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A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

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

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

GOD save The QUEEN.

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WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Friday the Eighth day of December One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-eight: 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 Seventh day of February One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-nine; 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 Seventh day of February One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-nine, assemble and be held for the despatch of divers urgent and important Affairs: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knightes, 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 Seventh day of February One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-nine.

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

GOD save The QUEEN.
Tuesday, 7th February, 1899.

PRAYERS at a quarter of an hour before Two of the clock.

A MESSAGE was delivered by Sir Michael Bidulph, Gentlemen 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 Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament, for the Borough of Darlington, in the room of the Right Honourable Sir Arthur Bower Forwood, Baronet, deceased.

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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.

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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 issue is declared to be a high crime or 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 passages through the Streets leading to this House be kept clear, and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House; and that no disorder be allowed in the streets, and that no person be permitted to concern himself in the matters of Commissioners aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first passed by the Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no other person do be appointed to print the same.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

A Bill for the more effectual preventing outlaws bill. Claudius Outlaw was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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Ordered, That the Bills at the end of the last Session, and from the end of the present Session, with an Index thereto, be printed.
Copy of Ninth Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners appointed to carry out a Scheme of Colonisation in the Dominion of Canada of Crofters and Cottars from the Western Highlands and Islands of Scotland, with Appendices.

Copies of Reports on the Federated Malay States for 1897.

Copies of Reports Nos. 222 (Legos, Annual Report for 1897), 223 (Saint Vincent, Annual Report for 1897), 224 (St. Lucia, Annual Report for 1897), 235 (Fair Isle, Annual Report for 1897), 236 (Strait Settlements, Annual Report for 1897), 237 (British New Guinea, Annual Report for 1896-7), 238 (Bahamas, Annual Report for 1897), 239 (Saint Lucia, Annual Report for 1897), 240 (Saint Helena, Annual Report for 1897), 241 (Trinidad and Tobago, Annual Report for 1897), 242 (British Honduras, Annual Report for 1897), 243 (Melita, Annual Report for 1897), 244 (Fiji, Annual Report for 1897), 245 (Hong Kong, Annual Report for 1897), 246 (Labuan, Annual Report for 1897), 247 (Grenada, Annual Report for 1897), 248 (Gibraltar, Annual Report for 1897), 249 (Yellow Coast, Annual Report for 1897), 250 (Mauritius and Rodrigues, Annual Report for 1897), 251 (British Solomon Islands, Annual Report for 1897-8), 252 (Seychelles, Annual Report for 1897), 253 (Labuan, Annual Report for 1897), 254 (Ceylon, Annual Report for 1897), 255 (Bastuland, Annual Report for 1897-8), and 256 (Newfoundland, Annual Report for 1898-7).


Copy of Papers relating to the British South Africa Company's Territories.

Copy of Further Correspondence relative to the Contract for the Sale of the Newfoundland Government Railway, and for other purposes.

Copy of Correspondence relating to the condition of the Picatu Islanders.


Copy of Returns, according to Provinces and Counties, of Judicial Rents fixed by Sub-Commissions and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms, together with a Return prepared in a similar manner of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Land Commission on Appeal, as notified to the Irish Land Commission during the Month of January 1898; also, Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

Copy of Returns, according to Provinces and Irish Land Counties, of Judicial Rents fixed by Chief Commissioners, Sub-Commissions, and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms; together with a Return prepared in a similar manner of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Irish Land Commission on Appeal, as notified during the Month of February 1898; also, Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

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Copy of Return under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1867, of the Number of Eviction Notices filed in the High Court of Justice and County Courts in Ireland during the Quarter ended 30th September 1898.

Copy of Return of the Number of Agrarian Outrages committed in Ireland which were Outrages reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary during the Quarter ended 30th September 1898.

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 the Tenants determined in Ireland, in the Quarter ended 30th September 1898.


Copy of First Report (with Appendix) of Intermediate Education Commissioners appointed to inquire into and report upon the system of Intermediate Education in Ireland, as established by the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Act, 1876, and into its practical working; also, as to whether any reforms or alterations of the present system are desirable, and, if so, whether further legislation is necessary for carrying them into effect.

Copy of List of (1) Associations constituted Voluntary under the Voluntary Schools Act, 1897; (2) Voluntary Schools Act, 1897 (Association); and (3) Unassociated Schools and Amounts of Aid Grant paid; and (4) Unassociated Schools and Amounts of Aid Grant paid, 1897-98.

Copy of Report on Sanitary Measures in India (East India) in 1896-97, Volume XXX.

Copy
Copy of Review and Tables relating to the Trade of British India with British Possessions and Foreign Countries for the five years 1893-94 to 1897-98.

Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on Liquor Licensing Laws, with Appendices, Volumes VIII. and IX.

Copy of Report by Captain J. H. Thompsen, R.N., Her Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the circumstances attending an Explosion of Detonators (Fusen Capse) on board the S.S. "Manitoba" in the Royal Albert Docks, London, on the 8th July 1898.

Copy of Report by Major A. Cooper-Key, R.A., one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the circumstances attending an Explosion of Electric Detonators, which occurred at the Royal Artillery Exhibition, Kensington, on the 1st September 1898.

Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by Chester Jones, Barrister-at-Law, and A. J. Stokes, R.A., one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Mines, on the circumstances attending an Underground Fire, which occurred at the Wirkieck No. 5 Colliery, Leicestershire, in the Month of April 1898.

Copy of Third Interim Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department to inquire into and report upon certain Miscellaneous Dangerous Trades.

Copy of General Report and Statistics for the year 1897; Part II., Labour; General Report and Statistics relating to persons employed and Accidents at Mines and Quarries in the United Kingdom, and to the enforcement of the Mines and Quarries Acts.

Copy of General Report and Statistics for the year 1897; Part III., Output; General Report and Statistics relating to the Output and Value of the Minerals raised in the United Kingdom, the Amount and Value of the Metals produced, and the Exports and Imports of Minerals.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department to advise as to the Regulations to be made under the Inebriates Act, 1898.

Copy of General Regulations, approved by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the Management and Discipline of Certified Inebriates Reformatories under the provisions of the Statute 61 & 62 Vict. c. 60.

Copy of First Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the subject of the Water Supply within the limits of the Metropolitan Water Companies.


Copy of First Report of the Royal Commission on Local Taxation—Valuation and Collection of Local Rates in England and Wales.

Copy of Second Report of the Royal Commission on Local Taxation—Valuation and Rating in respect of Title Rent-charge.

Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before the Royal Commission on Local Taxation, with Index and Appendix, Vol. II. (30th to 36th and 46th to 49th days.

Copy of Report on the Manoeuvres held in the Army neighbourhood of Saliybury in August and September 1898, with Appendices.

Copy of Reports, &c. respecting Peterhead Harbour.

Copy of Report of the Meteorological Committee to the Royal Society for the year ending 31st March 1898.

Copy of Agreement respecting the admission of Parcels to be delivered free of all charges (Parent Post Office to 10th February.) into the Parcel Post Exchange between Great Britain and France.

Copy of Agreement concerning the Exchange of Postal Parcels concluded between the Post Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain with Ireland and the Postal Administration of Guatemalan.

Copy of Exchange of Notes establishing a Treaty Series Provisional Trade Arrangements between the United Kingdom and Belgium, pending the conclusion of a Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the two Countries, July 27th, 1898.

Copy of Treaty between the United Kingdom Treaty Series and China for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals. Signed at Sanitation, January 26th, 1897. (Ratifications exchanged at Santiago, April 14th, 1898.)

Copy of Exchange of Notes extending Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the United Kingdom and Belgium, pending the conclusion of a Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the two Countries, August 30th, 1898.


Copy of Exchange of Notes extending to Treaty Series Malta the Provisional Trade Arrangements between the United Kingdom and Belgium, pending the conclusion of a Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the two Countries, November 5th, 1898.

Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom Treaty Series and China respecting an Extension of the Hong Kong Territory (with a Map). Signed at Peking, 9th June 1898. Ratifications exchanged at London, 8th August 1898.


Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports Annual Series, Nos. 2174 to 2204.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports Miscellaneous Series, Nos. 472 to 491.

Copy of Annual Report on the British Consular Service and the Poles in Africa, No. 9, 1898.


Copy of Papar relating to Recent Events in Africa (No. 1, in the Uganda Protectorate (in continuation of 1897.)

Copy of Annual Report on the Niger Coast Africa (No. 1, Protectorate, for the year 1897-98 (last previous 1890.)

Copy of Correspondence with the French Government respecting the Valley of the Upper Nile.

Copy of Further Correspondence with the Egyptian Government respecting the Valley of the Upper Nile.

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Freedom of Turkey (No. 4, 1898.)

Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of Crete.
Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of Crete.

Copy of Further Correspondence respecting the Affairs of Africa.

Copy of Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Peking, forwarding a Report by the Acting British Consul at Shantung on the Trade of Tientsin.

Copy of Treaty containing Guarantees or Engagements by Powers in regard to the Territory or Government of other Countries.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the Parish of Penmyr, in the County of Cardigan (Vale of Rhobied Light Railway (Abergeven Extension) Order, 1896).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the Parish of Penmyr and Salibury (Devizes Branch) Light Railway Order, 1898.

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Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway between the Mound and the Fishing Village of Endo and Dornoch, in the County of Sutherland (Dornoch Light Railway Order, 1898).

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Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Wiltshire from the London and South Western Railway between Gtostley and Porton to Amesbury and Sherborne (Amesbury and Military Camp Light Railway Order, 1898).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the Borough of Dudley and the Urban District of Stonebridge, in the County of Warwick, and in the Urban District of Cheylesmore and Rural District of Kingswinford, in the County of Stafford (Dudley and District Light Railways Order, 1898).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the Parish of Wiltshire, between Penmyr and Salibury (Great Western Railway (Penmyr and Salibury) Light Railway Order, 1898).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Wiltshire between the Village of Trowbridge and the Fishing Village of Trowbridge (Trowbridge Light Railway Order, 1898).

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway to the south of the Penmyr, in the County of Cardigan (Abergeven Light Railway Order, 1896).

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Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Perth between Stirlingshire and Ayrshire (South of Scotland Light Railway Order, 1898).

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Copy of Order of the Secretary of State. Factory and Workshop Acts, dated 19th January 1899, made in pursuance of Section 65 of the Factory and Workshop Acts, 1878, and Section 39 of the Factory and Workshops Act, 1896, permitting Warehouses, in Factories or Workshops where Edge Tools are made, to be treated as separate Factories or Workshops, so far as regards the Period of Employment of Children, Young Persons, and Women.

Copy of a Licence to be at large granted to Penal Servitude Acts, Frank Greening, under the provisions of the Penal Servitude Acts, 1853 to 1891, to which are annexed Conditions other than those contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude Act, 1864.

Copy of a Licence to be at large granted to Penal Servitude Acts, Robert Collason, under the provisions of the Penal Servitude Acts, 1853 to 1891, to which are annexed Conditions other than those contained in Schedule A of the Penal Servitude Act, 1864.

Copy of Draft of Rules for Convict Prisons, Rules proposed to be made under the Prison Acts, 1896, No. 1.

Copy of Draft of Rules for Local Prisons, Rules proposed to be made under the Prison Acts, 1896.

Copy of Draft of Rules for Convict Prisons and Prisons (Rules for Local Prisons), be printed.

Mr. Wyndham, presented, by Her Majesty's Army (Military Command.—Copy of Return showing the Establishment of each Regiment of Militia in the United Kingdom; and the Numbers of Times Absent, and Wanting to Complete; and the Number of Militia Reserve Men Enrolled and Effective at the Training of 1898.

Copy of Training Return of the Yeomanry Cavalry for 1898.

Copy of Return of the Number of Agricultural Agisements (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891, and “The Land Purchase Acts,” during the Month of November 1899.

Copy of Return of the Number of Agrarian Actions committed in Ireland which were reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary during the Quarter ending 31st December 1898.

Copy of Return under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, of the Number of Eviction Notices filed in the High Court of Justice and County Courts in Ireland during the Quarter ending 31st December 1898.

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Copy of Rules relating to the Irish Land Commission (Tenant Rights) Rules, 1873, 1873, and 1887, which have been revised by the Land Commission on Appeal, as notified during the Month of May 1898.

Copy of Time Table of Examinations of Intermediate Education (Ireland).
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Commercial Missions to South America.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports received from Mr. T. Worthington, the Special Commissioner appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire into and report upon the Conditions and Prospects of Inland Trade in certain South American Countries.

Copy of Reports received from Mr. T. Worthington, the Special Commissioner appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire into and report upon the Conditions and Prospects of Inland Trade in certain South American Countries. Fourth Report. Brazil (Part I.)

Copy of Circular from the Board of Trade to the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom with reference to Hours of Labour of Flagmen and Watchmen employed in Tunnel, and Replies received thereto.

Account of the Sums received and paid by the Board of Trade for the Wages and Effects of Decoased Seamen in the year ended 31st March 1896.

Mr. Ritchie also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of April, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return for England and Wales, giving (1) the Number of Children attending Elementary Schools who are known to be 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 are left, leaving School during some complete year.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Statement of the Receipts and Payments made by the Board of Trade on account of Ramsgate Harbour, for the year ended 31st March 1896; 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 1897-98.

Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Board of Trade on account of Superannuation and Pension Acts, 1884, during the year ended 31st March 1898.

Copy of Report on the State of the Finances of the University of Edinburgh, during the year ended 30th September 1898.

The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to a Question, dated the 23rd day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return, showing for each School in Scotland aided out of the Parliamentary Grant, for the year ended the 30th day of September 1897, (a) the Number of Scholars on the School Register at the end of the School Year, (b) the Actual Average Attendance during the School Year, (c) the Number of Children for whom additional Allowances were claimed under Article 23 (b) (1) (a), and Article 23 (b) (1) (1) of the Code.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return, showing for each School in Scotland aided out of the Parliamentary Grant, for the year ended the 30th day of September 1897, (a) the Number of Scholars on the School Register at the end of the School Year, (b) the Actual Average Attendance during the School Year, (c) the Number of Children for whom additional Allowances were claimed under Article 23 (b) (1) (a), and Article 23 (b) (1) (1) of the Code.

Copy of Abstract of Accounts of the University of Edinburgh for the year ended 15th September 1898.

Copy of Report of the Statistical Commission in terms of the 30th Section of the University (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year ended 31st August 1898.

Copy of Report as to Statistics by the University Court of the University of Edinburgh, during the year ended 31st August 1898, for the Year Ender 31st October 1897 to 30th September 1898.

Copy of Minute by the Right Honourable the Honorary Privy Council on Education in Scotland sanctioning a Subject to be taught under Clause 4 of the Technical Instruction Amendment (Scotland) Act, 1892, for the County of Perth, dated 19th January 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Schools (Number of Scholars, &c.), the University of Aberdeen, and the University of Edinburgh, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Return to a Question, dated the 23rd day of July, in the last Session of Parliament, for an Abstract Account, showing the Issues made from the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, the Financial Year ended 30th June 1898, for the Interest and Management of the Debt, for the Civil List, and all other Issues in the Financial Year, for Services charged directly on the said Fund; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Copy of Report of the Irish Land Commission of Advances under the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891, during the year ended 31st March 1898, as required by Section 11 of the Act.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 20th November 1898, declaring Recess to be an unhealthy place for the purposes of the Superannuation Acts, 1869 and 1876.

