. Metropolitan Police Courts Act, 1898.
7. Isle of Man (Customs) Act, 1898.
8. Telegraph (Money) Act, 1898.
9. Rivers Pollution Prevention (Border Counties) Act, 1898.
10. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1898.
12. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1898.
13. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Act, 1898.
15. Gas Light and Coke Company's (Capital Consolidation) Act, 1898.
17. Great Western Railway (General Powers) Act, 1898.
20. Metropolitan Railway Act, 1898.
21. Middletown Corporation (Gas) Act, 1898.
23. Dublin Port and Docks Act, 1898.
24. Easton and Church Hope Railway (Extension of Time) Act, 1898.
25. Clacton and Bill of Howth Tramroad Act, 1898.
27. Saint David's Railway Act, 1898.
29. Maldon
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the 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 same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rechdale Corporation Water Bill, as Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, 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 London and District Tramways Bill; and the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill; and the same were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Metropolitan take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Common Scheme (East Sheen) 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.

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Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Supplementary Parcel Post Agreement, with additional detailed Regulations, between Great Britain and Sweden.

Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of May last, for Returns relative to Taxes and Imposts.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Return, for the year ended 31st March 1898, of the Army and Navy Officers permitted, under Rule 3 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 Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Taxes and Imposts and the Superannuation Act, 1887, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Fifteenth General Annual Report by the Board of Trade on Bankruptcy, in pursuance of Section 131 of "The Bankruptcy Act, 1883."—Copy of Seventh General Annual Report by the Board of Trade, under Section 22 of "The Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890."

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Curzon presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to Recent Events in the Uprades Protectorate (in continuation of Africa, No. 3, 1898).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of the Number of Courts Martial held upon Seamen of the Royal Navy and the Marine Forces, during the year 1897, the Offences for which the Men were tried, the Sentences awarded, and the Punishments inflicted, at Home and Abroad.—Of the Number of Summary Punishments inflicted: —And, similar Returns relating to the Royal Marines on Shore.

Copy of Statistical Report of the Health of the Navy for the year 1897.

Copy of Report of the Astronomer of the Cape of Good Hope Observatory to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for the year 1897.

Copy of Report of the Astronomer Royal to Greenwich, the Board of Visitors of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, read at the Annual Visitation of the Royal Observatory, June 1898.

Mr. Goschen also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of July last, for a Return relative to Naval Works Acts (Correspondence) and Loss of Life in the Navy.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Naval Works Acts (Correspondence) and Loss of Life in the Navy be printed.

Mr. Solicitor General reported from the Select Committee on 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 the Evidence taken before them.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Petroleum Bill to amend the Petroleum Act, 1872:

That Mr. Ure, Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, Colonel Denzy, and Mr. McKillop do prepare, and bring in, the Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Customs and Inland Revenue Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Civil Services Estimates, 1898-99.

Class VII.

1. £2,200, for the Expenditure in connection with the Public Funeral of the late Right Honourable W. E. Gladstone.

Class V.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £270,181 (including a Supplementary Sum of £4,500), be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Sum, not exceeding £269,181, be granted for the said Service—(Sir Howard Vincent):—

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again—(Mr. Lough):—Motions, by leave, withdrawn.

Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £269,181, be granted for the said Service,—put and negatived.

Original Question again proposed:
Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £240,181, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Labouchere); The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Labouchere), Yes, (Mr. Lough), 40. Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), No, Mr. Austruther; Original Question put, and agreed to. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £271,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Expenses of Her Majesty's Embassies and Missions Abroad, and of the Consular Establishments Abroad, and other Expenditure chargeable on the Consolidated Vote—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

3. £612, to complete the Sum for Expenses in connection with the Suppression of the Slave Trade, and the Maintenance of certain Liberated Africans.

4. £45,105, to complete the Sum for the Subsidies to certain Telegraph Companies. Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received 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.

Supply (1st June) Report.

Mr. Corson reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follow:

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1898-99.

Class II.

That a Sum, not exceeding £50,971, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. The said Resolution being read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made thereto, by leaving out "£50,971," and inserting "£50,471"—(Mr. Yerburgh)—instead thereof. And the Question being proposed, That "£50,971" stand part of the Resolution—And a Debate arising thereupon:

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 3rd August, 1898:

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. And the said Resolution was agreed to.

Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Bill; Vol. 155. 

Resolved, That this House will, this day, re­solve itself into the said Committee.

The Expiring Laws Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Loans Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, re­solve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Outdoor Relief (Ireland) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, re­solve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, 3rd August as follow:

Army Estimates, 1898-99.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £614,200, be Volunteer granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Capitation Grants and Miscellaneous Charges of Volunteer Corps, including Pay, &c. of the Permanent Staff, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £710,400, be Transport and granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge, for Transports and Remounts, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £862,000, be Clothing 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 1899.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £118,200, be Military granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge, for Establishments for Military Education, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £54,300, be Miscellaneous granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge, for Sundry Miscellaneous Effective Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £147,000, be Medical 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 1899.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £11,400, be Military Law­grant to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Martial Law, including the Cost of Naval Prisons at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £86,800, be Educational Services, granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Educational Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £67,200, be Educational Services, granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Scientific Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £57,000, be Naval Reserve, granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Royal Naval Reserve, and the Retired Officers, and Seamen, Pensioner Reserve, which
will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £529,903, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of various Miscellaneous Effective Services, of the whole of the Sums received in Excess of the Estimated Appropriations in Aid, in respect of the same Services; and to have also temporarily authorized the application of as much of the said Total Surplus on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to cover the said Total Deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

12. Resolved, That the Application of such Sums be sanctioned.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1896-97.

1. That it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1897, 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 £340,604 5s. 4d., 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 £418,964 16s. 4d., 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 £70,350 10s. 5d.;

(b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Navy Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £57,377 10s. 2d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule; while the Receipts in Aid of other Navy Services exceeded the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £44,115 3s. 8d., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Total Actual Receipts in Aid of the Grants for Navy Services fell short of the Total Estimated Receipts by the Net Sum of £3,262 6s. 4d.;

(c.) That the resulting Difference between the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:

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6. Resolved, That the Application of such Sums be sanctioned.

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Wednesday, 3rd August, 1898.

The House met at Twelve o'clock.

PRAYS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Standing Order 223 and 243, being suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

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 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 Special Order:—Resolution the Standing Orders 223 and 243, being 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.

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Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to New Forest Verderers' Memorial, which was presented upon the 30th day of July last, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Glebe Loans (Ireland), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Navy pay (Health), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant August, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Labour Department, Board of Trade, and Statistical Tables relating to Changes in Rates of Wages and Hours of Labour in the United Kingdom, 1887, with Comparative Statistics for 1893-6.

Mr. Ritchie also presented,—Return to a Coal Exports, Order, dated the 14th day of June last, for a No. Return relative to Coal Exports, &c.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report, with Minutes of Physical Laboratory. Evidence, of the Committee appointed by the Treasury to consider the advisability of establishing a National Physical Laboratory, together with a Copy of the Minute appointing the Committee.

Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Public Income Order, dated the 17th day of May last, for a No. Return relative to Public Income and Expenditure.

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Mr. Nasbarg also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Balance Sheet, setting forth the Assets and Liabilities of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in respect of Trustee Savings Banks on the 20th November 1897, the Assets being valued pursuant to ss. 17, 18, 22, 23, & 24 of the Act of 1896, and the Paper relative to National Debt (Savings Banks), be printed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Local Government Board, 1897-98.

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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Adjournment Motions under Standing Order No. 17, showing the Date of 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 1898 (in the same form as, and in continuation of, Parliamentary Paper, No. 387, of Session 1897).—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Standing Order No. 23 (Closure of Debate) during Session 1898, under the following heads:


Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 25 (Closure of Debate) during Session 1898, under the following heads:


Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Public Petitions, Petitions, and the result of any Division taken thereon during the Session of 1898 (in the same form as, and in continuation of, Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.180, of Session 1897).—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Public Bills, Bills introduced into this House, but not by the House of Lords; the Number passed by the House of Lords, but not by this House; and distinguishing the Stages at which such Bills as did not receive the Royal Assent were dropped or postponed and rejected in either House of Parliament (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.189, of Session 1897).—(Dr. Farquharson.)

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3rd August.

Mr. James Wilson, Leather reported the

Mersey Railway Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the

Table; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to

take into consideration the Amendments made

by the Lords to the Local Government (Ireland)

Bill.

Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment

in p. 3, l. 19, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 3, l. 19, after ("Act"), insert ("and of all the enactments sections one hundred and thirty-four and the following sections of the Grand Juries Act, 1836. so far as unrepealed, shall extend to the case of maliciously setting fire to, injuring, or destroying the particular property specified in the first-mentioned section. Provided that no additional charge be thrown on the rates by such extension"), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, by leaving out the words ("Provided that no additional charge be thrown on the rates by such extension"), and adding the words "Provided that this Act shall not extend to the case of maliciously setting fire to, injuring, or destroying the particular property specified in the sections of the said Act except where the malicious act done was a crime punishable on indictment under the Malicious Damage Act, 1861.") and the said Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Then the Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 15, leave out Clause 19, and insert Clause (A), being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 15, leave out Clause 19, and insert Clause (A), the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

Then the Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 19, l. 5, being read a second time, were agreed to and two were disagreed to.

P. 19, l. 5, leave out ("one councillor"), and insert ("two councillors"), 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.—(Mr. Burford); the House divided. The Yeas to the Right; the Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas. William Walrond, Anstruther, Captain Davison.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dillon. 116

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Then the Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 19, l. 37, being read a second time, were agreed to. P. 19, l. 37, leave out from the beginning of the line to the end of l. 39, the next Amendment, being read a second time, was disagreed to. And an Amendment was made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Then the Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 38, l. 9, being read a second time, were agreed to. P. 38, l. 9, after "(rate)" insert "(and where the Land Commission after the appointed day fix a fair rent for a holding, they shall record in the Schedule specified in section one of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1886, the standard amount as defined in the preceding section both for poor rate and county cess, and the benefit in respect of the holding deemed to have been received by the landlord and tenant respectively out of the agricultural grant"); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

Then the Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 67, l. 11, being read a second time (and it appearing that the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 66, l. 28 and 29, and in p. 61, l. 34, were because their object is to carry out the intentions of the Commons), were agreed to. P. 67, l. 11, after "period" insert "(2) In a district electoral division comprised in a parliamentary county, or in a district electoral division comprised in a parliamentary borough"); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to.

Then the Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 85, l. 29, being read a second time, were agreed to. P. 85, l. 29, after "Act" insert "provided that any county or district may, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, make a special agreement with any of such existing officers respecting the terms and conditions on which he may continue to hold his office"); the next Amendment, being read a second time, was amended, and agreed to. Then the subsequent Lords' Amendments being read a second time (and it appearing that the Amendment made by the Lords in p. 94, l. 15, was because the omission of the words made the consequential Amendment was made to the Bill. Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 10, to leave out sub-section (5)—(Viscount Cranborne). Question proposed, that those words be there inserted Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 14, after the words "ninety-two," to insert the words "printed in the Schedule"—(Sir Francis Sharp Powell). Question proposed, That those words be there inserted Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 2 (Allowances to incapacitated teachers). Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 4, after the word "body," to insert the words "or failing strength"—(Mr. Crombie). Question proposed, That those words be there inserted Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause agreed to.

Clauses, N° 3 and N° 4, agreed to.

Clause, N° 5 (Application of Act to existing teachers). Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 14, to leave out the words "for each complete year," in l. 14, in order to insert the words, "multiplied by the number of complete years"—(Viscount Cranborne). Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause agreed to.

Clause, N° 6, agreed to.

Clause, N° 7 (Decision of Treasury and Education Department). Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 13, to leave out from the word "the" to the word "as," in l. 14—(Mr. Cripps). Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Clause agreed to.

Clauses, N° 8 to N° 11, agreed to.

Clause, N° 12 (Application to Scotland). Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 13, to leave out from the word "management" to the end of the Clause—(Mr. Crombie). Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause. The Committee divided. Tellers for the, Sir William Walmsley, James William Leveson-Gower, Mr. Anstruther; and Mr. A. G. Young, Captain Sinclair; 108. Tellers for the, Mr. Crombie, Mr. A. G. Young, Mr. Anstruther; 47. Clause agreed to.

Clauses, N° 13 to N° 15, agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and ordered that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow. The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Elementary School Teachers (Supernumeration) Bill. (In the Committee.)
3rd August.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Bill:

Readed, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)
CLAUSES, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.
Schedule.
Amendment proposed, in p. 4, Is. 29 and 30, to leave out the words "the Peace Preservation " (Ireland) Act, 1881,"—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy.) Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule,—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothian 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 to go into a Committee on the Outdoor Relief (Ireland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)
CLAUSES, N° 1 to N° 5, agreed to.
A Clause (Outlay on relief works)—(Mr. Dillon).—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question, That the Clause be read a second time,—put, and negatived.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lothian reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland reported local Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of the Amendments made by their Lordships to the Local Government (Ireland) Bill; That they had drawn up Reasons accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and the same were read, as follow:
The Commons disagree to the Amendments made by the Lords in p. 16, Is. 16 and 27, and in p. 95, Is. 19, for the following Reasons:—Because they create a new rating area, and the Commons consider it unnecessary to offer any further Reason, hoping that the above Reason may be deemed sufficient.
The Commons disagree to the Amendment to p. 19, Is. 37, because it is necessary to preserve the balance between urban and rural districts, but the Commons propose to amend the words restored.
The said Reasons, being read a second time, were agreed to.
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to communicate the said Reasons (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply:
Readed, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Amendment made by this House to the Evidence in Criminal Cases Bill:
Ordered, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as [3rd August] Report:

Civil Services Estimates, 1898-99.

Class VII.
1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,200, be Public mernal granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge of Mr. Gladstone, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1899, for the Expenses in connection with the Public 

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2. That a Sum, not exceeding £270,181, (including a Supplementary Sum of £41,500), 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 1899, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £612, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Expenses in connection with the Suppression of the Slave Trade, and the Maintenance of certain Liberated Africans.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £49,100, 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 1899, for the Subsidies to certain Telegraph Companies.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee on Naval and Army Expenditure, 1896-97, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That it appears by the Naval Appropriation Account for the year ending the 31st day of March 1897, and the Statement appended thereto, as follows, viz.:—

   (a.) That the Gross Expenditure for certain Naval Services exceeded the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £346,604 6s. 4d., as shown in Column No. 1 of the Schedule hereto appended; while the Receipts in Aid of such Services fell short of the Estimate of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £222,222 2s. 4d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule, so that the Total Actual Receipts in Aid of such Services fell short of the Gross Estimated Expenditure by the Net Surplus of £12,262 6s. 4d.

   (b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Naval Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £43,113 3s. 9d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule; while the Receipts in Aid of such Services exceeded the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £36,084 5s. 6d., as shown in Column No. 4 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Total Actual Receipts in Aid of the Grants for Naval Services fell short of the Total Estimated Receipts by the Net Surplus of £70,360 10s. 2d.

   (c.) That the resulting Differences between the Exchequer Grants for Naval Services and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:—

   Net Surplus - £58,088 4d.