Copies of Treasury Minutes under the Superannuation Act, 1884, declaring the undermentioned persons to be 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. C. W. Homan, Engineer in charge of machinery at Netley, Control Department, War Office, dated 6th August 1898;

Mr. John Courtwright, Postman, Birmingham, Post Office Department, dated 12th September 1898;

Mr. Reuben Stair, Auxiliary Postman, Woolwich, Post Office Department, dated 24th September 1898;

Mr. William Harris, Rural Postman, Newton Abbot, Post Office Department, dated 30th September 1898.
Supplemental Acts, 1897.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1897, granting Restored Allowances to each of the following persons:—

Mr. E. Dale, Postmaster, Brixton, Post Office Department, dated 23rd December 1898;

Mr. Joseph Ulger, Established Police Constable, Gibraltar Naval Yard, Admiralty, dated 20th January 1899.

Supplemental Acts, 1897.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1897, dated 2nd January 1899, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the Duties of the Office of Assistant Professor in Mineralogy, in the Royal College of Science, professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily required to be acquired in the Public Service are requisite.

Account showing all the Sums which have been received into the Treasury Chest, and which have been paid out of the same, between the 1st April 1897 and the 31st March 1898, and the Amounts created in respect thereof, and the Amounts payable out of the same, between the 1st April 1897 and the 31st March 1898, between Her Majesty's Command, — Copy, of Minute by the Right Hon. the President of the Board of Trade, dated 2d February 1899, altering Statute X. of the Statutes of the College.

Copy of Order in Council of 20th October Extradition 1898, giving effect to a Treaty concluded on Acts, 1899, to 22nd February 1899 (Ratifications exchanged 7th March 1899), between Her Majesty, and the President of the Republic of Bolivia, for the Mutual Extradition of Fugitive Criminals.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 20th October Foreign 1898, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled, "The Southern Rhodesia Order in Council, 1898."

Copy of Order in Council, dated 20th October Foreign 1898, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled, "The African Protectorates (Capital Sentences) Order in Council, 1898." 

Copy of Order in Council, dated 20th October Foreign 1898, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled, "The China and Japan Order in Council, 1898."

Copy of Order in Council, dated 20th October Merchant 1898, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, approving an amended Pilotage Bye-law made by the Coleraine Harbour Commissioners.

Copy of Order of Council in 20th October Prize Courts 1898, approving a Memorial of the Lords Comiss­ioners of the Admiralty praying Her Majesty to make certain Rules of Court to regulate the practice in Prize Proceedings to be observed in Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division.

Copy of Order of Council in 20th October Land Transfer 1898, under the Land Transfer Act, 1897, post­poning part of the operation of the Order in Council of 18th July 1898, relating to the compulsory registration of Title to Land on Sale in the County of London.

Copy of Order of Council in 29th November Greenwich 1898, approving a Memorial of the Lords Comiss­ioners of the Admiralty praying certain proposals relating to payments from the Funds of Greenwich Hospital for the maintenance of Non-commissioned Officers and Men at other than Naval Hospitals and Infirmarys; as to extending the limit of Greenwich Hospital Special Pensions, and with regard to removing the restriction upon the amount that may be annually expended for Greenwich Hospital Special Pensions.

Copy of Order in Council of 2nd February Re­funds 1899, giving effect to the Extradition Treaty Acts, 1899 to 1899, to 1899, concluding with Great Britain and the Netherlands on 30th December 1898, and ratified 14th December 1898.

Copy of Order in Council of 2nd February Foreign 1899, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled, "The China, Japan, and Corea (Patents, &c.) Order in Council, 1899."

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Copy of Order in Council of 2nd February 1899, relating to special Greenwich Hospital Commissioners.

Copy of Order in Council of 2nd February 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, confirming Bye-laws made by the True Pilotage Commissioners.

Copy of Order in Council of 2nd February 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, confirming Bye-laws made by the Port Tunnel Railway and Docks Company as the Piloting Authority for the Harbour of Port Talbot.

Copy of Scheme, under the Endowed Schools 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, dated 6th July 1584, and founded by Letters Patent of King Henry VIII., dated the 12th November 1539, and refounded by Letters Patent of Queen Elizabeth, dated 7th December 1589.

Copy of Scheme, under the Endowed Schools Act, 1869, and Amending Acts, for the Management of the Foundation known as the Grammar School in the Borough of Waltham, in the County of Stafford, regulated by a Scheme made under the Endowed Schools Act, 1869, 1872, and 1874, on the 28th July 1893.

Copy of Scheme, under the Endowed Schools Act, 1869, and Amending Acts, for the Management of the Foundation consisting of the Bluecoat School, in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, in the County of Durham, and all Endowments attached thereto or applied for the purposes thereof.

Copy of Minutes of the Board of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on Education, annulling the subject to be dealt with under Clause 8 of the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, for the following Counties:

- County of Norfolk (Seventh Minute), dated 23rd July 1898
- County of Wiltshire (Fourteenth Minute), dated 23rd July 1898
- Pembrokeshire (County of Pembroke) (Ministry of Economy), dated 23rd July 1898
- County Borough of Cardiff (Fourth Minute), dated 8th August 1898
- County of Midlothian (Fourth Minute), dated 14th August 1893
- County of Meath (Fifth Minute), dated 8th November 1898
- Tynwald (County of Guernsey) (Third Minute), dated 24th November 1898
- Town of Galway (Ireland) (Second Minute), dated 7th December 1898
- Galway Union (Ireland) (Second Minute), dated 7th December 1898
- County Borough of Rochdale (Third Minute), dated 14th December 1898
- City of Cork (Fourth Minute), dated 4th January 1899
- County Borough of Portsmouth (Fourth Minute), dated 16th January 1899

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to London School Board (Schools closed), Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877 (Oxford), Endowed Schools Acts, 1869, and Amending Acts, be printed.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, in pursuance of all Loans raised in England under the provisions of any Acts of Parliament, chargeable on the Revenues of India, outstanding as at the commencement of the Half-year ending on the 30th September 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 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 Order made by the Lord Chancellor, for the Management of the Endowed Schools 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, dated 6th July 1584, and founded by Letters Patent of King Henry VIII., dated the 12th November 1539, and refounded by Letters Patent of Queen Elizabeth, dated 7th December 1589.

2. Copy of Return of the Number of Aliens that arrived from the Continent at Ports in the United Kingdom in each Month of the Year 1898.

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My Officers are engaged in conjunction with those of His Highness the Khedive in the establishment of order in the conquered provinces. The powers who have been in the occupation of Crete have delegated the authority necessary for the government of the island to His Royal Highness Prince George of Greece. The restoration of peace and order resulting from the establishment of His Royal Highness's Government has been gladly welcomed by the Cretes of both religions.

His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia has summoned a Conference to consider the possibility of limiting the vast armaments which impose so heavy a burden on every nation. I have gladly signified my willingness to take part in its deliberations. A profound impression has been created by the appalling crime which has robbed the people of Austria-Hungary of their beloved Emperor. A Conference, at which My delegates were present, was summoned at Rome to consider the dangers of the Anarchist conspiracy. Though I was not able to concur in all the resolutions proposed at the Conference, some amendments in the present laws of the Realm upon this subject appear to be required, and will be submitted for your consideration.

Some of My West Indian Colonies have been visited by a hurricane of extraordinary violence, causing loss of life and great destruction of houses and other property. The consequent distress of the poorer inhabitants was promptly relieved, as far as possible, by the strenuous exertions of the local authorities, aided by contributions of money from other Colonies and from the United Kingdom.

I have learned with great satisfaction that the Parliament of the Cape of Good Hope has recognised the principle of a common responsibility for the Naval defence of My Empire by providing for a permanent annual contribution towards that object.

In parts of My Indian Empire I shall be glad to say the plague still continues, and, though it has diminished in some districts previously affected, it has spread to fresh places in Southern and Northern India. Unremitting efforts continue to be made to relieve sufferers from the disease, to check its spread in India, and to prevent its transmission to other lands.

I am glad to be able to inform you that the harvests of the past year have been abundant, and that the trade and revenue of the Country have recovered with a rapidity and completeness that has surpassed all expectation.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

The Estimates for the service of the ensuing year will be laid before you. They have been framed with the utmost economy that the circumstances of the present time permit.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

A Bill for more fully organising the Government of the Metropolis will be commended to your careful consideration.

A Measure for the establishment of a Board for the inspection of Secondary and Technical Education in England and Wales will again be laid before you. You have already partially considered provisions for simplifying the process of private legislation for Scotland. They will be again brought before you.

A Measure will be submitted to you for enabling local authorities to assist the occupiers of small dwellings in the purchase of their houses. Bills will also be introduced for encouraging and technical instruction in Ireland, and for the relief of the rates of many houses in that country; for providing a more complete distribution of water supply in cases of emergency in the Metropolis; for the regulation of limited companies; for the prevention of the adulteration of articles of food; for controlling the contracts of money lenders; for amending the Factory Acts in certain respects; and for amending the Law in respect to Agricultural Holdings.

I pray that Almighty God may have you in His keeping, and guide your deliberations for the good of My people.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

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

Wednesday, 5th February, 1899.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Military a New Rule for Military Prisons (Corporal Punishment).

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Military a New Rule for Military Prisons (Corporal Punishment).

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

Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, dated 31st August 1898.

Copy of Four Orders in Council, dated 2nd November 1898, for the holding of Winter Assizes at various Places in Ireland.

Copy of Rules, dated 7th September 1898, made by the Lord Chancellor of Ireland and County Court Judges under the Workman's Compensation Act, 1897.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 19th November 1898, under the "Pharmacy Acts (Ireland)" Acts (Ireland) of 1875 and 1890, approving the Regulations made by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

Copy of Order in Council, dated 31st December 1898, giving effect to Rules of Court under the "The Workman's Compensation Act, 1897, Ireland."

Copy of Order in Council, dated 19th August 1898, making Rules under "The Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898."

Copy of Two Orders in Council, dated 22nd December 1898, making Rules under "The Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898."

Copy of Two Orders in Council, dated 20th January 1899, making Rules under "The Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898."

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

Secretary
62 VICTORIA.

8th-9th February, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to East and West India (Loans raised in England), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant February, 1899, be printed.

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Ordered, That the Return relative to Elementary Schools (Children Working for Wages), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Land Transfer Act, 1897, which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the East India (Loans raised in England), which was presented upon the 7th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 (Rules), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 (Rules), No. 27.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 (Rules), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 (Rules), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant February, be printed.

Congested Districts (Scotland) Act, 1897.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Return of the Number of Certificates of Conscientious Objection given under Section 2 of the Vaccination Act, 1898, and received by the Vaccination Officers on or before the 31st day of December 1898, and of the Number of Children to whom such Certificates relate, the Numbers to be given in respect of each Poor Law Union and Union County in England and Wales.—(Mr. Bartley.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Certificates of Conscientious Objection given under Section 2 of the Vaccination Act, 1898, and received by the Vaccination Officers on or before the 31st day of December 1898, and of the Number of Children to whom such Certificates relate, the Numbers to be given in respect of each Poor Law Union and Union County in England and Wales.—(Mr. Bartley.)

Ordered, That the leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor in the Houses of Parliament from the Licensing and Excise Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Certificates of Conscientious Objection given under Section 2 of the Vaccination Act, 1898, and received by the Vaccination Officers on or before the 31st day of December 1898, and of the Number of Children to whom such Certificates relate, the Numbers to be given in respect of each Poor Law Union and Union County in England and Wales.—(Mr. Bartley.)

Ordered, That the leave be given to bring in a Bill to exempt the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor in the Houses of Parliament from the Licensing and Excise Acts: 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 Main Question proposed upon the 7th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty's 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.—(Captain Bagot) ;

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, having regard to the lawlessness prevailing in the Church of England, some legislative steps should be taken to secure obedience to the law."—(Mr. Samuel Smith.)

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

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas: Ms. Samuel Smith, 189.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Anstruther, 221.

So 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.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Twelve o'clock, adjourned till To-morrow.
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123. Weston-super-Mare, Clevedon, and Portishead Tramways Company (Light Railway Extensions).
124. Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier.
125. Whitehaven Corporation.
126. Wick and Pulteney Harbours.
127. White Sea Water.
128. Withington Urban District Council (Tramways).
129. Wolverhampton Corporation.
130. Wokingham Tramways.
131. Woking Corporation Water.
132. Yeading and Gueling Gas.

Metropolitan Police Provisional Order.

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

Ordered, That the return relative to

several Public Petitions, and
read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Queensland Immigration, which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Account relative to the Sea and Coast Fisheries Fund (Ireland) (Non-congested Districts), which was presented upon the 9th day of this instant February, be printed.

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

Mr. Gerald Ralfeer, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing 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 1898.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the Harwich directions of an Act of Parliament,—An Harbour.

Abstract of the Accounts and Expenditure of the Harwich Harbour Conservancy, Board, from the time of their incorporation under "The Harwich Harbour Act, 1863", down to, and inclusive of, the 31st day of March 1898; also an Account of their Credits and Liabilities (as nearly as the same can be ascertained and estimated) at the last mentioned date; together with a Report of the Conservancy Board on their Proceedings and on the Works executed by them, and on the State of Harwich Harbour.

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

Mr. Hanbury, presented, pursuant to the Military Works directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Act, 1897.

Copy of Report by the Departmental Committee appointed by the Treasury on the 22nd August 1896, to inquire into the Subject of Beer Materials; with Evidence and Appendices.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the Military Works directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Act, 1897.

Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Treasury on the 22nd August 1896, to inquire into the Subject of Beer Materials; with Evidence and Appendices.

Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Harwich Canal Company, for the year ended the 31st December 1898; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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Account showing the Money raised and issued under the Harwich Act, 1890, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Abstract Account of the Receipts of the Harwich Canal Company, for the year ended the 31st December 1898; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Account showing the Gross Amount received by the Post Office for Telegraphic Telegraphs during the year ended the 31st March 1898, and the Balance of the Expenditure over the Receipts; prepared in pursuance of Section 4 of the 39th Vict. c. 5; and a Statement additional to the above Account prepared in pursuance of the same Section.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to the Military Works Act, 1897, the Duchy of Lancaster, Chelsea Hospital, the Barracks Act, 1890, Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and Post Office Telegraphs, be printed.

Mr. Windham presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Board of Visitors of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, for 1898.