2. That the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, in reduction of the Net Charge on the Exchequer Grants for certain Naval 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

Navy Services as is necessary to cover the said Total Deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

3. Resolved, That the Application of such Sums be sanctioned.

Navy and Army Expenditure, 1896-97.

4. That it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ending the 31st day of March 1897, 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 £125,621 0s. 1d. 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 £282,574 16s. 9d. as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Total Actual Receipts in Aid of such Services fell short of the Gross Estimated Expenditure by the Net Surplus of £70,360 10s. 2d.

   (b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £36,084 5s. 6d., as shown in Column No. 3 of the said appended Schedule; while the Receipts in Aid of other Army Services exceeded the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £70,360 10s. 2d., 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 Estimated Receipts by the Net Surplus of £124,809 12s. 5d.

   (c.) That the resulting Differences between the Exchequer Grants for Army Services and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:—

   Net Surplus - £222,222 2s. 4d.
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5. That the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorized 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 authorized the application of so much of the said Total Surplus on certain Grants for Army Services as is necessary to cover the said Total Deficit on other Grants for Army Services.

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The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on East India Revenue Accounts;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 14th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty-five minutes before Eight of the clock, till to-morrow.

Thursday, 4th August, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bolton, Turton, and Westhoughton Extension Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Glasgow Corporation Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ryndmuir and Aber Valleys Gas and Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the Ryndmuir and Aber Valleys Gas and Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Public Petition was presented, and read; Public and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Coal Exports, which was presented upon the 3rd day of this instant August, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Com-

Executive, the Bill, on the Births, Deaths, and Marriages in Scotland (Abstracts of 1896), No. 354.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Com-

Orders for the 24th day of February last, for a Return relative to Deaths from Starvation or Privation, accelerated by Famine, to Her Majesty, dated 24th day of February last, for a Return relative to Deaths from Starvation or Privation; and to Asylums (England and Wales) and to Asylums (Scotland and Ireland); No. 354.

Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Com-

Railway Annual Reports. Returns of Accidents and Casualties on Railways during the Six Months ending 30th June 1898, together with Reports of the Inspecting Officers of the Railway Department upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Copy of General Report of the Board of Trade railway on Railway Accidents which have occurred on the Railways of the United Kingdom during the year 1897.

Ordered, That the said Reports do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Railways (Street and Road) be printed.
Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Business of the House (Days occupied by Government and by Private Members).

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—

Ordered, That the said Returns be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the joint Memorandum on the relations of Primary and Secondary Schools to one another in a National System of Education, which was based on the Statistics embodied in a Parliamentary Paper, No. 264, of Session 1898. (Colonel Lockwood.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Water, Gas, Tramway, Electric Lighting, and other Reproductive Undertakings carried on by Municipal Boroughs, in the following form:

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—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

George Doughty, Esquire, Member for the New Member Borough of Great Grimsby, was sworn.

Mr. Cohen reported from the Select Committee on Gas Companies (Metropolitan Charges) That they had not to consider the matters to them referred, and directed him to make a Report to the House, 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.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons) have Power to report their Observations thereupon to the House.

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Lord Stanley reported from the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons); 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.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Universities and College Estates 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 Libraries Offences 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.

Messrs. 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 Vexatious Actions (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Parish Fire Engines Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Habitual Offenders Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Central Railway Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Western Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Alloa and Clackmannan Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Faugliee (Improvement) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Western Railway (New Works) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London United Tramways Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Saint Helen's Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Fishguard and Stranraer Railway and Harbours Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the West Ham Corporation 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 University Commission Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Corporation Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Forrest Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the North British Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Central Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Portsmouth Corporation Tramways Bill, without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Estimates, 1898-99.

Class VI.

1. £2,784,857, 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. £3,300, to complete the Sum for certain Pensions to Masters and Servants of the Merchant Service, and to their Widows and Children.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item C. (Miscellaneous Allowances) be reduced by £89 9s., in respect of an Allowance to the Bishop of Sodor and Man for Incomes of Schoolmasters, &c. (Dr. Clerk);

The Committee divided.


Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. £13,855, to complete the Sum for a Grant in Aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics in Ireland.

5. £5,576, to complete the Sum for Hospitals and Infirmaries, and certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in Ireland, including sundry Grants in Aid.

Class VII.

6. £1,924, to complete the Sum for certain Miscellaneous Expenses.

7. £20,000, for a Grant to the Congested Districts (Scotland) Fund, constituted by the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897, in Aid of Expenditure in carrying out the purposes of the Act, and for other purposes.

8. £6,818, for the Repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund of certain Miscellaneous Advances.

Class III.

9. Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item S. (Miscellaneous Expenditure) be reduced by £39,280, to be granted to

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Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, 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 Governor of the Inspectors of Prosecutions, of other Legal Proceedings, and of Parliamentary Agency;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £2,000, in respect of the Salaries of the Attorney General—(Mr. Caldwell);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \( \text{Mr. Caldwell} \):

Yea, \{ \text{Mr. Herbert Lewis} \}; \quad 44.

Tellers for the \( \text{Sir William Walrond} \),

Noes, \{ \text{Mr. Austruther} \}; \quad 122.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

10. Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item B. (Salaries of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police) 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 1899, for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses, including a Grant in Aid of the Salaries and Expenses of the Incorporated Law Society;

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item II. be reduced by £1,000, in respect of the Salaries of the Railway and Canal Commission—(Mr. Herbert Lewis);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the \( \text{Mr. Herbert Lewis} \),

Yea, \{ \text{Mr. Strigg} \}; \quad 26.

Tellers for the \( \text{Sir William Walrond} \),

Noes, \{ \text{Mr. Austruther} \}; \quad 118.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

11. £20,000, to complete the Sum for each of the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

12. £2,920, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Land Registry.

13. £28,810, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

14. £41,107, to complete the Sum 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.

15. £24,066, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Prisons in England, Wales, and the Colonies.

16. £122,098, to complete the Sum for the Expense of the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory, Industrial, and Day Industrial Schools in Great Britain, and of the Inspectors of Reformatories.

17. £22,291, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

Resolutions to be reported.

Class IV.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £681,867, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Public Education in Scotland.

18. £1,000, in respect of the Salaries of the Attorney General—(Mr. Herald)

19. £100, in respect of the Salary of the Attorney General—(Mr. Caldwell).

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Bill.

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P. 2, l. 24, at the end of the Amendment made by this House, to add—

("(2) But this Act shall not apply to proce-

cesses in courts-martial unless so applied—

"(a) As to courts-martial under the Naval

Discipline Act, 1869, by general orders

made in pursuance of section sixty-five

of that Act; and

"(b) As to courts-martial under the Army

Act, by rules made in pursuance of

section seventy of that Act,"), 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—(Mr. Attorney General); the House divided;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. William Walowood, 
Mr. Amstruther.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Caldwell, 
Mr. Edward Morton:

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That 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 Public Works Loans 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 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 Liverpool 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-
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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chepilis presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Second Report of the Committee appointed by arrangement between the President of the Local Government Board and the Chancellor of the Exchequer to inquire into the efficiency of the Staff, &c., and the Organisation, of the Local Government Board.

Copy of Report to the Local Government Board on the Epidemic of Typhoid Fever in the Borough of Maidstone, 1897, with Appendices.

Copy of Report to the Local Government Board on the Ventilation and Warming in certain of the Metropolitan Poor Law Schools, by

William Napier Shaw, of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, B.A., F.R.S., Lecturer on Experimental Physics in the University of Cambridge.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the President of the Local Government Board to inquire into the question of Workhouse Dietaries.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrich presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of General Annual Return of the British Army for the year 1897, with Abstracts, &c.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of February last, for a Return relative to Payments of Public Money from more than one Source.

No. 581.