Copy of Report of the Board of Visitors of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, for 1898.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—An Account of the Amount of all Exchequer Bills and other Government Securities, which have been purchased by the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, or on which any Sums or Sums have been lent and advanced for the Public Service by the Governor and Company of the said Bank, in the year ending 5th January 1899, showing what Amount of such Bills, before the making up of this Account, has been paid off and discharged, and the Amount of such Exchequer Bills or other Government Securities, which was in the hands of the Governor and Company of the said Bank on the 5th day of January 1899 addressed,—And, an Account of the Amount of Balances of Sums issued for the Payment of Dividends due, and not demanded, and which remained in the hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England on certain days, being those next before the issue from the Exchequer of Money for the Debt, for each of the four preceding Quarters respectively.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Adjourned, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next. —(Sir William Weld.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law respecting the Employment and Education of Young Children: And that Mr. Lawrence Hardy, Sir James Rankin, Colonel Miller, Mr. George Whiteley, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. Rutherford do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the reinstatement of certain Tenants evicted Tenants in Ireland: And that Mr. O'Malley, Mr. Darwe, Mr. O'Kelly, Sir Thomas Emmere, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. William Abraham (Cork, North East), Mr. Thomas Curran, Mr. Field, and Mr. Kilbride do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Owners and Occupiers in Local Veto and in Scotland to have effectual Control over the Liquor Traffic: And that Mr. Strachey, Sir William Holdsworth, Sir Martin Coddington, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Cranley, Mr. Wingfield-Dophy, Captain Chalmers, Mr. Seton-Kerr, Mr. Channing, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Houston do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to encourage the provision of Cottage Homes for the Aged Deserving Poor: And that Mr. Joseph A. Pease, Mr. John Hutton, Mr. Bring, Mr. Great Lawwe, Sir Stamford Bank, Mr. Wilson-Todd, and Mr. Wyllie 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. Pyes, Mr. Birdwell, Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Clare, Mr. Malcolm, Lord Algoma Compton, Mr.Cuncombe, Mr. Heath, and Mr. Henry Lloyd Greene do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the granting by County Councils of Pensions in Old Age: And that Sir James Paterson Fianncay, Mr. Lawrence Hardy, Sir James Rankin, Mr. Lionel Holland, Mr. Venn, Mr. Flowers, Mr. Beaufield, Mr. Cordile, and Mr. Rothschild do prepare, and bring it in.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the Working Hours in Mines to Eight Hours, and that Mr. Bryan Jones, Mr. William Abraham (Hamadie), Mr. William Allen, Mr. Thomas Bayley, Mr. Berrell, Sir Charles Dilke, Mr. Finoll, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. Pickard, and Mr. Woods do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make more effectual provision for Prevention of the Pollution of Rivers and Streams : And that Mr. Wilson-Teddy, Sir Francis Sharp Powell, Mr. Wyndil, Mr. Hobhouse, Sir John Darington, Sir Henry Howorth, Dr. Farquharson, Sir John Brunner, and Sir Walter Foster do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a System of Old Age Pensions : And that Sir Robertkild, Sir William Dunn, General Lasrie, Mr. David M'Clure, Sir Louis McFer, that Mr. Mellor, Sir James Scott, Sir John Heskett, Mr. Spier, and Mr. Arthur Stanley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the enfranchisement of Leasehold Places of Worship : And that Mr. John Blair Balfour, Mr. de Tatton Epton, Mr. Scott, Mr. Haymon Johnstone, Mr. Hasell, Mr. Benson, Mr. Paxton, and Mr. Shanes-Cox do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent the laying down of Newspaper Placards on the surface of Streets, and other Placards on the surface of Streets, and that Mr. Chay, Mr. Price, Mr. Heseltt, Mr. Simm, Mr. Spier, and Mr. Arthur Stanley do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote the better training of Women and Men in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and that Mr. John Blair Balfour, Mr. de Tatton Epton, Mr. Scott, Mr. Haymon Johnstone, Mr. Hasell, Mr. Benson, Mr. Paxton, and Mr. Shanes-Cox do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to control and regulate Street Noises: And that Mr. Goring, Mr. Thomas Shann, Mr. Clarke, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Draper, Mr. J. O'Brien, Mr. McGuire, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Edward Burns, Mr. M'Kenna, Mr. Pickard, Mr. Leney, and Mr. Forster do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Acts: And that Mr. Charles Dillie, Mr. William Abraham (Bridgend), Mr. William Allen, Mr. Thomas Dillie, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. M'Nab, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. M'Kenna, Mr. Pickard, Mr. Rentoul, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Forster do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a single Franchise at all Elections, and thereby to abolish University Representation and to remove the Disabilities of Women: And that Mr. Charles Dillie, Mr. William Allen, Mr. John Burns, Dr. Clark, Mr. Davitt, Mr. Atherton-Jones, Mr. Logan, Mr. Maddison, and Captain Norton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Coroners' Inquests in the case of Fatal Accidents on Railways: And that Mr. Channing, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Mr. Jacoby, Mr. M'Kenna, Mr. Pickard, Mr. Rentoul, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Forster do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Occupying Tenants of Houses and Dwellings to register their Holdings: And that Mr. Bartley and Mr. Maclean do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Franchise and Partial Registration Bill to provide for the Inspection and Registration of Properties: And that Mr. Fenwick, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Rentoul, Mr. Blake, Mr. Arnold-Foster, and Mr. Pinkerton do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors: And that Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Mr. Allan, Mr. Henry Young, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Buxton, Mr. Whitaker, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Jonathan Samuel, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. J. S. Jones, and Mr. Pinkerton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Localities, by a direct Vote, to control and regulate Street Noises: And that Mr. derburn, Mr. J. O'Brien, Mr. McGuire, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Edward Burns, Mr. M'Kenna, Mr. Pickard, Mr. Rentoul, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Forster do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide Pensions to Poor Persons over the Age of Sixty-five Years: And that Sir William Johnson, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Rentoul, Mr. Blake, Mr. Arnold-Foster, and Mr. Pinkerton do prepare, and bring it in.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Outdoor Relief: And that Mr. Charles Dillie, Mr. John Burns, Dr. Clark, Mr. M'Glynn, Mr. Davitt, Mr. Atherton-Jones, Mr. Logan, Mr. Maddison, and Captain Norton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the Inspection and Registration of Properties: And that Mr. Fenwick, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Rentoul, Mr. Blake, Mr. Arnold-Foster, and Mr. Pinkerton do prepare, and bring it in.

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Officers and Servants, and to Officers and Servants of Committees of Management of Poor Houses, formed under a combination for Poor House purposes: And that Sir Mark IL Teygott Stuart, Mr. M'Nab, Mr. Forsyth, Colonel Dynas, Mr. Urquhart, Mr. Nicol, and Mr. Caw do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Robson presented a Bill to amend the Law respecting the Employment and Education of Young Children: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Reekitt presented a Bill to amend the Local Veto to have effectual Control over the Liquor Traffic: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir John Blandell Maple 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 8th day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir James Fortescue presented a Bill to provide for the granting by County Councils of Pensions in Old Age: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Joseph A. Pease 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 Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant February; 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 Tuesday the 22nd day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Whitley presented a Bill for establishing a National System of Old Age Pensions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Gordon presented a Bill to amend the Law in regard to Ecclesiastical Assessments in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. David MacNair presented a Bill for the better enforcing Discipline in the Church of England: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. O'Malley presented a Bill to provide for the reinstatement of certain Enfranchised Tenants in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Stronach presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Rating of Machinery containing Machinery: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bryan Jones presented a Bill to enable Electors to provide for the grants by County Councils to Places of Worship: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Dillons presented a Bill to repeal the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act, 1857: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. J. H. Kids presented a Bill to make Rivers more effectual Provision for Prevention of the Pollution of Rivers and Streams: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Gough presented a Bill to provide for Places of Enfranchisement of Leasehold Places of Worship in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. James Rankin presented a Bill to establish Old Age System of Old Age Pensions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Lionel Holland presented a Bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Thomas D. Sullivan presented a Bill to prevent the laying down of Newspaper and other Placards on the surface of Streets, Roads, and Thoroughfares in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Alfred Hickman presented a Bill to amend the Public Health Act, and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Sidebotham presented a Bill to regulate University the use of certain University Degrees in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland: And
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And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of March next; and to be printed.

Cheap Trains Bill.
Bill 32.

Mr. Wood 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 1st day of March next; and to be printed.

Sea Fisheries Regulation (Scotland) Act, 1895.
Amendment Bill.
Bill 27.

Mr. Cramb presented a Bill to amend the Sea Fisheries Regulation (Scotland) Act, 1895; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Francis Sharp presented a Bill to make more effectual Provision for Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams: 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.

Colonial Marriages Bill.
Bill 29.

Mr. Rathbone presented a Bill to legalise certain Colonial Marriages: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of March next; and to be printed.

Lessee Holders (Scotland) Bill.
Bill 30.

Mr. Black observed that the first Bill of the present Session was that of Mr. Cornwallis, and that the second was that of Mr. Rathbone. The third Bill was that of Mr. Black, who desired to ask the House to consider the subject of the Bill, which was that of Mr. Cornwallis. The subject of the Bill was the inspection and registration of boilers, and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Blair Balfour presented a Bill to legalise certain Marriages: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Water Supply (Prevention of Pollution) Act (No. 6) Bill.
Bill 31.

Sir Francis Sharp presented a Bill to make more effectual Provision for Prevention of Pollution of Rivers and Streams: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Colonial Marriages Bill.
Bill 32.

Mr. Warr presented a Bill to enable School Boards in certain County Boroughs, to make Grants in aid of efficient Voluntary Schools, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Agricultural Holdings Bill.
Bill 33.

Mr. Chalmers presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Agricultural Holdings in England, and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Water Supply Bill.
Bill 34.

Mr. Cornwallis presented a Bill to amend the Law respecting the Supply of Water by Companies and other Bodies and Persons: 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.

Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sundays Bill.
Bill 35.

Mr. Charles Wilson presented a Bill to provide for 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 1st day of March next; and to be printed.

Companies Acts Amendment Bill.
Bill 36.

Mr. Fitchfield Bagg 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 7th day of June next; and to be printed.

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Mr. Thomas Shaw presented a Bill to consolidate the Laws relating to Executors in Scotland; and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jacoby 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 Wednesday the 26th day of April next; and to be printed.

Sir John Wilmot presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Executors in Scotland; and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Fenwick presented a Bill to provide for the Inspection and Registration of Bollers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. James Bailey presented a Bill to provide Old Age 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 22nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Wilfrid Lawson presented a Bill to provide for the Legalisation of Liquor Traffic 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 March next; and to be printed.

Sir Thomas Lea presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Ireland on Saturdays and Sundays (Ireland) Bill; and for other purposes connected therewith; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. John Lefevre presented a Bill to provide for the Earlier Closing of Shops: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Sir Walter Foster presented a Bill to provide for Pensions for Poor Persons over the Age of Sixty-five Years: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Patrick O'Brien presented a Bill to provide for Roman Catholic Disabilities still affecting Roman Catholic Disabilities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Blair Balfour presented a Bill to Town Councils and for other purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Blair Balfour presented a Bill to provide for the Law relating to Executors in Scotland; and the same was read the first time; and to be printed.

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and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of March next; 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 31st day of May next; and to be printed.

Sir Charles Dilke presented a Bill to establish a single Franchise at all Elections, and thereby to abolish University Representation and to remove the Disabilities of Women: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 1st day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bartley presented a Bill to provide for the abolition of the right of Distress by a Landlord against a Tenant, and to substitute for it a better and simpler System for the recovery of possession of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments when Rent is in arrear: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Bartley presented a Bill to enable Occupying Tenants of Houses and Places of Business to Compromise their Holdings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Bartley presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Out-door Relief in Sickness and Widows to the Poor: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Channing presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Coroners' Inquests in the case of Fatal Accidents on Railways: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Johnstone presented a Bill to enable the Local Government Electors of any Locality to veto the issue of Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Pickersgill presented a Bill to amend the Crown Cases Act, 1846: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Mr. Pickersgill presented a Bill for the creation of a Court of Criminal Appeal: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Sir Mark McVeagh Stewart presented a Bill to enable the Parish Councils in any Locality to veto the issue of Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of this instant February; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, the Return showing, according to Provinces and Counties, the Number of Loans issued under the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1891 and 1896, &c. during the year ended the 31st day of December 1898, and the Total Rental of the Holdings in respect of which such Loans have been issued; also, the Total Purchase-money and the Amount of the Loans so issued, and the Average Number of Years' Purchase calculated on the Rent.—(Captain Denman.)

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 for incorporating and conferring Powers on the General Power Distributing Company to manage a Combination for Poor House purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of March next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned till Monday next.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before Twelve of the clock, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 13th February, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The House was moved, That the Standing Order of this House of the 29th day of July, 1898, directing that no Business shall be transacted in the last Session of Parliament, might be read a second time, and the same was read, as follows:

"That the Promoters of the General Power Distributing Company Bill shall have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to
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 Bill shall deposit in 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."

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—A Certificate from the Chief Clerk of the Private Bill Office, That the Declaration and Certificate required by the said Standing Order of the House have been duly deposited in respect of the General Power Distributing Company Bill, brought from the House of Lords upon the 10th day of this instant February.

Then the House proceeded to take into consideration the Message from the Lords of the 10th day of this instant February, wherein their Lordships acquaint this House, 'That the Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on the General Power Distributing Company Bill, shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill brought from the House of Lords in the next Session of Parliament.'

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.:

- Aberdeen Corporation.
- Aberdeen Harbour.
- Aberdeen Joint Passenger Station.
- Accrington and Clitheroe Water.
- All Saints' Church (Cardiff).
- Arboreas Corporation Gas.
- Barton-on-Sea Water.
- Bexhill and Saint Leonards Tramroads.
- Birkenhead Corporation.
- Bognor Urban District Water.
- Brighton Marine Palace and Pier.
- Bristol Floods Prevention.
- Bristol Gas.
- Bury Corporation.
- Bury Corporation Water.
- Calderdale Highway (General Powers).
- Caldon Railway (Grangemouth Connecting Lines).
- Camborne and Redruth, and Royal Albert Bridge.
- Cambridge University and Town Gas.
- Church Street Water.
- Clyde Navigation.
- Coaticoke Urban District Gas.
- Cockermouth Gas.
- Colonial and Foreign Banks Guarantee Fund.
- Cromer Protection.
- Douglas and Sangochar Railway.
- Dumfriesshire Burgh.
- Dunfermline Gas, Tramways, and Extension.
- Friends' Provident Institution.
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Private Bills [Lords.]

- Forness Railway.
- Fylde Water Board.
- Glasgow Urban District Council (Gas).
- Glasgow and South Western Railway.
- Glasgow Corporation (Gas and Water).
- Glasgow Corporation Tramways, &c.,
- Glasgow District Subways.
- Glasgow, Motherwell, and Sanguhur Railway.
- Glenburnie Water.
- Great Eastern Railway (General Powers).
- Great Northern Railway.
- Great Yarmouth Corporation.
- Great Yarmouth Pier.
- Great Yarmouth Water.
- Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways.
- Greaves' Chapel (London).
- Hampstead Church (Emmanuel, West End).
- Harbour and Dock Rates (Bristol, &c.).
- Hastings and Saint Leonards Gas.
- Hastings Corporation Tramways.
- Hastings Harbour.
- Horsham Water.
- Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Junction Railway and Dock.
- Humber Conservancy.
- Imperial Markets and Stores.
- Infant Orphan Asylum.
- Islington Harbour.
- Ken Bridge.
- Kirkdale Corporation and Tramways.
- Knott End Railway.
- Laxmi Bank (Middle Ward District)
- Laxmi Bank District Gas.
- Leigh-on-Sea Urban District Council.
- Liverpool Overhead Railway.
- Llanelli Harbour and Ferrardis Railways.
- London and South Western Railway.
- London Hospital.
- Loughborough and Shepshed Railway.
- Loughborough Corporation.
- Liverpool Corporation.
- Liverpool Corporation Tramways.
- Lythamston Water and Gas Company.
- Manchester Corporation Tramways.
- Maryport Harbour.
- Merseys Docks and Harbour Board (Finance).
- Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Shipping).
- Midland Gas.
- Milford Docks.
- Miss Side Urban District Council (Tramways).
- Muckish, Mauchline, and Dalmsgillin Railway.
- New River Waterworks.
- New York Dock.
- North Eastern Railway.
- Queen Street Railway.
- Oldham Corporation.
- Oystermouth Railway or Tramroad.
- Paisley and Barrhead District Railway.
- Perth Water, Police, and Gas.
- Port Talbot Railway and Docks.
- Portsmouth Corporation.
- Queen's Ferry Bridge.
- Runcorn Corporation Water.
- Raspberry Bank and Harbour Extension.
- Rochdale Canal.
- Robin Hood and Higham Ferror District Gas.
- Saint Albans Gas.
- Saint Neots Water.
- Salford Corporation.
Orders not with.)