Superannuation Act, 1884.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 29th July 1898, declaring that John William Squiers, Postman, Woodford Green, Post Office Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Seventh Report of the Congested Districts Board for Ireland, for the Period from 1st April 1897 to 31st March 1898.

Copy of Tables showing the extent in Statute Acres and the Produce of the Crops for the year 1898, with Tables showing the Average Yearly Extent under the principal Crops, and the Average Produce thereof in the Ten Years 1888-97; also, Bee-keeping Statistics for the Season 1897.

General Abstracts of Agricultural Statistics in Ireland, showing the Arrangement under Crops, also the Number and Description of Live Stock in each County and Province, 1897-98.

Copy of Report and Tables relating to Migratory Agricultural Labourers (Ireland), 1898.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Telephones have leave to sit to-morrow, notwithstanding the Adjournment of the House.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, for the year 1896-7, the Classification of competing Guns; the Amount of Money paid to Guns' Crews in each Class; the percentage proportion of the Total Amount paid in each Class to Petty Officers and Seamen, Royal Navy, to Non-commissioned Officers and Gunners, Royal Marine Artillery, to Non-commissioned Officers and Privates, Royal Marine Light Infantry, respectively; and the approximate Number of Men in the Fleet from which the Guns' Crews were drawn.

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Mr. James William Lesther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lesther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lesther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lesther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.  
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lesther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, for the year 1896-7, the Classification of competing Guns; the Amount of Money paid to Guns' Crews in each Class; the percentage proportion of the Total Amount paid in each Class to Petty Officers and Seamen, Royal Navy, to Non-commissioned Officers and Gunners, Royal Marine Artillery, to Non-commissioned Officers and Privates, Royal Marine Light Infantry, respectively; and the approximate Number of Men in the Fleet from which the Guns' Crews were drawn.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lether reported from the Committee on the Military Lands Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill, 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.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 881,781, be granted to the said Service—(Captain Sinclair);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Captain Sinclair), 38. 

Mr. Campbell; 36. 

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), 88.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. John Fletcher Moulton, Esquire, Q.C., Member for the County of Cornwall (North-Eastern Division), was sworn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Estimates, 1898-99.

Class II.

1. £. 36,982, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, etc., in England.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 240,535, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the Public Services, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office, and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Public Debates.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 340,435, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Dillon)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.


5. Motion made, and Question proposed, 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 1899, for Her Majesty’s Foreign and other Secret Services.

Whereupon Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 3,000, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Dillon);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Dillon), 46. 

Mr. Labouchere; 46.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), 120.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class IV.

6. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 901,667, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Public Education in Scotland, and for Science and Art in Scotland.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

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The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Metropolitan Electric Supply Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Vaccination Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration.

The Lords' Amendments, as far as the Amendment in p. 2, l. 7, being read a second time, were agreed to.

P. 2, l. 7 (to leave out Clause 2), the next Amendment, being read a second time:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth disagree with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr. Chaplin):

The House divided.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Circuit Clerks of Justice Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Tramways Orders Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 10) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Whitechapel and Bow Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the consequential Amendments made by this House to the Benefices (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Chelsea Electricity Supply Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the London and North Western Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Metropolitan Electric Supply Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Rochdale Corporation Water Bill, without any Amendment.
Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to communicate the said Reasons (with the Bill and Amendments): And that the Clerk do carry the same.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 10) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. Horsley reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

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necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for such of the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,500, be Land Registry, granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Land Registry.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £28,810, be County Courts, granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £41,076, 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 1899, for the Salaries of Medical Referees and Expenses connected with the Metropolitan Police, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inspectors of Constabulary.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £24,086, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries of the Principals in the Prisons in England, Wales, and the Colonies.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £122,698, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries of the Inspector of Reformatory Schools (Great Britain), and the Inspectors of Reformatory Schools.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £28,251, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Consideration of the Motion of Mr. Horsley, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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London The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
West Ham Bill.

Great Western Railway Bill.
The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Great Western Railway Bill; and the same were
twice read, and agreed to.

Keighley Corporation Bill.
The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Keighley Corporation Bill; and the same were
twice read, and agreed to.

London United
Tramways Bill.
The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
London United Tramways Bill; and the same were
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Paignton Improvement Bill.
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tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Paignton Improvement Bill; and the same were
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Saint Helen's Corporation Bill.
The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
Saint Helen's Corporation Bill; and the same were
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West Hartlepool Corporation Bill.
The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the
West Hartlepool 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
has agreed to the Amendments made by their
Lordships.

Standing Order 54 was read, and amended, by standing
adding at the end the words "and a copy of the
said map, with the said boundaries delineated
thereon, shall also be deposited at the Office
of the Board of Agriculture."

Standing Order 26 was read, and amended:

Standing Order 35 was read, and amended.

Standing Order 34 was read, and amended

Ordered, That, as regards Private Bills to be
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 Amend-
ments, such Amendments be now considered.

Ordered, That, as regards Private Bills to be
returned by the House of Lords with Amend-
ments, such Amendments be considered forth-
with.

Ordered, That, when it is intended to propose
any Amendments thereto, a copy of such Amend-
ments 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.)
The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Whitechapel and Bow Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 10) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 10) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Electric Lighting Provisional Order (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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Electric Lighting 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Electric Lighting 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Military Lands Provisional Orders Confirmation (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 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.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Order of the Secretary of State, dated 6th August 1899, applying, with modifications, the provisions of Section 40 of the Patent and Workshop Act, 1893, to Factories and Workshops in which Wholesale Tailoring is carried on.

Copy of Resolution of the County Council of Warwickshire, dividing the Chilvers Coton Parliamentary Polling District into two new Parliamentary Polling Districts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Copy of Report on the Banking, Railway, and Shipping Statistics of Ireland, for the half-year ended 30th June 1898.

Copy of the Report of the President of Queen's College, Galway, for the Session 1897—98.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of History of the earlier years of the Funded Debt, from 1694 to 1785.

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Bounty, Salvage, and other Moneys, between the 1st April 1897 and the 31st March 1898. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Birth, Deaths, and Marriages. (England.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Charity Commissioners' Reports, and Returns relative to Inquiries into Charities, respectively, comprising an Index, alphabetically arranged, of the Names and Places mentioned in the Reports on Endowed Charities in the Administrative County of Lancaster, and County Boroughs in the said County, or of any part thereof, together with any 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 1857; (2) A Digest showing, in the case of each such Parish, whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Reports.

Further Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of February 1896, 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 Lancaster, 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. (Mr. Grant Lawson.)

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Vagrancy Act Lords to the Vagrancy Act Amendment Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Floods Prevention Bill. Ordered, That the said Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table. 

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns relative to Australasia (Bounties, &c.), was read, and discharged. (Mr. Secretary Chamberlain.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Report of the Committee of the Privy Council on the Imperial Acts for the renewal of which has been refused in the year 1897 by the Licensing Magistrates, justices of the Peace, or other Licensing Authority in each Licensing District in Scotland, and showing also the result of an Appeal, if any. (Mr. John Wilson [Green].)

Resolved, That, in the event of a Return to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Copies of the Further Reports (India Office), on the Indian Section of the Imperial Institute issued by the India Office since the publication of the Return of the 21st day of April 1896. (Six Members, to be called Mr. Chaplin.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copy of Sixtieth Annual Report of Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, for the year 1896.

Ordered, That an Amendment made by the House, Public House, Grocers', and other Licensing Authority in each Licensing District in Scotland, and showing also the result of an Appeal, if any. (Mr. John Wilson [Green].)
laid before this House, a Return showing the 
British Colonies which pay Bounties on the 
export of Agricultural Produce, and defining the 
Commodities on which such Bounties are paid, 
and the Amounts under each Heading.—(Mr. 
O’Keeley.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, 
a Copy of Returns of the Names, Objects, or 
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, Amount of Calls made on such Share, and the Total 
Amount of Calls received of all Joint Stock 
Companies, for the period ending 31st day of 
December 1897, inclusive, distinguishing whether the Companies are limited 
or unlimited, and also the Number of Share­holders in each of the said Companies at the date 
of the last Return, and whether still in operation or 
being wound up.—Of the Total Number having their registered Offices in the City of 
London, or within five miles of the General Post Office.—And, of the Total Number and the paid-up Capital of all registered Companies which are believed to be carrying on business at the present time:

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said 
Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the 
Table; and be printed. 

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Message from 
the Lords.

Consols and 
Inland 
Revenue Bill.
Nonconformist 
Marriages 
(Attendance of Registrars) Bill.
Elementary 
Schools 
Tellers 
(Representative Bill.
Cardiff 
Railway Bill.
Local Govern­ 
ment (Ireland) 
Bill.
Haywood 
Corporation 
Water Bill 
[Lords.]
Y-Cumberland 
Corporation 
Water Bill 
[Lords.]
Money 
Railway Bill 
[Lords.]
Borough Police 
and Health 
(Scotland.) 
Borough Police 
and Police 
Bill 227.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill 
to amend the Law in regard to the Sewer­age 
and Draining and Water Supply of Burghs in 
Scotland: And that the Lord Advocate and 
Mr. Atkinson do prepare, and bring in:

The Lord Advocate accordingly presented a 
Bill to amend the Law in regard to the Sewer­age 
and Draining and Water Supply of Burghs in 
Scotland: And the same was read the first 
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Civil Service Estimates, 1898-99.
Class V.
1. £ 1,000, to complete the Sum for a Grant in 
Aid of the Revenue of the Island of Cyprus.
Class II.
2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That 
a Sum, not exceeding £ 50,726, be granted to 
Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to 
defray the Charge which will come in course of 
payment during the year ending on the 31st day 
of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of 
the Board of Agriculture, and to pay certain 
Grants in Aid:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, 
That Item A. be reduced by £ 100, in respect 
of the Salary of the President of the Board of 
Agriculture.—(Mr. Strachey);
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Caldwell),
Yes, (Mr. Courtney Warner) 45.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), 
Noes, Mr. Anstruther 130.
Original Question again proposed:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, 
That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £ 200 
(Mr. Caldwell);
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Caldwell),
Yes, (Mr. Clark) 43.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), 
Noes, Mr. Anstruther 128.
Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That 
a Sum, not exceeding £ 26,687, be granted 
for the said Service.—(Mr. Strachey);
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Caldwell),
Yes, (Dr. Clerk) 35.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), 
Noes, Mr. Anstruther 120.
Original Question put, and agreed to.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That 
a Sum, not exceeding £ 26,687, be granted 
for the said Service.—(Mr. Strachey);
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Caldwell),
Yes, (Mr. Anstruther) 45.
Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther), 
Noes, Mr. Steadman 130.
Original Question put, and agreed to.

5. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a 
Sum, not exceeding £ 26,687, be granted 
for the said Service.—(Mr. Pickering) — Motion, by leave, 
withdrawn.

Original Question put;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), 
Noes, Mr. Atkinson 48.
Tellers for the (Mr. Steadman), 
Mr. Steadman 120.

And it being after Ten of the clock, the Chair­man puts 
man, in pursuance of the Order of the House 
the Question 
of the 21st day of February last, proceeded to put 
the Question necessary to dispose of the out­standing Votes in the Committee of Supply.

3 3 4.
5. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £141,775, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board in Ireland, including certain Grants in Aid of Local Taxation:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: | 156.
Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, Nos, Mr. Doogan: | 52.

6. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £8,6119, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in Ireland:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: | 152.
Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, Nos, Mr. Doogan: | 57.

7. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £77,151, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries, Allowances, Expenses, and Pensions of various County Court Officers, of Commissioners, and of Magistrates in Ireland, and the Expenses of Revision:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: | 150.
Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, Nos, Mr. Doogan: | 56.

8. £67,953 (including a Supplementary Sum of £1,500), to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioner of Police, the Police Courts, and the Metropolitan Police Establishment of Dublin:

9. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £71,131, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries, Allowances, Expenses, and Pensions of various County Court Officers, of Commissioners, and of Magistrates in Ireland, and the Expenses of Revision:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: | 156.
Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, Nos, Mr. Doogan: | 56.

10. £69,096, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the General Prisons Board in Ireland, and of the Prisons under their control, and of the Registration of Habitual Criminals:

11. £54,936, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Ireland:

12. £3,955, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Dun-drum Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Ireland:

Class I.

13. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £129,672, 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 1899, for the Survey of the United Kingdom, and for minor Services connected therewith:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: | 161.
Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, Nos, Mr. Doogan: | 52.

14. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £108,678, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, 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:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: | 158.
Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, Nos, Mr. Doogan: | 50.


16. Motion made, and Question put, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £8,500, 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 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: | 149.
Tellers for the Mr. Woods, Nos, Mr. Havelock Wilson: | 65.

17. £17,005, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the House of Lords:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: | 150.
Tellers for the Mr. Woods, Nos, Mr. Havelock Wilson: | 65.

18. £59,440, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Treasury and Subordinate Departments:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: | 158.
Tellers for the Mr. Woods, Nos, Mr. Havelock Wilson: | 65.

19. £29,250, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, including a Grant in Aid of certain Expenses connected with Emigration:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: | 153.
Tellers for the Mr. Woods, Nos, Mr. Havelock Wilson: | 55.

20. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £29,250, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: | 158.
Tellers for the Mr. Woods, Nos, Mr. Havelock Wilson: | 65.

21. £7,205, to complete the Sum for a Grant in Aid of the Mercantile Marine Fund.

22. £1,7235, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Dun-drum Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Ireland:

Class I.

23. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £120,672, 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 1899, for the Survey of the United Kingdom, and for minor Services connected therewith:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther: | 161.
Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, Nos, Mr. Doogan: | 52.
24. £ 7, to complete the Sum for meeting the Deficiency of Income from Fees, &c. for the requirements of the Board of Trade, under the Bankruptcy Acts, 1883 and 1893, and " The Companies (Winding-Up) Act, 1890."

25. £ 432, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in England.

26. Motion made, and Question put, 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 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including the Expenses of Coinage:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, 1 Yes, Mr. Austruther: 1 144.

Tellers for the (Mr. Lloyd-George), 2 Noes, Mr. Herbert Lewis: 2 51.

27. £ 15,572, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office.

28. £ 1,185, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment under the Public Works Loan Commissioners.

29. £ 3,615, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Lunacy in Scotland.

30. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 27,932, 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 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment of the Office of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin and London, and Subordinate Departments:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, 1 Yes, Mr. Austruther: 1 146.

Tellers for the (Mr. Dillon, 2 Noes, Mr. Doogan: 2 58.

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Class III.

31. Motion made, and Question put, 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 1899, for the Expenses of the Estates Commissioners in Scotland, and of the Prisons of Criminal Lunatics and the Preparation of Judicial Statistics:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, 1 Yes, Mr. Austruther: 1 144.

Tellers for the (Mr. Robert Wallace (Edinburgh), 2 Noes, (Edinburgh): 2 56.

32. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 54,889, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, 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 Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, 1 Yes, Mr. Austruther: 1 144.

Tellers for the (Mr. Robert Wallace (Perth): 55.

Class IV.