Private Bill 

Skipton Urban District Gas. 

Southwark Corporation Water.

South Essex Water. 

South Herts Water. 

South Staffs Tramways. 

South Staffordshire Tramways. 

Stockton and Middlesbrough Water. 

Streford Gas. 

Streford Urban District Council (Tramways). 

Stroudland Corporation. 

Taylors Commercial Docks. 

Tolkien Water. 

Tranmere Mortgage Loan and Finance Company. 

Wakefield Corporation. 

Wells Improvements. 

Wullam-on-Thames and Weybridge Gas. 

West Highland Railway. 

West-super-Mare, Clevedon, and Portishead Tramways Company (Light Railway Extensions). 

Wexham Water. 

Whitehaven Corporation. 

Widnes Water. 

Wolverhampton Corporation. 

Wolverhampton Tramways. 

Woolwich Corporation. 

Workington Water. 

Yeovil and Glosney Gas.

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

Newhaven and Seaford Water Board. 

Southport and Lytham Tramroad.

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.—

Belfast Corporation Bill. 

Coatbridge and Airdrie Light Railway Bill. 

Lancashire Electric Power Bill. 

Leicestershire and Warwickshire Electric Supply Bill. 

London Water (Aqueducts and Works) Bill. 

London Water (Welsh Reservoirs and Works) Bill. 

National Telephone Company (No. 1) Bill. 

National Telephone Company (No. 2) Bill. 

South Lancashire and Cheshire Electricity Company Bill. 

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

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

Newhaven and Seaford Water Board Bill. 

Shepton Gas Bill. 

Southport and Lytham Tramroad Bill. 

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

A Petition of the Undertakers of the Navigation of the Rivers of Aire and Calder, in the West Riding of the County of York; to amend the Acts relating to their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Miller and Mr. Beckett.

A Petition of the Provost, Magistrates, and Ayr Borough, Town Council of the Burg of Ayr, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Burg of Ayr to construct and work Tramways, and for making further and better provision in regard to the Water Supply, the Common Good, the Cemetery, the Markets and Slaughter-houses of the Burg, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Orr-Ewing, Sir William Arrol, Mr. Cochrane, Sir James Fergusson, and Mr. Baird.

A Petition of the Baker Street and Waterloo Baker Street Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Company to make new Railways and Works; to confer further Powers upon the Company; to alter the Name of the Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Boulton, Mr. Halsey, and Mr. Fyfe.

A Petition of the Barking Town Urban District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to improve, empower the Urban District Council of the Urban District of Barking Town to supply Gas and to purchase the Undertaking of the Barking Gas Company, to construct new Railways and Works, to make provision for the transfer to the Council of the jurisdiction within the District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Sinclair and Sir James Fortescue Fanny.

A Petition of the Barry Railway Company, Barry Railway, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Barry Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alfred Thomas and Mr. Doulas Thomas.

A Petition of the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway Company to widen their Carrickfergus and Larne Branch Railway; to construct a Pier and Embankment or Sea Road at Whitehead; to confirm the purchase by the Company of the Portstewart Tramway; to confer further Powers upon the Company in connection with their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. O'Neill and Colonel McCallum.

A Petition of the Belfast City and District Water Commissioners, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Belfast City and District Water Commissioners, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Haughton, Mr. Arnold Forster, Mr. William Johnson, and Mr. Welf.

A Petition of the there-undersigned Persons, Beckhill and being Suitors for a Bill for effecting the Objects thereinhereafter mentioned, for leave to bring in a Bill.
Bill for incorporating the Rotherfield Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Leatham and Mr. Wanklyn.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Birmingham, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the transfer of the Undertaking of the Birmingham Electric Supply Company, Limited, to the Corporation of Birmingham; to make further provision as to the Birmingham School of Art and as to the Rybery Hill Lactic Asylum Loans; and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, Sir Benjamin Stone, and Mr. Parke.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Blackpool, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Blackpool to construct further Parade Works and additional Tramways; and to make further provisions for the Improvement and good Government of the said Borough, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley and Mr. Maden.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bradford, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Bradford, in the County of York, to construct additional Tramways in and near the City; to acquire portions of the Undertakings of certain Gas Companies; to purchase Bredon Moor and other Lands; to make further provision for the Improvement of the City, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Captain Greville, Mr. Wanklyn, and Mr. Fower.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Brigg, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Urban District Council of Brigg to supply Gas, and to provide for the transfer of the Undertaking of the Brigg Gas Company, Limited, to the Council, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Woodhouse and Mr. Reckitt.

A Petition of the Brampton and Mexfield Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Brampton and Mexfield Railway Company for the construction of Extension Railways and Works in the County of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alan Gibbs and Mr. Whitmore.

A Petition of the Threlkeld-under-Grange, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Brampton and Mexfield Railway Company, and authorizing them to construct a Railway in the County of Monmouth, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Frederic Morgan, Mr. Charles Morley, and Mr. McKenna.

A Petition of the Burley-in-Wharfside Urban District Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Urban District Council of Burley-in-Wharfside, in the Township of Burley, in the Parish of Otley, in the West Riding of the County of York, to construct and maintain additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Fison and Mr. Wyndham.

A Petition of the Cardiff Railway Company, Cardiff for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the Railway, Cardiff Railway Company to construct new Railways and to abandon the construction of portions of Railways already authorised; for extending the time for the purchase of Lands for and for the completion of certain Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lyttelton and Mr. Boulnois.

A Petition of the Central London Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the time for the completion of the Central London Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Reginald Henchman and Mr. Alan Gibbs.

A Petition of the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Company, for leave to construct an Extension Railway and Works 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 Henry Fewer and Mr. Bowes.

A Petition of the City and Bromley Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the City and Bromley Railway Company for the construction of an Extension Railway and Works in the County of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alan Gibbs, Mr. Hubbard, and Mr. Bond.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Clay Cross, in the County of Derby, for leave to bring in a Bill transferring to the Clay Cross Urban District Council the Undertaking of the Clay Cross Waterworks Company, and for empowering the Clay Cross Urban District Council to supply Water within their District, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Jealoby, Mr. Bolton, and Mr. Thomas Bagley.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Cork, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Mayor, Alder-
Corporation.

Dublin

for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation.

Derby

Corporation.

Darwen

County of Erowborough

Provincial Lighting.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Derby, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of Derby to obtain a Supply of Water from the Rivers Derwent, Ashop, and Nor, and the Burbage Brook, to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Henry Benrose, Mr. Drage, and Mr. Jacoby.

Darwen Corporation.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Darwen, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer Powers upon the Corporation of the Borough of Darwen with respect to the working and construction of Tramways in the Borough; to confer further Powers on the said Corporation with respect to their Waterworks Undertaking, and in regard to Streets, Buildings, Sewers, and Drains, and for the Health, Local Government and Improvement of the Borough; to make further provisions for the collection and recovery of Rates; for the borrowing of Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brookefield and Mr. Loder.

Drayton

District Water.

A Petition of the Three undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for supplying Gas to the District of Crowborough, in the County of Sussex, and adjacent places, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brookefield and Mr. Loder.

A Petition of the Crowborough District Water Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Crowborough District Water Company to extend their Limits of Supply, construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brookefield and Mr. Loder.

A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of Cork, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of Cork and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Maurice Healy and Mr. Cornew.

A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of Dublin, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the enactments relating to Markets in the City of Dublin, and to the borrowing Powers of the Corporation of Dublin, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Campbell, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. Field, Mr. Timothy M. Healy, Mr. Harrington, and Mr. Cornew.

A Petition of the Right Honourable Edward Dublin Cecil Baron Ecchep, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Improvement of the Area bounded by Patrick Street, Bride's Alley, Bride Street, and Bail Alley, in the City of Dublin, and the erection thereof of Workmen's Dwellings and other Buildings, to vest the same and control thereof in a body of Trustees, to empower the Corporation of Dublin to carry out certain Street Widenings, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cornew, Mr. Harrington, Mr. James Campbell, and Mr. Field.

A Petition of the East London Waterworks East London Waterworks for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the East London Waterworks Company to construct additional Storage Reservoirs and other Works, and to raise further Money, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Locheed, Mr. Banbury, and Mr. Benjamin.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Edinburgh, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh to provide, erect, and maintain a Municipal Hall; to provide increased facilities in connection with their Electric Lighting Undertaking; to construct Works and Tramways; to acquire Land; to amend Acts; and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. McEwan, Mr. Robert Wallace (Edinburgh), Sir Lewis M-Iver, and Mr. Cornew.

A Petition of the Fishguard and Fishguard and Railways and Harbours Company, the Great Western Railway Company; and the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Fishguard and Fishguard and Railways and Harbours Company to construct additional Harbour Works at Fishguard, and a new Railway in lieu of their authorized Cork and Fennor Railway, and to authorize the Great Western and Great Southern and Western Railway Companies to subscribe to and guarantee the Capital of the said Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. David Maciver, Sir John Dilwyn Lloyd, and Mr. Maurice Healy.

A Petition
A Petition of the Thence-undertaken, for leave to bring in a Bill for supplying with Water and Gas the Parishes of Plympton, Mannamead, and Lannawra, in the County of Pembroke, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brodie and Mr. Randell.

A Petition of the Gas Light and Coke Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Gas Light and Coke Company to raise additional Money, and to purchase, take, and hold Lands, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Boulnois and Mr. Airel.

A Petition of the Gateshead and District Tramways Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Gateshead and District Tramways Company to lay down and maintain additional Tramways and Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brodie and Mr. Brodie.

A Petition of the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Glasgow, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Corporation of the City of Glasgow to establish Telephones, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Charles Cameron, Mr. Provand, and Mr. Alexander Cross.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Godalming, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Godalming to purchase the Undertaking of the Fleet Hill, Godalming, and Paracombe Water Company, Limited, and to supply Water throughout the Borough and adjoining places, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brodie and Sir Seymour King.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Godalming, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Urban District Council of Godalming, in the West Riding of the County of York, to construct additional Waterworks; to borrow Money for the purposes thereof, and of their Gas and Water Undertakings, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Austin and Mr. Wilson-Todd.

A Petition of the Great Central Railway Company, the Sheffield and Midland Railway Companies, the Cheshire Lines Committee, the North Wales and Liverpool Railway Committee, the Wrexham, Mold, and Connah’s Quay Railway Company, and the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Great Central Railway Company to make new Works; to acquire additional Lands; to stop up certain Roads or Footpaths; to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of certain Lands, for the completion of certain Railways, and for the sale of superfluous Lands by the Cheshire Lines Committee; to raise additional Capital; to confer further Powers on the Great Central Railway Company and the North Staffordshire Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Maclure and Mr. Henderson.

A Petition of the Great Northern and Strand Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Great Northern and Strand Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct an Under-ground Railway from the Parish of Wood Green, in the County of Middlesex, to the Parish of Saint Clement Danes, 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. Fison and Mr. Bowditch.

A Petition of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for amalgamating the Waterford, Limerick, and Wexford, and Western Railway Company with the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Boulnois, Mr. Collery, Mr. David Mac Aer, and Mr. Llewellyn.

A Petition of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, and for amalgamating with the Undertaking of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Horace Plunkett, Mr. French, Mr. Thomas Healy, Mr. David Mac Aer, and Mr. Llewellyn.

A Petition of the Great Western Railway Company and the Great Central Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring Powers upon a Joint Committee of the Great Western and Great Central Railway Companies, and for vesting in them certain existing and authorised Railways of the Great Western Railway Company, and authorising them to construct a new Railway and other Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Henry Wills, Mr. Llewellyn, and Mr. Stuart-Wortley.

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 line of Railway from London to the North Western Railway Company, and upon that Company and the London and North Western Railway Company, in respect of Undertakings in which they are jointly interested, for vesting the Undertaking of the Golden Valley Railway Company in 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 John Dilwyn-Llewellyn and Sir William Henry Wills.

A Petition of the Horsham and Uchberde Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Horsham and Uchberde Railway Company to make certain Extensions to their authorised Railway with the Metropolitan Railway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartington and Mr. William Ambrose.

A Petition of the Thence-undertaken, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring further Powers on the Highland Water Power Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Gordon, and Colonel Denny.
A Petition of the Urban District Council for the District of Horsforth, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Urban District Council of the Horsforth Urban District in the West Riding of the County of York, to acquire the Undertaking of the Horsforth Waterworks Company and to supply Water to the said District and adjacent places, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Priory and Mr. Lawson Welfare.

A Petition of the Horsforth Waterworks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorising the Horsforth Waterworks Company to construct a new Reservoir and other Works, and to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Jackson and Sir James Kitson.

A Petition of the Ilford Gas Light and Coke Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Ilford Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Woods and Mr. Louis Sinclair.

A Petition of the Urban District Council of Ilford, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Urban District Council of the Urban District of Ilford to supply Gas and to purchase the Undertaking of the Ilford Gas Light and Coke Company, Limited, and the portions of the Undertaking of the Barkingside Gas Company within the District of the Council; and to make further provision in regard to the future Collection of the Local Rates, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Louis Sinclair and Colonel Lockwood.

A Petition of the Ionian Bank, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to the transfer and transmission of Shares of the Ionian Bank, Limited, held by Shareholders being Subjects of the Kingdom of Greece, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Courtney and Mr. Lushorne.

A Petition of the Kensington and Knightsbridge Electric Lighting Company, Limited, and the Notting Hill Electric Lighting Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring Powers on the Kensington and Knightsbridge Electric Lighting Company, Limited, and the Notting Hill Electric Lighting Company, Limited, jointly and severally to acquire Lands, and to erect and work Generating Stations, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Samuel Montagu and Mr. Dudley Ryder.

A Petition of the Thera-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Kingscourt, Keeley, and Armagh Railway Company, and to empower them to construct Railways in the Counties of Cavan, Monaghan, and Armagh, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cowley, Mr. Healy, Mr. Daly, and Mr. John Redmond.

A Petition of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company with respect to the construction of Railways in the County of Lancaster, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cowley, and Mr. Ascroft.

A Petition of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company with respect 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 presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Horbury, Mr. Less Knowles, and Mr. Ascroft.

A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Leeds, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of Leeds to extend their Kirkgate Market; to erect a Hall; to construct Street Works and a Tramway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Jackson, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Sir James Kitson, and Mr. Lawson Welfare.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Leeds, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend their Kirkgate Market; to erect a Hall; to construct Street Works and a Tramway, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Ferguson, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Hasell, and Mr. Henderson.

A Petition of the Commissioners for the Leith Harbour, Harbours and Docks of Leith, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Powers of the Leith Harbour, Harbours and Docks Acts, 1875 and 1892; to authorise the filling of ground, the construction of additional Works, and Redemption of Annuity to the Corporation of Leith, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Donald Currie and Mr. Cox.