33. £ 805, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners for Vol. 155.
Tuesday, 9th August, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Cardiff Railway Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Cardiff Railway Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Railways (Shunting Accidents.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Rates (Non-payment) (Scotland), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Local Authority (Scotland) (Conditions of Contracts) Bill.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Local Authority (Scotland) (Conditions of Contracts), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Memorandum, dated 28th April 1898, issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the Army.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of June last, for Returns relative to Railways (Shunting Accidents). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Police (Constabulary) Bill.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Rates (Non-payment) (Scotland), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ireland.

Ordered, That the Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Haldane presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-first Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Inland Revenue for the year ended 31st March 1898.

Customs.

Copy of Forty-second Report of the Commissioners of Customs for the year ended 31st March 1898.

Post Office.

Copy of Report of Committee appointed by the Treasury to inquire into the Acreage of the Irish Day Mails; with Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 23rd day of June last, for a Return relative to Evening Continuation Schools.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Education (Primary and Secondary Schools) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

East India (Contagious Diseases) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant August, for Returns relative to Navy (Prime Fitting).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Post Office (Local Authority (Scotland) (Conditions of Contracts) 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 Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Bill be now taken into consideration.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration.

The said Amendments, being read a second time (and it appearing that the said Amendments were twice read, and agreed to; and a consequential Amendment was made to the Bill), the House did desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Nonconformist Marriages (Attendance of Registrars) 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; and a consequential Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships; and hath made a Consequential Amendment to the Bill; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, Comprising to request that their Lordships will be pleased to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Companies Bill, with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, &c.—(Mr. Ritchie): And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, Copyright to request that their Lordships will be pleased to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Copyright Bill and the Copyright (Amendment) Bill, with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, &c.
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No. 382.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

To the Commons in Parliament Assembled,

Sir,—I have to acquaint you, that the Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Metropolis (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Vaccination Bill, to the effect that the Proposed Bill should contain a provision for the Addiction of Habitual Criminals.

Mr. Henbury reported from the Select Committee on Telephones; 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.

Mr. Henbury reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

Civil Service Estimates, 1898-99.

Class V.

1. 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 1899, for a Grant in Aid of the Revenue of the Island of Cyprus.

Class II.

2. 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 1899, for the Expenses of the Board of Agriculture.

3. 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 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for England and Wales, including the Endowed Schools Department.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £30,726, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Metropolitan Police Force.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £114,773, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board in Ireland, including certain Grants in Aid of Local Taxation.

Yours, &c.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders of this House, as amended, be printed.

Mr. Attorney General: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders of this House, as amended, be printed.

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 Metropolitan Common Poor Fund Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Tracts (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Liverpool Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Vaccination Bill, to which this House has disagreed, viz., to leave out Clause 2, and have agreed to the restored Clause as amended by this House.

Telephones.

No. 463.

Supply

[27th October]

1898-99

Island of

Cyprus (Grant

to

in

All)

Board of

Agriculture.

Charity

Commission

(England and

Wales)

Local

Government

Board.

Local

Government

Board (Ireland).

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £28,119, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in Ireland.

Class III.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £77,101, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries, Allowances, Expenses, and Pensions of various County Court Officers, of Commissioners of Magistracies in Ireland, and the Expenses of Revision.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £67,555 (in Dublin including a Supplementary Sum of £1,500), 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 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioner of Police, the Police Courts, and the Metropolitan Police Establishment of Dublin.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £75,577 (in Dublin including the Metropolitan Police), be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £60,006, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Expenses of the General Prisons Board in Ireland, and of the Prisons under their control, and of the Registration of Habitual Criminals.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £54,856, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Expenses of Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Ireland.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,055, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Dundrum Lunatic Asylum, Ireland.

Class I.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £129,672, 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 1899, for the Survey of the United Kingdom, and for minor Services connected therewith.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £109,078, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Expenditure, 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.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £22,507, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Payments under the "Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883," the Light Railways (Ireland) Acts, &c.—(Mr. Attorney General).
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Acts, 1889 and 1893, and “The Railway (Lump_sum) Act, 1898.”

16. 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 1899, for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

Class II.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,107, 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 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the House of Lords.

18. That a Sum, not exceeding £17,005, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Offices of the House of Commons.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,440, 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 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of Her Majesty’s Treasury and Subordinate Departments.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £29,255, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, 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.

21. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,555, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council.

22. That a Sum, not exceeding £129,444, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

23. That a Sum, not exceeding £27,255, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for a Grant in Aid of the Mercantile Marine Fund.

24. That a Sum, not exceeding £7, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for meeting the Deficiency of Income from Fees, &c., for the requirements of the Board of Trade, under the Bankruptcy Acts, 1883 and 1890, and “The Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1890.”

25. That a Sum, not exceeding £9,432, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in England.

26. 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 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office.

27. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,195, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office.

28. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,195, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment of the Crofters Commission.

29. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,519, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Lunacy in Scotland.

30. That a Sum, not exceeding £27,032, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin, and of Consular and Subordinate Departments.

Class III.

31. That a Sum, not exceeding £3,250, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Establishment of the Crofters Commission.

32. That a Sum, not exceeding £24,889, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and 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.

33. That a Sum, not exceeding £605, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for a Grant in Aid for certain Schools Endowments in Ireland.

34. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,604, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for a Grant in Aid of the National Gallery of Ireland, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

35. 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 1899, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the Queen’s Colleges in Ireland.

Class IV.

36. That a Sum, not exceeding £182,463, 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 1899, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the British Protectorates in Uganda.
Uganda, and in Central, and East, Africa, and under
the Uganda Railway Act, 1896.

The said Resolutions were agreed to.

The First Twelve Resolutions were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Seventeenth Resolution; the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nays to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis],

Noes, [Dr. Clark],

Mr. Speaker put the Question, and the Affirmative side of the House, won by 144.

The Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, and Twenty-first Resolutions were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Twenty-second Resolution; the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nays to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Walrond],

Tellers for the [Mr. Havelock Wilson],

Mr. Speaker put the Question, and the Affirmative side of the House, won by 114.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Thirteenth Resolution; the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nays to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],

Tellers for the [Mr. Asquith],

Mr. Speaker put the Question, and the Affirmative side of the House, won by 101.

The Resolution was agreed to.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Fifteenth Resolution; the House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Nays to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis],

Tellers for the [Mr. Maddison],

Mr. Speaker put the Question, and the Affirmative side of the House, won by 88.

The Resolution was agreed to.

Therefore the Second Resolutions were agreed to.

The Third Resolution, by leaving out " £. 129,672," and inserting " £. 129,572 "—(Sir Anstruther), necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Her Majesty’s Works and Public Buildings.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £.10,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Services necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Her Majesty’s Foreign and other Secret Services.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £.681,867, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Services necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Education in Scotland, and for Science and Art in Scotland.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £.3,000, 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 1899, 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 in Scotland.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £.600,781, 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 1899, for sundry Grants in Aid.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £.108,380, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for sundry Grants in Aid.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £.691,867, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum Services necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for sundry Grants in Aid.

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £.5,525, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for sundry Grants in Aid.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £.5,927, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for sundry Grants in Aid.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £.400,781, 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 1899, for sundry Grants in Aid.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £.66,507, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for sundry Grants in Aid.
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Colleges in Great Britain, and of the Expences under the "Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1890." 15. That a Sum, not exceeding £10, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Expences of the University of London.

Class V.
16. That a Sum, not exceeding £271,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, 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.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, a Resolution; which was read, and ordered to be printed.

That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, the Sum of £42,968,470 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. James Williams Leatham, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented a Bill to apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March 1899, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament, And the Question being proposed, That the Lords' Amendments be now considered, the Question was put, and the House divided.

The Lords' Amendments were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Navy Pay (Prize Firing), which was presented upon the 6th of August, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Thirty-sixth Annual Report from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, with Appendices, for the year ending 31st March 1898.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Thirty-sixth Annual Report from the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, in Ireland, for the year ending 31st March 1898.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Mr. Gerald Boulton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Thirteenth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, and Keeper of the State Papers, in Ireland [14th May 1898].

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Walrond presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Thirteenth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, and Keeper of the State Papers, in Ireland [14th May 1898].

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Copy of Temporary Arrangement regulating Commercial Relations between the United Kingdom and the German Empire, 10th August, 1897.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 8th day of this instant August, for Returns relative to County Courts (Plaints and Sittings).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting Proceedings under the Conciliation Act, 1896, in relation to the Dispute in the Coal Trade of South Wales and Monmouth.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 8th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to East India (Contributions by the Imperial Institute).

Ordered, That the said Return 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 Account of Receipts and Expenditure of the Royal University of Ireland for the year ended 31st March 1898; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of Contracts, as above stated, entered into since the 6th day of July 1897 by the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office, for printing Official Forms, &c., for Departments of Her Majesty's Government, and for other printing, including the Army and Navy List, the Liverpool Customs Bill of Entry, Haldane Cardinge Distance Books, the Board of Trade Journal, the Chronological Table and Index of the Statutes, the Police Gazette, the Journal of the Board of Agriculture, &c., viz.: Langton and Company, 10th May 1897; Whittington and Sons, 14th June 1897; Waterlow Brothers and Loyd, 11th September 1897, 6th November 1897, 3rd December 1897, 7th December 1897; W. & J. Abercromby, 24th September 1897; G. R. Griffith, 29th October 1897; Alas. Thom and Company, Dublin, 1st November 1897, 15th April 1898, 26th April 1898; Collet and Company, Edinburgh, 8th November 1897; Kelher and Company, 11th November 1897; A. T. Roberts, Sons, and Company, 29th November 1897; Horner and Hardie, 11th December 1897; Eyre and Spottiswoode, 20th December 1897; W. & J. Griffith and Sons, 28th March 1898; Morrison and Gill, Edinburgh, 7th April 1898; ditto; Brown and Nolan, Dublin, 18th April 1898; John Paterson, Dublin, 26th April 1898; James Truscott and Son, 29th April 1898; Hezlet, Watson, and Yeats, 5th June 1898; ditto, ditto; Beckett Publishing and Printing Company, 10th June 1898.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the County Courts Jurisdiction Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 10th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then Eight of the clock, till to-morrow.

Thursday, 11th August, 1898.

The House met at Three of the clock.

O R D E R E D, That the Proceedings upon Standing Orders Monday the 8th day of this instant August be suspended on the Amendments then made to Standing Orders 26a and 26b be read, and rescinded.

Standing Order 26a was read, and amended,—In line 3, after the word "by," by inserting the words "or under.

In line 5, after the third word "the," by inserting the words "Fisheries and Harbour Department of the Board of Trade and at the Office of the.

Standing Order 26b was read, and amended,—In line 3, after the word "by," by inserting the words "or under.

In line 5, after the second word "the," by inserting the words "Fisheries and Harbour Department of the Board of Trade and at the Office of the."—(Mr. Ritchie.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Business ordered to lie upon the Table.

Vida Supplemen-
to the Ninth Report.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Army Command,—Copy of Schedule of Purchases of Property at Salisbury Plain.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Treasury and Command,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade and Agriculture, &c., for a Return relative to Intoxicating Liquors (Licences Refused) (Scotland).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to an Intoxicating Liquors Order, dated the 8th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Intoxicating Liquors (Licences Refused) (Scotland).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order Government of the County Council of Worcester constituting the Urban District of "King's Norton, and Northfield" from the Purveyor of King's Norton, Northfield, and Bredon, under Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1898, as confirmed by the Local Government Board.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hasbury presented, by Her Majesty's Government Command,—Copies of Reports with Appendices, submitted by Dr. Thorpe upon the Work of the Inland Revenue Branch of the Government Laboratory, for the years ended respectively 31st March 1897 and 31st March 1898.

Mr. Hasbury also presented,—Return to an Intoxicating Liquors Order, dated the 10th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Stationary Office Contracts.

Mr. Hasbury also presented, pursuant to the Supreme Court directions of several Acts of Parliament,—3 x 3 Account No. 338.
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do leave 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 Lancaster, South-West Lancashire (Southport Division), under the Order of Council, dated 18th September, 1894, to Representative for the said County, which has accepted the Office of Steward and Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northallerton, in the County of York. (Sir William Wedderburn.)

Ordered, That this House do meet tomorrow, sitting of the at half-past Ten of the clock. (Mr. Birley.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of a Return (1) of all Sums paid in each year to this Country under the Administration of Cyprus; and also of the Surplus remaining in each year over and above the payments made out of such Revenues on account of the said Turkey Loan and laid aside by way of Sinking Fund, together with the Interest thereon. (Mr. Pierpont.)

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 Taxation Account (Scotland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Outdoor Relief (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Seed Supply and Potato Spraying (Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Common Bills, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Works Loans Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Peasexuls Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords communicate Copies of the Reports from the Select Committees appointed by their Lordships in the present Session of Parliament on—

1. Companies Bill; 2. Copyright Bill and Copyright Amendment Bill; together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence.

The Lords request that this House will be pleased to communicate to the Lords of the Reports of the Select Committees appointed by this House in the present Session of Parliament on—

1. Private Bill Procedure (Scotland) Bill; 2. Telephones;
2. Telephone; together with the Proceedings of the Committees and Minutes of Evidence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation ) Bill. 

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 3, 4, 5, and 8, agreed to.

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 To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on East India Revenue Accounts; and a Minute being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "in the opinion of this House, the recent alterations made in the Law relating to sedition and the control of the Press in India, being a distinct departure from the traditional policy of the Indian Government in regard to the Press and to public criticism, demand the immediate attention of Parliament; and that, having regard to the conditions of British rule in India and to the exceptional part played by the Indian Press as the only medium for expressing the opinion of the people as to Government measures, and to the fact that such a policy of restriction and intimidation must, if persisted in, result in producing elements of danger to the Government of India, it is desirable that the legislation in question should be repealed at the earliest opportunity."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question; the Yeas to the Right; Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Austruther; Tellers for the Nos., Sir William Wedderburn. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair:—The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee. (In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it appears, by the Accounts laid before this House, that the Total Revenue of India for the year ending the 31st day of March 1897 was Rs. 94,129,741; that the Total Expenditure in India and in England charged against the Revenue was Rs. 93,924,783; and that the Capital Outlay on Railways and Irrigation Works not charged against Revenue was Rs. 4,084,422. (Secretary Lord George Hamilton.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 18th day of July last, Mr. Speaker proceeded to tour the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes after Eleven of the clock, until To-morrow.

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The Lords request that this House will be pleased to communicate to their Lordships Copies of the Reports, &c. from the Select Committees appointed by this House during the present Session of Parliament on—

1. Museums of the Science and Art Department.
2. Money Lending; together with the Proceedings of the Committees and Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered, That Printed Copies of the said Reports be communicated to the Lords, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do deliver the same.