A Petition of the Lincoln and East Coast Docks Limited and Docks Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Company to alter the Line and Levels of portions of their authorised Railways, and to construct certain new and substituted Railways in connection with their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Ascroft and Mr. Pollock.

A Petition of the Liverpool Town Commissioners and Urban District Council of Liverpool, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Borrowing Powers of the Commissioners or Urban District Council of the Urban District or Town of Liverpool to enable them to consolidate their Debts, to create and issue New Stock, to raise further Powers upon them for better management of the Town, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir James Haslett and Mr. Mevorning.

A Petition
A Petition of the London and North Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers upon the London and North Western Railway Company in relation to their own Undertaking and upon that Company and the Great Western Railway Company for the purposes of the latter's existing Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Headcorn, Colonel Lockwood, and Mr. Maccartney.

A Petition of the London and North Western Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the London and North Western Railway Company to construct new Railways in the Counties of Warwick, Stafford, Chester, Lancaster, and Aspley, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Headcorn, Colonel Lockwood, and Mr. Maccartney.

A Petition of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London and North Western Railway Company to construct new Railways in the Counties of Warwick, Stafford, Chester, Lancaster, and Aspley, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Loder and Mr. Pyne.

A Petition of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment and regulation of a Pension Fund for Officers and Servants of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Headcorn, Colonel Lockwood, and Mr. Maccartney.

A Petition of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Akers-Douglas and Mr. Wynkhurn.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the constitution of the Lee Conservancy Board; to enable the London County Council to construct Railways and Docks in the Counties of Essex and Kent, and to purchase Lands for various purposes, to extend the time limited for the purchase of certain Lots, and the completion of certain Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart and Mr. John Burns.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further powers on the London and South Eastern Counties Waterworks Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Arthur O'Connor and Mr. Thomas B. O'Riordan.

A Petition of the London County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the London County Council to make a New Street from Holborn to the Strand, and a widening of Southampton Row, to widen High Street, Kensington, and to make other Street Improvements and Works 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. Stuart, Mr. John Burns, and Mr. Cohen.

A Petition of the London United Tramways, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the London United Tramways, Limited, to widen a certain Road at Bredenford, to use Mechanical Power on their Tramways in London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Atherley-Jones and Mr. William Abraham (Cork).

A Petition of the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Repeal of the Agreement between the London, Walthamstow and Epping Forest Railway Company, and the Eastern Railway Company, and to make other Agreements in lieu thereof, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Wensley and Mr. Lyne.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London Water Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart, Mr. Sydney Burton, and Mr. Fletcher Monton.

A Petition of the London County Council, for London Water Works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart, Mr. Sydney Burton, and Mr. Fletcher Monton.

A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester for the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands, and with respect to the Regulation of Street Trading, Street Cries, Sale of Ice Creams, and with reference to Milk and other Matters affecting the Health and good Government of the City, and to empower the London United Tramways, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for empowering the London United Tramways Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Wensley and Sir James Fortescue M'Neily.

A Petition of the Metropolitan Waterworks Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring and empowering Powers on the Metropolitan Waterworks Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Hart Dyke, Mr. Roulston, and Colonel Lockwood.

A Petition of the several Companies whose Common Seals are thereunto affixed, for leave to bring in a Bill for improving and facilitating Inter-communication between the Main and Works of the Metropolitan Waterworks Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir William Hart Dyke, Mr. Roulston, and Colonel Lockwood.
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A petition of the there undersigned persons, being suitors for a bill for effecting the objects therein mentioned, for leave to bring in a bill for incorporating the North West London Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct underground railways from the Marble Arch to Crockfrodell, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Brodie Hope, Sir Samuel Scott, and Mr. William Ambrose.

A petition of the mayor, aldermen, and citizens of the city of Nottingham and county of the same city, for leave to bring in a bill to empower the corporation of Nottingham to construct additional tramways, to make new waterworks and a street improvement, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Lord Henry Bentinck, Mr. Bond, and Mr. Foulis.

A petition of the nauseant and chibby coxen urban district council, for leave to bring in a bill to authorise the nauseant and chibby coxen urban district council water, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Neville and Mr. Mentz.

A petition of the oicey urban district council, for leave to bring in a bill to enable the urban district council of oicey to construct additional waterworks, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Priory and Mr. Alfred Huxton.

A petition of the reditch town and district gas company, limited, for leave to bring in a bill for incorporating and conferring powers on the reditch gas company, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Long and Mr. Bill.

A petition of the rhonda urban district council, for leave to bring in a bill to authorise the rhonda urban district council to construct a tramroad and additional waterworks; to extend the period limited by the extradistroy urban district council (gas and water) act, 1888, for the purchase of lands and construction of works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alfred Thomas and Mr. William Abraham (Rhonda).

A petition of the there undersigned, for leave to bring in a bill for supplying gas and water to the city of saint david's and adjacent places, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by General Lawrie and Mr. Hoddell.

A petition of the saint james's and pall mall electric light company, limited, for leave to bring in a bill to empower the saint james's and pall mall electric light company, limited, to acquire lands and erect generating stations, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Liddon and Mr. Butcher.

A petition of the urban district council of stoke on trent, in the county of staffordshire, for leave to bring in a bill to authorise the stoke on trent and district water and gas company, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Porter.

A petition of the urban district council for the town and district of leeds, in the county of yorkshire, for the purchase of lands and construction of works, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Maurice and Mr. John G. Butterworth.

A petition of the north pennine and rotherham railway company, for leave to bring in a bill to provide for the abandonment of certain authorised railways of the north pennine and rotherham railway company; and for the vesting of the undertaking of that company in 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. John Dilwyn-Llewelyn and Mr. David Nockover.

A petition of the middle and south western junction railway company, for leave to bring in a bill to authorise the middle and south western junction railway company to extend their railway from alnwick to newcastle-upon-tyne, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Duffield and Mr. Bathurst.

A petition of the middle and south western junction railway company, for leave to bring in a bill to confer additional powers upon the middle and south western junction railway company, and upon that company and the lancashire and yorkshire railway company, and upon the middle and north eastern railway companies, and upon the north and south suffolk joint railways committee, and upon the middle and great northern railways joint committee for the construction of works and the acquisition of lands; to authorise agreements between the middle, lancashire and yorkshire, and great northern railway companies, and between the middle and south western junction railway companies; to provide for the vesting of the undertaking of the barnoldswick railway company in the middle railway company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Frederick Mappin and Mr. Allison.

A petition of the several persons whose names are thereto subscribed, for leave to bring in a bill for constituting, incorporating, and conferring powers upon the conservators of milton creek, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Akers-Douglas, Mr. Lawrence Hardy, Mr. Barnes, and Sir Horatio Duford.

A petition of the mayor, aldermen, and citizens of the city and county of newcastle upon tyne, for leave to bring in a bill to enable the mayor, aldermen, and citizens of the city and county of newcastle upon tyne to construct additional tramways, street improvements and other works, and to make further provision for the good government of the city, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Charles Hammond and Mr. Crudzitas.

A petition of the urban district council of new mills, for leave to bring in a bill to enable the urban district council of new mills to purchase the existing waterworks in their district belonging to francis john sumner, to authorise them to construct other waterworks and to supply water, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. de Triton Egerton, Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Bromley-Davenport.
be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Beckitt, Mr. Doody, and Mr. Perks.

A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sheffield, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of Sheffield to extend their Water Undertaking, and to give additional supplies of Water in bulk to other corporations and Authorities by constructing Works for impounding the Waters of the Rivers Derwent and Askam, and their Tributaries, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart-Wortley, Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Longley, and Mr. Maddison.

A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sheffield, for leave to bring in a Bill for authorizing the Corporation of the City of Sheffield to purchase from the Duke of Norfolk his Markets and Fairs within the City, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Stuart-Wortley, Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Longley, and Mr. Maddison.

A Petition of the three-undersigned, Frederick Henry Moore, John William Moor, Charles Morris, and Mark Robinson, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring additional Powers upon the Shirebrook and District Gas Company, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Thomas Bayley and Sir Frederick Miller.

A Petition of the Shatley Bridge and Consort District Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Corporation of the Shatley Bridge and Consort District Gas Company to purchase the Underlying Land, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Aherne-Douglas, Mr. Benson, Colonel Meller, and Minville.

A Petition of the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Aherne-Douglas, Mr. Benson, Colonel Meller, and Minville.

A Petition of the South Eastern Railway Company, and the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies with reference to the construction of new Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Aherne-Douglas, Mr. Benson, Colonel Meller, and Minville.

A Petition of the South Eastern Railway Company, the Epsom Downs Extension Railway Company, the Chipstead Valley Railway Company, and the Croydworth, Stedley, and Ber- hill Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for effecting further Powers on the South Eastern Railway Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Benson and Colonel Meller.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Wolver- hampton, for leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the more effectual execution of the Office of Justice of the Peace in South Stafford- shire, was presented, and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Henry Fowler, Sir Alfred Hickman, and Mr. Gibbons.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Stockport, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Corporation of the County Borough of Stockport 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 Mr. Melville and Mr. George Whiteley.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County Borough of Stockport, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Corporation of the County Borough of Stockport to purchase the Undertaking of the Stockport District Waterworks Company, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George Whiteley and Mr. Melville.

A Petition of the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the extension of their Undertaking, to construct new Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Edward Hill and Mr. Alfred Thomas.

A Petition of the South Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Corporation of the South Eastern Railway Company, Limited, under the provisions of the Telegraph Act, 1892, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. John Labouchere, Colonel Denys, Mr. David Maciver, and Mr. Perks.

A Petition of the Tenterden Railway Company, and the South Eastern Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for the construction of new Railways, the abandonment of authorised Railways, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Lawrence Hardy and Colonel Meller.

A Petition of the South Eastern Railway Company, and the South Eastern Railway Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to construct a new Railway between Greenwich and Blackheath, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Wombly and Mr. Lefroy.

A Petition of the Uxbridge and Rickmansworth Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Uxbridge and Rickmansworth Railway Company to abandon portions of their Undertaking, and to construct a new or substituted Railway in lieu thereof, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Henry Fowler, Sir Alfred Hickman, and Mr. Gibbons.

A Petition of the Tenterden Railway Company, and the South Eastern Railway Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to give additional Supplies of Water to the Borough of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George Whiteley and Mr. Melville.

A Petition of the South Eastern Railway Company, and the South Eastern Railway Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to give additional Supplies of Water to the Borough of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George Whiteley and Mr. Melville.

A Petition of the South Eastern Railway Company, and the South Eastern Railway Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to give additional Supplies of Water to the Borough of London, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. George Whiteley and Mr. Melville.
and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Archer-Jones and Mr. Bryon Roberts.

A Petition of the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Company for the raising of Capital and otherwise in relation to their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Alfred Thomas and Mr. David Thomas.

A Petition of the Walker and Wallasey Union Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Walker and Wallasey Union Gas Company to supply Electricity within their Limits of Gas Supply, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir Charles Palmer, Mr. Craddus, and Mr. Joseph Alfred Pease.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Warrington, for leave to bring in a Bill to make further provision in regard to the Water Supply of the Borough of Warrington, and to improve the Local Government of that Town, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Pierpoint, Mr. Oldroyd, and Sir Joseph Leese.

A Petition of the Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Time for purchasing Lands and completing the Railways authorised by the Central Ireland Railway Act, 1896, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. James Campbell and Mr. Timothy M. Healy.

A Petition of the West Gloucestershire Water Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for extending the Limits of Supply of the West Gloucestershire Water Company, and for authorising the Company to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Llewellyn and Mr. Calton.

A Petition of the West Metropolitan Railway Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate and empowering them to construct Railways from the Hammersmith and City Railway, in the County of London, to Aylesbury, in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Bill and Sir John Mochlar.

A Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the West Middlesex Waterworks, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers upon the Company of Proprietors of the West Middlesex Waterworks with respect to the construction of Works, the taking of Water from the River Thames, and the raising of Capital, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Boundy and Sir Frederick Maggie.

A Petition of the Thames-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for supplying with Water certain Parishes in the Rural Districts of Wetherby and Tadcaster, in the West Riding of the County of York, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Colonel Gaster and Mr. Cleugh.

A Petition of the Woking Water and Gas Company, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring further Powers on the Woking Water and Gas Company for the construction of Works, and for authorising the Company to raise further Money, and for extending their Limits for Supply of Water, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Sir John Baker and Mr. Cohen.

A Petition of the Woodhouse and Conisbrough Woodhouse and Conisbrough Railway, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Abandonment of the Woodhouse and Conisbrough Railway, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Arnold and Mr. Billing.

A Petition of the Worcestershire County Council, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer further Powers on the Worcestershire County Council for the Parish of Yardley, in the County of Worcestershire, for Police and all other purposes from the Justice of the Peace for the County of Worcestershire and the West Mercia County Council, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Austin Chamberlain, Colonel Long, Mr. Baldwin and Mr. John William Wilson.

A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Belfast, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Belfast to lay down Tramways; to make Work and to purchase Lands for Cemetery purposes; to amend several of the Local Acts in force in Belfast, and to confer various Powers on the Corporation, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the British Electric Tramway Company, Limited, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the Conisbrough and Aireville Light Railways Order, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incoporating and conferring Powers on the Lancashire Electric Power Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Lancashire Electric Power Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for conferring Powers on the Lancashire Electric Power Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the London Water Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Supply of Water to London and Neighbourhood, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Petition of the There-undersigned, for leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers on the West Riding Electric Company, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, Return to an Order, dated the 11th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return (1) of all Sums paid in each year since the year 1879-80, by direction of Her Majesty's Government, out of Moneys arising from the Revenues of Cyprus, in discharge of the interest upon the Turkish Loan guaranteed by this Country under the Statute 11 & 12 Vict. c. 99; and (2) of all Sums voted by Parliament during the same period in aid of 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 Turkish Loan and laid aside by way of Sinking Fund, together with the Interest thereon.

Greek Loan.

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 2 & 3 Will. 4, c. 121, and 5 & 6 Will. 4, c. 94, for Interest and Sinking Fund on that part of the Greek Loan which is 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 1898.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Appropriation Accounts).

No. 62.

Mr. Goschen presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Capital and of the Income derived from the Lands and other property held for the benefit of Greenwich Hospital, and the Foundation of Samuel Treasurers, Esquire, 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.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, under the Agricultural Acts, Congested Districts, and Burgh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Act, 1894, showing Valuations, Amounts Certified, and Annual Amounts Distributed.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistics of Deposits and Cash Balances in Joint Stock Banks; Deposits in Post Office Savings Banks and Trustee Savings Banks; Amount of the Government Funds, India Stocks, and Guaranteed Stock; and Bank Note Circulation in Ireland, December 1898; also Weekly Traffic Receipts of Irish Railways for the Years 1897-98; and Railway Traffic Statistics for each of the Ten Years 1888-97.

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 Two Orders, under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894 and 1896, dated respectively the 7th and 10th February 1898, prohibiting the conveyance of Animals by the Steamships "J. W. Taylor."—Copy of Licence, under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Acts, 1876 and 1894, granted by Her Majesty to Walter Long, Esquire, for the year ending on 31st March 1898, and the Productions of which have been charged to other Vessels, for the year ending 31st March 1898, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; and the Statement of the Surpluses and Deficits upon the Grants.