A Message was delivered by Thomas Deere Butler, Esquire, Yeoman 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, 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 thereby mentioned; and the Lords, thereby authorised, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Appropriation Act, 1898.
2. Vexatious Actions (Scotland) Act, 1898.
3. Parish Fire Engines Act, 1898.
5. Vagrancy Act, 1898.
7. Circuit Clerks (Scotland) Act, 1898.
9. Revenue Act, 1898.
12. Criminal Evidence Act, 1898.
14. Metropolitan Poor Act, 1898.
16. Trusts (Scotland) Act, 1898.
17. Vaccination Act, 1898.
18. Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1898.
19. Outdoor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1898.
22. Metropolitan Commons Act, 1898.
23. Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1898.
25. Inebriates Act, 1898.
27. Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1898.
28. Post Office (Local Authority Guarantee) Amendment Act, 1898.
29. Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Act, 1898.
30. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1898.
31. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1898.
32. Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Act, 1898.
33. Electric Lighting Order Confirmation (No. 15) Act, 1898.
34. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1898.
35. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Act, 1898.
36. Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 10) Act, 1898.
37. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 13) Act, 1898.
38. Metropolitan Commons (East Sheen) Supplemental Act, 1898.
39. Military Lands Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1898.
40. India Office (Store Deposits) Act, 1898.
41. Bootle (Clay) Harbour Act, 1898.
42. Great North of Scotland Railway Act, 1898.
43. Nenehaven and Sothorpe Water Act, 1898.
44. Exeter Railway Act, 1898.
45. Sheffield Electric Lighting (Transfer) Act, 1898.
46. London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1898.
47. London County Council (Money) Act, 1898.
49. Sheffield District Railway Act, 1898.
50. Curative Corporation (Water) Act, 1898.
51. Purley Water Act, 1898.
52. Newcastle-upon-Tyne Corporation (New Infrmary Site) Act, 1898.
53. North British Railway (General Powers) Act, 1898.
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58. Chelsea Electricity Supply Act, 1898.
59. London and North Western Railway Act, 1898.
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68. Knot End Railway Act, 1898.
69. Hedges and Aber Valley Gas and Water Act, 1898.
71. Mersey Railway (Capital) Act, 1898.
72. Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway Act, 1898.
73. Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Act, 1898.
74. Midlothian County Council Act, 1898.
75. Liverpool Corporation Act, 1898.
76. Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Act, 1898.
77. Great Central Railway Act, 1898.
78. Great Western Railway (New Works) Act, 1898.
79. Kensington Corporation Act, 1898.
80. London United Tramways Act, 1898.
81. Poole Improvement Act, 1898.
82. South Wales Corporation Act, 1898.
83. West Ham Corporation Act, 1898.
84. Royalty Act, 1898.
And afterwards Her Majesty's Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of Her Majesty's Command), as follows:—

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

My relations with other nations continue to be friendly. I have witnessed with the deepest sorrow the hostilities that have taken place between Spain and the United States, two nations to whom My Empire is bound by many ties of affection and tradition. The negotiations which have recently been opened give a fair ground for hoping that this deplorable conflict will speedily be brought to a termination by the conclusion of an honourable and enduring peace.

Changes which have taken place in the territorial relations of other Powers with the Chinese Empire have induced me to conclude agreements by which the Harbour of Wei-hai-Wei and certain positions adjacent to My Colony of Hong Kong have been leased to Me by the Emperor of China. I trust that these arrangements will conduce to the maintenance of his independence and the security of his Empire, and will be favourable to the development of the extensive commerce which is carried on between the people of Great Britain and China.

In concert with the Emperor of Russia and the President of the French Republic, I have consented to guarantee a loan to enable the King of Greece to satisfy the stipulations of the recent Treaty of Peace between himself and the Sultan. The evacuation of Thessaly has, in pursuance of that Treaty, been duly carried into effect.

After lengthened negotiations, I have had great satisfaction in concluding with the Government of the French Republic a Convention, by which the numerous questions of territorial and commercial rights in West Africa, which had been for years in dispute between the two countries, have been finally settled.

This Convention is subject to ratification by the French Chambers, but, in the meantime, both Governments have instructed their officials to confine their occupation to the places and territories which, under the Convention, have been recognised as belonging to their respective countries.

Arrangements have been made for the establishment, at an early date, of a penny postage between the United Kingdom, My Dominion of Canada, My Colonies of Newfoundlands, the Cape of Good Hope and Natal, and other parts of My Empire.

In certain portions of Western India, and in a small district of the Punjab, the plague, though it has abated during the hot weather, still exists, and a few cases have occurred in other parts of the country. My Officers have done all that lies in their power to relieve the victims of the epidemic and to arrest its growth. I am thankful that bountiful harvests have been gathered throughout the greater part of India, and that the internal and external trade of the country is rapidly recovering from the depression caused by the famines of the preceding year.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the liberal provision which you have made for the defence of My Empire. The sacrifices which have been asked of you are severe, but they are not greater than the exigencies of the present time require. I am glad to recognise the value of the provisions to which you have assented for increasing the strength and efficiency of the Army.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I have seen with much gratification that among the many important Bills which you have passed you have this year added to the Statute Book an important measure for assimilating the local institutions of Ireland to those of England and Scotland. I trust that this valuable reform will tend to strengthen the bonds which unite the people of Great Britain and Ireland, and to increase their common affection to the fundamental institutions of the Realm.

I have seen also with satisfaction that among the many important Bills which you have passed are to be found the Bill for the reconstitution of the University of London, the Bill for enabling accused persons to be heard as witnesses, and the Bill for preventing abuse in the patronage and occupation of Benefices in the Established Church. The principles on which these measures rest have been generally accepted for many years; but an opportunity has not still now been found for passing them into law.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you.

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-ninth day of October next, to be then hereafter held: and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Saturday the twenty-ninth day of October next.

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Treasury Minutes, declaring that the following Persons in the under-mentioned Departments were appointed to the Offices set against their Names without the Grant of a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Heads of their Departments, viz.:—

825. Mr. T. H. Fleming, Clerk, Commissioners of Education, Ireland — by Act. 8
826. Mr. W. H. Snell, Postmaster, Tiverton — by Act. 8
827. Mr. J. L. Livesay, late Officer of Excise, Inland Revenue Department — by Act. 8
828. Mr. W. A. Wright, Postmaster, Ross — by Act. 8
829. G. Staunton, Viewer, Royal Small Arms Factory, War Department — by Act. 8
830. W. Barclay, Sub-Postmaster, Bishopston — by Act. 8
831. Emily J. Tippet, Sub-Postmistress, Cambridge — by Act. 8
832. N. R. Dyer, Postmaster, Redhill — by Act. 8
833. Margaret McCull, Postmistress, Stonehouse, Gloucester — by Act. 12
834. Mr. G. L. Eastlake, Keeper and Secretary, National Gallery — by Act. 116
835. Mr. E. H. E. Walker, Vice Consul, Tripoli — by Act. 116
836. Commander R. P. Jenkins, late Second Division Clerk, Exchequer and Audit Department — by Act. 105
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845. Mr. E. Lamont, late Second Division Clerk, Exciseman and Audit Department — by Act. 8
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854. Keeper of the Wallace Collection of Works of Art — by Act. 8
855. Assistant Professor of Physics, and Instructor in Miners' Surveying, Royal College of Science, London — by Act. 18
856. Chief Inspector of Fisheries, Board of Trade — by Act. 116
857. Assistant Inspector of Boarded-out Pauper Children under the Local Government Board — by Act. 149
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| Board of Agriculture (to complete) | 421 | £3,076 |
| Charity Commission (England and Wales) (to complete) | 421 | £25,827 |
| Local Government Board (to complete) | 421 | £15,845 |
| And, it being after Ten of the clock, the Chairman, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 21st day of February, proceeded to put the Questions necessary to dispose of the outstanding Votes in the Committee of Supply. | 421 |
| Local Government Board (Ireland) (to complete) | 422 | £11,735 |
| Public Works Office (Ireland) (to complete) (Division) | 422 | £23,119 |
| County Court Officers (Ireland) (to complete) (Division) | 422 | £27,131 |
| Dublin Metropolitan Police (to complete) (Supplementary Sum of 1,000L) | 423 | £67,603 |
| Prisons (Ireland) (to complete) | 423 | £54,506 |
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