Mr. Goschen also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Resolutions of the Receipt and Expenditure of the Capital and of the Income derived from the Lands and other property held for the benefit of Greenwich Hospital, and the Foundation of Samuel Treasurers, Esquire, 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.

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, respecting the said Papers received by the Visitors of Lunatics for Travelling Expenses, or upon any other account, from the 1st January to the 31st December 1898.

(2.) Copy of Report made to the Lord Chancellor, concerning the Laymen, of all Sums received by the Visitors of Lunatics under the Lunacy Act, 1896, by the Visitors of Lunatics, of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the said Visitors, between the 1st day of July and the 30th day of September 1898.

(3.) Copy of all Applications made by the Bank of England for the advance of Loans, to the Governor and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, for Advances to Government, authorised by Parliament, from the 5th January to the 5th January 1899, with a Copy of the Minutes of the Court of Directors thereon.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 7th 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 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—(Captain Report);

And the Main Question being again propoosed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof "that no reference is made in Your Majesty's Speech to Questions specially affecting the interests of the people of Wales."—(Mr. Herbert Lewis.)

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. Herbert Roberts.]

Tellers for the [Mr. William Walrond.] 144.

Noes, [Mr. Austruther.]

So it passed in the Negative. 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 "that, in our opinion, it is expedient that any Bill which shall have been passed by this House, and shall, if passed by this House in the next ensuing Session, be submitted to Your Majesty, and, upon Your Royal Assent being signified, forthwith become Law," be added to the Main Question:—The House proceeded to a Division. And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

Tuesday, 14th February, 1899:
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Labouchere.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Mendl.]

Noes, [Mr. Austruther.]

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 Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Poor Law Bill for the amendment of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896; and that Mr. John Maclure, Mr. Acroft, Mr. Bailey, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Mr. Francis, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Hader, Mr. Hetherington, Sir Alfred Hickman do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Steam Engines Bill to grant Certificates to Persons in Charge of Steam Engines and Boilers: And that Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Joseph Alfred Pease, Mr. Maclure, Mr. Haldane, Mr. Helder, Colonel Donaghy, Mr. Foguish, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. Paton, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Joseph Walton do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorial with respect to Superannuation Act, 1896, addressed to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by Civil Servants of the Crown, and Copy of Reply thereto, dated the 10th day of January, 1899.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Tenancy Tenants Bill to provide for Tenants in Towns in Ireland (Ireland) security in their Holdings and Improvements, and to enable fair judicial Rents to be determined: And that Mr. Field, Mr. Gorman, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Mr. William Redmond, and Mr. Tully do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir John Macfarlane presented a Bill for the amendment of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday the 5th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Jonathan Samuel presented a Bill to grant Steam Engines Certificates to Persons in Charge of Steam Engines and Boilers; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon
Tuesday, 14th February, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYER.

ORDERED, That the Select Committee on Standing Orders do consist of Thirteen Members—Mr. Buchanan, Sir William Coddington, Mr. John Edward Ellis, Sir Thomas Emmard, Sir Edward Gourlay, Mr. Holyoak, Mr. Humphrey-Owen, Mr. James Loudon, Sir John Lubbock, Sir John Monbray, Mr. William Redmond, Sir Mark McNab, Mr. Stuart, and Mr. Whitmore were accordingly nominated Members of the Committee.—(Mr. Hayley.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection do consist of Eleven Members—Mr. Sydney Buxton, Sir John Dering, Sir William Hart Dyke, Dr. Parry, Mr. Halsey, Mr. Justin McCarthy, Mr. Spence, Mr. Stansfeld, Mr. Wharton, Mr. Wodehouse, and the Chairman of the Select Committee on Standing Orders were accordingly nominated Members of the Committee.—(Mr. Hayley.)

A Bill to make further provisions with reference to, and to confer further Powers on the Undertakers of the River Arno in South Wales, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Barking Town Improvement Bill.

A Bill to empower the Urban District Council of the Urban District of Barking Town to supply Gas and to purchase the Undertaking of the Barking Gas Company, to construct Street and other Works, to make provision for the transfer to the Council of the jurisdiction within the District of the Commissioners of Sewers for Sewers, Deganham, and other Levels, and 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.

Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill.

A Bill to enable the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Company to make new Railways and Works; to confer further Powers upon the Company; to alter the Name of the Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Brigg Urban Gas Company Limited Bill.

A Bill to empower the Brigg Urban Gas Company Limited, to the Council, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Belfast and Lough Neagh Bill.

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

Bromley and Runnymede Bill.

A Bill to incorporate the Bromley and Runnymede and Pocadilly Circus Railway Company for the construction of Extension Railways and Works in the County of London, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Brynmawr and Marfa Bill.

A Bill to incorporate the Brynmawr and Marfa Company, to construct a Railway in the County of Monmouth, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Buxton and Southern Railway Company Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Buxton and Southern Railway Company to widen their Carriage-ways and Larne Branch Railway; to construct a Pier and Embankment or Sea Road at Whitehead; to confirm the purchase by the Company of the Portstewar Tramway; to confer further Powers upon the Company in connection with their Undertakings, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Carrickfergus and Larne Branch Railway Bill.

A Bill to empower the Carrickfergus and Larne Branch Railway Company to widen their Carriage-ways and Larne Branch Railway; to construct a Pier and Embankment or Sea Road at Whitehead; to confirm the purchase by the Company of the Portstewar Tramway; to confer further Powers upon the Company in connection with their Undertakings, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Culross and St. Andrews Railway Bill.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the Culross and St. Andrews Railway Company, Limited, to the Council, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Brixton Urban District Council a Bill for transferring to the Euston, and Burley-in-Arden a Bill to empower the Urban District Council to confer further powers on the said Corporation with respect to their Waterworks Undertaking and in regard to Streets, Buildings, Sewers, and Drains, and for the Health, Local Government, and Improvement of the Borough; to make further provisions for the Collection and Recovery of Rates; for the borrowing of Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Derby Tramways Company (Limited); to confer further powers on the Corporation with reference to the Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Derby to acquire and work the Undertaking of the Derby Tramways Company (Limited); to confer further powers on the Corporation with reference to the Government of the Borough, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Dublin to extend the City of Dublin, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to amend enactments relating to Markets in the City of Dublin, and to the Borrowing Powers of the Corporation of Dublin, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the improvement of the Dublin Area bounded by Patrick Street, Bride's Alley, Bride Street, and St. Alley, in the City of Dublin, and the erection thereon of Workmen's Dwellings and other Buildings, to vest the same and the control thereof in a body of Trustees, to empower the Corporation of Dublin to carry out certain Street Widenings, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorise the East London Waterworks Company to construct additional Storage Reservoirs and other Works; and to raise further Money, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to enable the East London Waterworks Company, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, to take further Water from the River Thames in cases of exceptional Drought and other Emergency, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorise the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the City of Edinburgh to provide, erect, and maintain a Municipal Hall; to provide increased facilities in connection with their Electric Lighting Undertaking; to construct Works and Tramways; to acquire Lands; to amend Acts, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Fishguard and Pembroke Railways and Harbours Company to construct additional Harbour Works at Fishguard, and a new Railway in lieu of their authority over the Cork and Fermoy Railway, and to authorise the Great Eastern Railway Company Bill.
A Bill for conferring further Powers upon the Great Western and Western Railway Companies, and for amalgamating with the Undertaking of the Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers upon a Joint Committee of the Great Western and Great Central Railway Companies, and for vesting in them certain existing and authorised Railways of the Great Western Railway Company, and authorising them to construct a new 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 in respect of their own Undertaking, and upon that Company and the London and North Western Railway Company in respect of Undertakings in which they are jointly interested, for vesting the Undertaking of the Golden Valley Railway Company in 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 empower the Harrow and Uxbridge Tramways Company to lay down and maintain additional Tramways and Works, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating and conferring Powers upon the Harrow and Uxbridge Tramways Company to lay down and maintain additional Tramways and Works, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Urban District Council of Ilford in the West Riding of the County of York, to construct additional Waterworks; to borrow Money for the purposes thereof, and for the completion of certain Lands, and for the purchase of such Lands, and for the sale of superfluous Lands by the Cheshire Lines Committee and the Midland and Midland Railway Companies Committee; to raise additional Capital; to confer further Powers on the Great Central Railway Company and the North Staffordshire Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

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Lancashire and Keady, and the Railway Company Limited, and the
Railway Company to construct Railways in the Counties of
Leicester, Groby, and for other purposes, was read the
first time; and referred to the Examiners of
Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Kensington Corporation

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Leeds to
extend their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was read the
first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Lancashire and Yorkshire (Railway (Various Powers) Bill.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the
Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, with respect to the
construction of Works, and for other purposes, was read the
first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Lisburn Town Commissioners Bill.

A Bill to extend the Borrowing Powers of the Commissioners of Urban District Council of the
Urban District or Town of Lisburn to enable them to consolidate their Debts, to create and
issue new Stock, to confer further Powers upon them for the better management of the Town, and
for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Lithuanian

A Bill to incorporate the Kingscourt, Keady, and Armagh Railway Company, and to empower
them to construct Railways in the Counties of
Kingscourt, Armagh, and for other purposes, was read the
first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Londonderry

A Bill for empowering the London, Brighton, and
South Coast Railway Company to construct new
Railways, to widen their existing Railways, and
for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London

A Bill to enable the London, Chatham, and
Dover Railway Company to raise further Capital, and
for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London

A Bill to alter the constitution of the
London County Council to construct Railway Sidings at Haydon Way Company, and to make other Agreements in lieu thereof, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (Pension) Bill.

A Bill to empower the London, Brighton, and
South Coast Railway Company to construct new
Railways, to widen their existing Railways, and
for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

London

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

Leicester

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Leicester to extend their Kirkgate Market; to erect a Hall; to construct Street Works and a Tramway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Leicester

A Bill for incorporating the Leicester, Groby, and
Brentford Park Railway Company, and authorising them to construct a Railway in the County of
Leicester connecting with the Great Central Railway, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Leith Harbour

A Bill to provide for the establishment and
administration of
Leith Harbour and Docks, Acts, 1875 and 1892; to authorise the fencing of Ground, the construction of additional Works, and redemption of Annuity to the Corporation of
Leith, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Leith Harbour

A Bill to amend the Leith Harbour and Docks, Acts, 1875 and 1892; to authorise the fencing of Ground, the construction of additional Works, and redemption of Annuity to the Corporation of
Leith, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Lincoln

A Bill to authorise the Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Company to alter the Line and Levels of portions of their authorised
Railways, and to construct certain new and
substituted Railways in connection with their Undertaking, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Lincoln

A Bill to extend the Borrowing Powers of the Commissioners of the
Urban District or Town of Lincoln to enable them to consolidate their Debts, to create and
issue new Stock, to confer further Powers upon them for the better management of the Town, and
for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Lincoln

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the
Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Company to alter the Line and Levels of portions of their authorised
Railways, and to construct certain new and
substituted Railways in connection with their Undertaking, 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 for the repeal of the Agreement between
Lincoln, the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company and the Great Eastern Railway
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Lincoln

A Bill to authorize the London County Council Londonderry to make a New Street from Holborn to the
Strand, and a widening of Southampton Row, to widen High Street, Kensington, and to make other
Street Improvements and Works in the Administrative
County of London, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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Burgesses of the Borough of
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Leicester

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creation and issue of Stock and Annuities, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the London County Council to acquire the Undertakings of the London Water Companies, 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 Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester for the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands, and with respect to the regulation of Street Traffic, Street Cries, Sale of Ice Creams, and with reference to Milk and other matters affecting the Health and good Government of the City, and to enlarge their Powers in connection with the supply of Electricity, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

A Bill for improving and facilitating Intercommunication between the Mains and Works of the Metropolitan Water Companies was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer further Powers on the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Company; to authorise them to acquire the Undertaking of the Merthyrful and Giffen Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Company to extend the railway from Aunsworld to the Midland Railway at Askwthurch, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to confer additional Powers upon the Midland Railway Company, and upon that Company and the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, and upon the Midland and North Eastern Railway Companies Committee, and upon the Norfolk and Suffolk Joint Railways Committee, and upon the Midland and Great Northern Railway Companies Committee for the construction of Works and the acquisition of Lands; to authorise Agreements between the Midland, Lancashire and Yorkshire, and Great Northern Railway Companies, and between the Midland and Midland and South Western Junction Railway Companies; to provide for the vesting of the Undertaking of the Barrowden Railway Company in the Midland Railway Company, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to constitute, incorporating, and conferring Powers upon the Conservators of Milten Creek, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

London Water Corporation Bill.

Manchester Corporation (General Powers) Bill.

Manchester Corporation (Public Works) Bill.

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A Bill to confer upon the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City and County of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to construct additional Tramways, Street Improvements, and other Works, and to make further provision for the good Government of the City, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Urban District Council of New Mills to purchase the existing Waterworks in their District belonging to Francis John Sumner, to authorise them to construct other Waterworks and to supply Water, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to provide for the abandonment of certain authorised Railways of the North Pennine, Westmoreland and Pilkington Railway Company, and for the vesting of the Undertaking of that Company in 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 for incorporating the North West North West London Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct Underground Railways from Marble Arch to Criclewood, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Nottingham to construct additional Waterworks, and to authorise them to purchase the existing Waterworks and erect Generating Stations, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to enable the Urban District Council of Otley to construct additional Waterworks, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

A Bill to enable the Urban District Council of Saint David's and adjacent Places to supply Water and Gas to the Borough of Saint David's and adjacent Places, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Saint James's and Pall Mall Electric Light Company, Limited, to acquire Lands and erect Generating Stations, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorize the Rhondda Urban District Council to construct a Tramroad and additional Waterworks; to extend the periods limited by the Sarnetofthouse Urban District Council (Gas and Water) Act, 1886, for the purchase of Lands and construction of Works, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for supplying with Water and Gas the Saint David's City of Saint David's and adjacent Places was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the St. James's and Pall Mall Electric Light Company to acquire Lands and erect Generating Stations, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to authorize the Southwark Urban District Council in the County of Lincoln, to construct and maintain Gas Works and Water Works, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to empower the Corporation of Sheffield to extend their Water Undertaking, and to give additional Supplies of Water in bulk to other Urban District Councils, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.
Corporations and Authorities by constructing Works for impounding the Waters of the Rivers Derwent and Ashby and their Tributaries, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for empowering the Corporation of the City of Sheffield to purchase from the Duke of Norfolk his Markets and Fairs within the City, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Stockport and District Gas Company was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to provide for the Working Union of the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for conferring further Powers on the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies with reference to the construction of new Railways, 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 Stockport District Waterworks Company and their Predecessors the Stockport Water Company, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the Corporation of the County Borough of Stockport 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 read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

A Bill to empower the Walker and Wallend Railway Company to abandon portions of their Undertaking, and to construct certain new or substituted Railways in lieu thereof, 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 on the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Company for the raising of Capital 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.

A Bill to authorize the construction of a Thames Ferry on submerged rails across the River Thames between Greenwich and Milford, with Approaches, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to authorize the Unbridge and Rickmansworth Railway Company to abandon portions of their Undertaking, and to construct certain new or substituted Railways in lieu thereof, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to empower the Unbridge and Rickmansworth Union Gas Company to supply Electricity within their Limits, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Laying of Lightings (electric) Bill Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill to make further provision in regard to Warrington the Water Supply of the Borough, and to improve the Local Government of that Town, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to extend the Time for purchasing Waterfrod Lands and completing the Railways authorised by the Central Ireland Railway Act, 1896, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for extending the Limits of Supply of West Gloucestershire Water Company, and for authorising the Company to raise further Capital, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for incorporating the West Metropolitan Railway Company, and for empowering them to construct Railways from the Hammeilwick and City Railway, in the County of London, to Acton, in the County of Middlesex, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill to confer further Powers upon the West Company of Proprietors of the West Midlands Waterworks with respect to the construction of Works, the taking of Water from the River Thames, and the raising of Capital, 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 certain Wetherby Parishes in the Rural Districts of Wetherby and Thedestowe, in the West Riding of the County of York, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill for the abandonment of the Woodhouse Woodhouse and Cusworth Railway, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
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A Bill to authorise the re-transfer to the
justices of the Peace for the County of Worcester and to the Worcester County Council of the
Parish of Yardley, in the County of Worcester, for Police and all other purposes, from the Justices of the Peace for the County of Warwick and the Worcestershire County Council, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Account relative to Wages and Effects of Deceased Seamen, which was read the 14th day of this instant February, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Bank of England, which was presented upon the 13th day of this instant February, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary for Scotland to report as to Rules for Inebriate Reformatories, under the Inebriates Act, 1899.

The Lord Advocate also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Regulations for Certified Inebriate Reformatories for Scotland.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Estimate of the further Amount required during the year ending 31st March 1899, for the Service of the Ordnance Factories.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Five General Orders issued by the Local Government Board for Ireland between the 20th May 1898 and the 17th January 1899.

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

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 Antrim (North), in the room of Major-General Hugh McCollum, C.B., 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 Waite.)

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 Naturalisation have been issued, and whose Oaths of Allegiance have, between the 1st day of January 1898 and the 31st day of December 1898, been registered at the Home Office, giving the Country and Place of Residence of the Person naturalised, and including Information as to any Aliens who have during the same period obtained Acts of Naturalisation from the Legislature (in continuation of parliamentary Paper, No. 139, of Session 1898).—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, the Papers relative to the Bank of Works (Ireland) and the Lagan Navigation Company relating to the taking over the Upper Canal by the Company under the provisions of the Upper Canal Act, 1885.—(Mr. Arthur O'Connor.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a return showing, so far as it is possible to ascertain from the Records for each Poor Law Union in Ireland, the Number of Cases in which the Poor Rates were levied by Distress in the years 1897 and 1898, giving separately the Number of Cases in which the Distraints were made on the authority of Justice's Warrants and the Number made on the Guardians' Warrants.

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Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Return.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Motion made, and Question put, That it having been represented to this House that the Duke of Bedford and Earl Carington, two Lords of Parliament, did severally upon the 10th of February last infringe the liberties and privileges of this House by concerning themselves in the election of Members to the Commons, a Select Committee be appointed to consider the matter and report thereon to the House—

(Mr. James Leather); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. James Leather: Yeas, [Sir Wilfrid Lawson]; Noes, [Mr. Austruther]; So it passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do meet To-morrow, at Two of the clock—(Mr. Balfour); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Austruther]; Noes, [Mr. MacNeill]; So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Address in answer to Her Majesty's Speech have proceeded this day and To-morrow of the Notices of Motion and of the other Orders of the Day— (Mr. Balfour).

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Public Libraries (Scotland) Acts: And that Sir Robert Reid, Sir Mark M'Puyratt Stewart, Mr. Scotter, and Mr. Rutherford do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Superannuation (Metropolis) Act, 1866: And that Colonel Hughes, Mr. William Frederick Smith, Mr. Leigh, Mr. James Bailey, Sir Mancherjee Bhownaggree, Mr. Albert Rollit, Mr. Bousfield, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Marks, Mr. Louis Sinclair, Mr. Mancherjee Bhownaggree, Mr. Albert Rollit, and Mr. George Fardell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879: And that Colonel Hughes, Mr. Leaders of the House (Wednesday).

Public Libraries (Scotland) Act Amend­ment.

Metropolis Water.

Metropolitan Water Bill.

Leasehold Improvement (England and Wales) (No. 5.)

Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill.

Public Libraries (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill.

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Colonel Hughes presented a Bill to amend the Superannuation (Metropolis) Act, 1866: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 21st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Harry Samuel presented a Bill to amend the Metropolis Water Act, 1871, and to make further provision for the due supply of Water to the Metropolis: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Brys Roberts 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 Thursday the 2nd day of March next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 7th 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—(Captain Bagot);

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 express our regret that, although the Commissioners appointed by Your Majesty in 1892 to inquire into the Land Question in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland have reported that 1,282,785 acres of land now occupied as deer forests, grouse moors, &c., might be cultivated to profit, or otherwise advantageously occupied by crofters or small tenants, there is no indication in Your Majesty's Speech that arrangements will be made for acquiring some portion of this land so that the crofters, cottars, and fishermen may be able to live under more favourable conditions than those under which many of them now exist; and that there is no indication that the benefits of the Crofters Act, 1886, will be extended to all crofter tenants holding under lease at the time of the passing of that Act"—(Mr. Weir). And the Question being put, That those words be there added;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Mr. Thomas Ellis: Yeas, [Mr. Cowan]; 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 assure Your Majesty Calculate Municipal Bill, 1892; and to be printed.

under consideration by the Bengal Legislative Council, which, if enacted, will practically destroy
`` destroy the representative character of the Calcutta municipality, and will constitute a retrograde step in the system of local government in India; and pray that Your Majesty will graciously direct that the further consideration of the Bill be postponed until a daily constituted commission has taken evidence and has reported upon the objections urged against the Bill by the ratepayers of Calcutta.''

(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

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

And the Main Question being again proposed:—Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that 25 out of the 44 Ministers of the Crown who constitute Your Majesty's present Administration hold among them no fewer than 41 directorships in public companies, and that we consider the position of a public company director to be incompatible with the position of a Minister of the Crown, and that the union of such offices is calculated to lower the dignity of public life."—(Mr. Max Nell.)

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

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Wednesday, 15th February, 1899:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill;

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

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

Wednesday, 15th February, 1899.
The House met at Two of the clock.

A BILL for conferring further Powers on the Water and Gas Company, for the construction of Works, and for authorising the Company to raise further Moneys, and for extending their Limits for Supply of Water, and for other purposes, was read the first time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill to enlarge the Powers of the National Telephone Company, Limited, under the Provisions of the Telegraph Act, 1882, be read the first time;

And, of Order being raised;

Ordered, That the Further Proceeding on the First Reading be postponed until Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Standing Order 186 be suspended, and that the time for presenting the Petition for the Bill be extended to Thursday the 16th day of this instant February.—(Dr. Forbury.)

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


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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to a direction of the House, for the right hon. and gallant Gentleman the Secretary of State for War, and for other purposes, was read the first time, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That Standing Order 185 be suspended, and that the time for presenting the Petition for the Bill be extended to Thursday Vot. 184.


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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of the House, for the right hon. and gallant Gentleman the Secretary of State for War, under the 53rd Vic. c. 5, & 169, of the Number of Yachts made, and the Number of Patients seen, by the several Commissioners in Lunacy, during the Six Months ending on the 31st December 1898, was ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, at the end of the Question, to add the words,—"And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that 35 out of the 44 Ministers of the Crown who constitute Your Majesty's present Administration hold among them no fewer than 41 directorships in public companies, and that we consider the position of a public company director to be incompatible with the position of a Minister of the Crown, and that the union of such offices is calculated to lower the dignity of public life."—(Mr. Max Nell.)

And which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words,—

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

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And which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words,—
Parish Councils (Tenure of Office) Bill. 60.

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

Ordering, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 22nd day of March next.

The House adjourned till Tuesday at Three of the clock.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Digest of the Endowed Charities in the County of Norfolk, 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, 1861-3 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 433 (11), of Session 1869).—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Digest of the Endowed Charities in the County of Middlesex, 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, 1871-2 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 155 (3), 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 Worcestershire, 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, 1885-6 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 433 (19), of Session 1886).—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 4th 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 Kingdoms 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,—Captain Bagot; 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 venture to express the hope that Your Majesty will direct inquiry into the present large and increase of Parliamentary Paper, No. 433 (19), of Session 1886).—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

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

Ordered, That the Question being put, That those words be there added.—The House proceeded to a Division.

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

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Committee be proceeded with the Report of the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Mr. Flower presented a Bill to amend Section One of the Poor Law Act, 1889, and Section Four of the Poor Law (Apprentices, &c.) Act, 1889; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
Friday, 17th February, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

THE Order, made upon the 14th day of this instant February, That the Thames Ferry (Greenwich to Millwall) Bill be read a second time, was read, and discharged. 

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn. (Dr. Farquharson.)

Public Petitions.

Vote Post Reports.

Army Estimates.

No. 59.

Mr. Woodburn presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Army Estimates of Effective and Non-Effective Services for 1899-1900, including Statement of the Variations in the Number of Her Majesty's British Forces, Explanations of the Increases and Decreases in the Estimates, the Amounts included for the Colonies and Egypt, and the Amounts provided for each Arm of the Service, and for various Miscellaneous Establishments.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Additional Articles to the Money Order Convention of the 10th-18th of January 1871, between the General Post Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the General Post Office of North Germany, relative to the exchange of Telegraph Money Orders.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—(1.) An Account of the Gross Amount of all Sums received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of Banks for Savings and Friendly Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, from their commencement at 9th August 1817 to the 20th November 1898; (2.) An Account of the several Transactions which have taken place during the year ended 20th November 1898, 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 1898.

An Account of the Gross Amount of all Moneys received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of "The Fund for Military Savings Banks," pursuant to 22 & 33 Vict. c. 20, from the 19th September 1846 to the 5th January 1899, and the Amounts included for the said Period, was read, and ordered to lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to National Debt (Savings Banks and Friendly Societies) and National Debt (Military Savings Banks) be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2205;

Trade Reports (Annual Series).

Trade Reports (Miscellaneous Series).
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 Sir Stafford Northcote, Mr. Oldroyd, Sir James Rankin, and Mr. Stanhope do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Registration of Firms: And that Sir Stafford Northcote, Mr. Oldroyd, Sir James Rankin, and Mr. Stanhope do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Boulton presented a Bill to repeal Section Two of the Vaccination Act, 1898: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of March next; and to be printed.

Major Rankin presented a Bill to regulate the Sale and Cultivation of Oysters: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of March next; and to be printed.

Sir Andrew Scoble 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 Wednesday the 1st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Gallaway 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 upon Wednesday the 29th day of March 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 8th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Warr 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 the 29th day of March next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 7th 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—(Captain Bagot); And the Question being again proposed—

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, to provide for the admission of Solicitors of Courts of British Possessions to the Supreme Courts in the United Kingdom: And that Mr. Gallaway, Sir Charles Dilke, Major Greville-Hutchinson, Mr. Lionel Holland, Mr. Dalziel, and Mr. Schauen do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Registration of Firms: And that Sir Stafford Northcote, Mr. Oldroyd, Sir James Rankin, and Mr. Stanhope do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the admission of Solicitors of Courts of British Possessions to the Supreme Courts in the United Kingdom: And that Mr. Warr, Sir Albert Rolloitt, Mr. Heider, and Mr. Hogan do prepare, and bring it in.

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

And the Main Question being again proposed;

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words “And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that the frequent recurrence (Ireland—)”.

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Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon the adjourned Debate on the Main Question proposed upon the 7th day of this instant February, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:—
Ordered, That the Barley-in-Wharfedale Urban District Water Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant February.

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

The Cork Corporation (Finance) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Cork Corporation District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Horsham Urban District Council (Water) Bill was read a second time upon Tuesday the 28th day of this instant February.

The Ilford Urban District Council Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Kingswood, Kendal, and Armathwaite Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Rio Grande District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The South Eastern and London Railways Company (New Lines) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The West Riding Metropolis Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Wirral Urban District Council (Water) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The York, Hull, and Leeds Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.
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The Lisburn Town Commissioners Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the London County Council (General Powers) Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the 26th day of this instant February.

Ordered, That the London Improvement Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of this instant February.

Ordered, That the Manchester Corporation (General Powers) Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Milton Creek Conservancy Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Tramways and Improvement Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The New Mills Urban District Council (Water) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

TheNettingham Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Norwich and Chilvers Coton Urban District Council Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Rhondda Urban District Council Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Saint David’s Water and Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Sheffield Corporation (Derwent Valley) Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The South Staffordshire Stipendiary Justice Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

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

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

The Order, made upon the 14th day of this instant February, That the Londonderry and Lough Steeley Railway Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Forghaderon.)

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Carmarthen), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant February, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Seventh Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Inspection Committees of Trustee Savings Banks for the year ended 20th November 1898, with Appendices.

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, according to Provisions and Counties, of Judicial Rents fixed by Chief Commission, Sub-Commissions, and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms; together with a Return, prepared in a similar manner, of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Land Commission on appeal as notified during the month of June 1898; also Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty’s Treaty Series Command,—Copy of Exchange of Notes between Great Britain and Portugal relative to the Dislimitation of the Frontier between the British and Portuguese Possessions in Amontagnia.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Hythe, in the room of General Sir James Bennett Edwards, K.C.M.G., C.B., 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 Warbroad.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of York (West Riding) (Ilkland Division), in the room of Thomas Wogan, 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 Stake, Desborough, and Bromham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Mr. Thomas Ellis.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Voluntary a Return of the Public Elementary Schools not provided by School Boards, which have been closed or transferred to School Boards since the commencement of the Voluntary Schools Act, 1897, giving in each case the reason assigned by the Managers for closure or transfer.—(Mr. Beresford.)
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Streets Act, 1887: And that Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley and Mr. Joss Collings do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable and require the Metropolitan Water Companies to supply each other with Water in cases of Emergency: And that Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Balfour, Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, and Mr. T. W. Russell 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. A. Strathern do prepare, and bring it in.

Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland.)

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Streets Act, 1887: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Chaplin presented a Bill to enable and require the Metropolitan Water Companies to supply each other with Water in cases of emergency: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

The Lord Advocate presented 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 the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of this instant February, was proposed to be made to the Question, upon the 7th 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, do humbly represent to Your Majesty that the frequent recurrence of severe distress in certain districts of Ireland is the source of much suffering to the population of these localities, and calls for the speedy application of an efficient remedy for this social misery and privation by an extension of legislation during the present Session for the enlargement of holdings, and the carrying out of feasible schemes of migration, in accordance with a resolution passed by the Congested Districts Board of Ireland in 1889, asking for compulsory powers to enable the Public to provide increased opportunities of employment for the victims of this chronic distress.—(Mr. Durnford):

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

The House divided.

The Question, proposed upon the 7th day of this instant February, to add the words "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty that in view of the great discontent existing among employees of the Postal and Telegraph services immediate inquiry should be made into the causes of the complaint."—(Mr. Steadman.)

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

The House divided.

The Question, proposed upon the 7th day of this instant February, to add the words "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty the urgent need of extending the Powers of the Board of Trade in order to establish efficient inspection of the working of the railways of the United Kingdom, and of the introduction of a Bill for the greater safety of the men engaged in shunting operations, whereby there is good reason to believe that the heavy loss of life and serious non-fatal accidents now taking place on railways would be materially reduced."—(Mr. Middleton.)

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

And the Main Question being again proposed:

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "And we humbly represent to Your Majesty the urgent need of extending the Powers of the Board of Trade in order to establish efficient inspection of the working of the railways of the United Kingdom, and of the introduction of a Bill for the greater safety of the men engaged in shunting operations, whereby there is good reason to believe that the heavy loss of life and serious non-fatal accidents now taking place on railways would be materially reduced."—(Mr. Steadman.)

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the second Reading of the Licensing Examination Prevention (Houses of Parliament) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) parish

Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) Parish

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

To-morrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the powers of charge conferred on the Metropolitan Gas Companies, and to report as to the method in which those powers have been exercised, having regard to
Tuesday, 21st February, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

The House proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(Sir William Walrond.)

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 17th day of this instant February, on the subject of the Houses of Lords and Commons Permanent Staff, as desired by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Sir William Walrond.)

The Order of the day being read, Mr. Speaker directed the following Resolution to be reported:—"That it is desirable that a Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament be appointed to inquire into the Salaries of the Permanent Staff of both Houses of Parliament, and into the present method of appointment or nomination by any Officer of either House; and to report what changes, if any, are suitable in respect thereto, might be made; and the same be read; and that the House proceed to take the said Message into consideration.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Lords in the said Resolution.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of March next; and to be printed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nelson-upon-Tyne Tramways and Improvement Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Standing Order No. 62 has been complied with, and the Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
persons were appointed to the Offices set against their names without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Heads of their Departments, etc.: —

Francis Bailey, Postmaster, Woodford Green, Post Office Department, dated 10th February 1899.

William James Beighton, Postmaster, Ambleside, Post Office Department, dated 11th February 1899.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Statistical Abstract for the principal and other Foreign Countries in each year from 1887 to 1896-97 (Twenty-fourth Number).

Copy of Memorandum by F. J. S. Hopwood, c.b., C.M.G., Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trade, upon the use of Automatic Couplings on Railway Stock, with special reference to American experience.

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

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Navy Estimates for the year 1899-1900, with Explanations of Differences.

Copy of Statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty explanatory of the Navy Estimates, 1899-1900.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report No. 257 (Cocos-Keeling and Christmas Islands, Report on the Annual Visit for 1898).—(Mr. Wyndham.)

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

Mr. Redrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2056.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Report by the Inspector General of Recruiting, being for 1898.

Mr. Wyndham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the Amount due by the Public to Depositories in Military Savings Banks on the 31st March 1897, and of the Receipts, Interest, and Distributions in the said Military Savings Banks during the year next ensuing, ending on 31st March 1898, &c.

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

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

The Orders, made upon the 16th day of this instant February, That the Navy (Supplementary Estimates, 1899-99) do lie upon the Table, and be printed, were severally read, and Discharged.

Ordered, That the said Estimate be withdrawn.—(Mr. Macarthy.)

Ordered, That Sir John Monsay have leave leave of absence until Easter, on account of domestic Affliction.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Fishings and a Return of all Persons to whom any Crown Forestry Rights of Fishings or Fishings in Scotland (Shetland) have been sold or leased by the Office of Woods, with the Dates of Grants and Consideration paid, whether in a lump Sum or as Rent to the Crown, to the end of 1898, in the following form:

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(continued in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 161, of Session 1893.)—(Mr. Weir.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant February, That 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) ;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return (in continuation of [C. 9092] for 1898) giving the Gross and Net Rentals of various Properties at Salutary Plants purchased by the War Department, as well as the Amounts at which they are rated for the Poor Rate.—(Mr. Thomas Baring.)

Ordered, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills do examine the Metropolitan Water Bill, with respect to compliance with the Standing Orders relative to Private Bills.—(Dr. Furneaux.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words "Government Business" be inserted at the beginning of the Question—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "the Proceedings on the Address in answer to Her Majesty's Speech" be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:—The Question being put, That the words "Employers' Liability Act" stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Bye-laws under the Elementary Education Acts: And that Mr. Alfred Hutton, Mr. Spicer, Mr. Robson, Mr. Flower and Mr. Lloyd-George do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for Seats being supplied for the use of Shop Assistants in Scotland: And that Mr. Souttar, Sir John Leng, Mr. Pritie, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Parker Smith, Colonel Demay, and Mr. Colville 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 Protection of Wild Birds: And that Mr. Byng and Mr. Howard do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Bye-laws under the Elementary Education Acts: And that the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. William Ambrose presented a Bill to consolidate the Law of Murder with reference to the Doctrine of Constructive or Implied Malice: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 7th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Weir presented a Bill to amend the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1897: 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.

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The Yeas to the Right;  
The Noses to the Left.  
Tellers for the Mr. Havelock Wilson,  
Yes;  
Sir Francis Hurst.  
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,  
Noses.  
Mr. Austrander.  
So it passed in the Negative.

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, beg leave 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 and of Her Majesty's Household.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of 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 Thursday 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.)

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the legislative power of Bishops in the House of Peers in Parliament is a great hindrance to the discharge of their spiritual functions, prejudicial to the commonwealth, and fit to be taken away by Bill.—(Mr. Herbert Lewis);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out all the words after the word "Parliament," to the end of the Question, and adding the words "ought to be maintained; but that it is desirable that other Life Peers should be added to that House, especially those who would represent the greater religious denominations other than the Church of England"—(Lord Hugh Cecil)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left stand part of the Question, as it was resolved in the Affirmative. And the Main Question being put:—
The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;  
The Noses to the Left.  
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Lewis,  
Yes;  
Mr. Francis Stevenson.  
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,  
Noses,  
Mr. Austrander.  
So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops Bill;  
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time—And a Debate arising thereupon:—

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Wednesday, 22nd February, 1899;

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Public Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.  
Ordered, That the London Water (Finance) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of March next.

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Army (Military Savings Bank), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant February, be printed.

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.

Mr. Bradlaugh presented, by Her Majesty's Treasury Command,—Copy of Exchange of Notes extending to Cyprus and Lagos the Provisional "modus vivendi" between the United Kingdom and Belgium pending the conclusion of a Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the two Countries, 5th January 1899.

Copy of Exchange of Notes extending to Treaty Series "modus vivendi" (No. 4, 1892) between the United Kingdom and Belgium pending the conclusion of a Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the two Countries, 6th December 1898.

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

The Cottage Homes Bill was, according to Cottage Homes Order, read a second time; and committed to a Bill Select Committee.
Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.—(Mr. John Hutton.)

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. James Kavanagh, Mr. Maurice Healy, Mr. Long, Sir James Kitson, Mr. Schwann, Mr. Woods, and Mr. John Wilson (Green) do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. John Redmond presented a Bill to amend the Inebriates Acts 1898:—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. John Redmond presented a Bill to change Partridge Shooting in Ireland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Kearley 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 next; and to be printed.

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, 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. Chancellor of the Exchequer); and 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.

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

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

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 1, "Sittings of the House;" I hereby nominate—

Mr. Arthur O'Connor,

Mr. John Edward Ellis,

Mr. John Grant Laffan,

Mr. Maurice Healy,

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

WILLIAM County GULLY,

Speaker.

22nd February 1899.

Thursday, 23rd February, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report 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. —

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Belfast and Northern Counties Railway Bill.
London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill.
Midland Railway Bill.
South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills 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, etc. —

Great Grimsby Street Tramways.

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne Tramways and Improvement Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That Sir Mark MacTaggart Stewart be added to the Committee of Selection.—(Mr. Holeys.)

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

A Petition of the Trustees of the British Museum being offered to be presented —(Sir John Lubbock); Sir John Lubbock, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the contents of the said Petition, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the said Petition was brought up, and read; setting forth, That the only funds belonging to the Petitioners for the support of the British Museum consist of Thirty thousand pounds Two and three-quarters per cent. Consolidated Annuities, the annual dividends whereof amount to Eight hundred and twenty-five pounds; of a Bequest of the late Mr. John Lubbock, in the annual proceeds of which amount to about Four hundred pounds; and also of a Bequest of the annual proceeds of which amount to about Eighty pounds; that the Establishment is necessarily attended with an expense far beyond the annual produce of the above-mentioned sums, and the Trust cannot, with benefit to the Public, be carried on without the aid of Parliament; and praying the House to grant them such further support towards enabling them to carry on the execution of the Trust reposed in them by Parliament for the general benefit of learning and useful knowledge as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Aberdeen to the Secretary for Scotland, under the provisions of Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year from 1st October 1887 to 30th September 1888. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, —Copy of Draft Certificate of the Board of Trade authorising the East and West Yorkshire Union Railways to raise additional Capital.

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

Mr. Broom presented, by Her Majesty’s Trade Reports Command, —Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2397. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Return showing the length of Service (from date of first Commission) of Lieutenants promoted to Captains, Captains promoted to Majors, and Majors promoted to Lieutenant Colonels, in each year respectively for 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, and 1898 in the following British Services, namely, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Cavalry and In­fantry of the Line (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 148, of Session 1892).—(Sir Henry Seymour King.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, an Account of the Income and Expenditure of the British Museum (Special Trust Funds) for the year ending the 31st day of March 1899; and Return of the Number of Persons admitted to visit the Museum and the British Museum (Natural History) in each year from 1893 to 1898, both years inclusive; together with a Statement of the Progress made in the Arrangement and Description of the Collections, and an Account of Objects added to them in the year 1898.—(Sir John Lubbock.)

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Solicitor General, and Mr. T. W. Russell do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Enactments relating to the Improvement of Land: And that Mr. Walter Long and Mr. Attorney General do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858, and the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, in regard to Retiring Allowances of Professors in the University of Aberdeen: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Austruther do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Walter Long presented a Bill to 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 next; and to be printed.

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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 order on the Motion of a Minister of the Crown moved at the commencement of Public Business to be decided without Amendment or Debate; and the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 shall be extended to Friday:

Not more than twenty days, being days before the 5th of August, on which the Speaker leaves the Chair for the Committee of Supply without Question put, counting from the first day on which the Speaker so left the Chair under Standing Order No. 56, shall be allotted for the consideration of the Annual Estimates for the Army, Navy, and Civil Services, including Votes on Account, the Business of Supply standing first Order on every such day:

Provided always, that on Motion made after notice by a Minister of the Crown to be decided without Amendment or Debate, additional time, not exceeding three days, may be allotted for the Business of Supply, either before or after the 5th of August:

On the last but one of the allotted days, at Ten o'clock p.m., the Chairman shall proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to dispose of the Motion. Any Votes in Committee of Supply: and on the last, not being earlier than the twelfth 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 appearing 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 made on such proceedings; nor shall they be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. William Walrond, Mr. Austruther]; Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Dillon].

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in paragraph 3, by inserting, after the word “August,” the word “three,”—(Mr. Dalziel),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word “three” stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in paragraph 2, by leaving out the word “twenty,” and inserting the word “three”—(Mr. Dalziel),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “twenty” stand part of the Question; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Austruther]; Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Dillon]; 246. 92.

The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in paragraph 4, by inserting after the first word “Supply” the words “except the Votes for Departments which have power to issue orders or regulations having statutory effect without being laid for the usual period on the Table of this House for confirmation.”—(Dr. Clark.)

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in paragraph 5, by inserting after the word “August,” the word “six,”—(Mr. Dalziel),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word “six” stand part of the Question; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Austruther]; Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Dalziel]; 246. 92.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in paragraph 6, by inserting after the word “August,” the word “June,”—(Mr. Dalziel),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word “June” stand part of the Question; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Austruther]; Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Dalziel]; 246. 92.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, in paragraph 7, by inserting after the word “August,” the word “March,”—(Mr. Dalziel),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the word “March” stand part of the Question; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Austruther]; Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Dalziel]; 246. 92.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
the Army, Navy, and Civil Services, including Votes on Account, the Business of Supply standing first Order on every such day. Provided always, that on Motion made after Notice by a Member of the Crown to be decided without Amendment or Debate, additional time, not exceeding three days, may be allotted for the Business of Supply, either before or after the 5th of August.

On the last but one of the allotted days, at Ten o'clock p.m., the Chairman shall proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to dispose of the outstanding Votes in Committee of Supply; and on the last, not being earlier than the twentieth of the allotted days, the Speaker shall, at Ten o'clock p.m., proceed to put forthwith every Question necessary to complete the outstanding Reports of Supply.

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

Provided always that any Additional Estimate for any new service or matter, not included in the original Estimates for the year, shall be submitted for consideration in the Committee of Supply on any day not later than two days before the Committee is closed.

Provided also that the days occupied by the consideration of Estimates supplementary to those of a previous Session, or of any Vote of Credit, shall not be included in the computation of the twenty days. Provided also that two Morning Sittings shall be deemed equivalent to one Three o'clock Sitting.—(Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for Local Government in London : And that Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Attorney General, and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring in it.

Mr. Balfour accordingly presented a Bill to make better provision for Local Government in London: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parish Councillors Bill. Ordered, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that Mr. Balfour was directed to move, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee, the Speaker had read the fourth Resolution to be reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Private Second Reading of the Licensing (Houses of Parliament) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question put, being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon; And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Private Second Reading of the Licensing Procedure (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 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 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of this instant February, 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. Collier.) Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parish Councillors Bill. (In the Committee.) Resolution to be reported.

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, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Lives lost by drowning among the Fishermen connected with the British North Sea Fishery since 1894 while fishing Fish or returning to the Smack; distinguishing since 1889 those who had not obeyed any Statutory
Friday, 24th February, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (New Bill).

Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers) Bill.

West Middlesex 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.:

Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill.

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

The Blythswood and Western Valleys Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

Mr. Speaker presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Reports to the Board of Trade by the Treasury Committee on the House of Deptford Strand, and the Commissioners of Lighthouses, of their Inspection of Local Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 80 of Session 1898).

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of the Reports to the Board of Trade by the Treasury Committee on the House of Deptford Strand, and the Commissioners of Lighthouses, of their Inspection of Local Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 80 of Session 1898).

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

Mr. Gerald Beilby presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Returns of Employment on the Railway Bill 1891, and the various Bills relating to Persons employed, Output, and Accidents at Mines and Quarries in the British Colonies and in Foreign Countries.

Copy of Reports to the Secretary for the Home Department on the use of Phosphorus in the manufacture of Lucifer Matches, by Professor T. E. Thorpe, D. O., F.R.S., Principal Chemist of the Government Laboratory; and to Dr. George Cunningham, M.A., M.R.C.S., Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; and Mr. Thomas Oliver, M.R.C.S., D.M., Senior Dental Surgeon to the London Hospital.

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Working Men's Dwellings Bill to enable Working Men to purchase their Dwellings: And that Sir Howard Vincent, Sir Alfred Hickman, Sir Albert Beilby, Sir James Forrest, F. Ll. M., and Mr. Spencer do prepare, and bring it in.

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Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Progress (Education) of Education in India, 1892-93 to 1896-97;

Third Quinquennial Review by J. S. Cotton, M.A.

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Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection Six Members to be the Chairman of the two Standing Committees to serve as Chairman of the Standing Committees to be appointed under Standing Order No. 47—

Mr. John Edward Ellis.

Mr. Lawrence Hartley.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor.

Mr. Stuart-Wortley.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gordon Beilby presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Report of the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, of their Inspection of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland, 1896.

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24th February, 1899.

Ordinance Factories (Supplementary), 1899.

1. £ 100 (Supplementary Sum), for the Ordnance Factories (the Cost of the Productions of which will be charged to the Army, Navy, and Indian and Colonial Governments), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary Estimates), 1898–99.

2. £ 5,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Expenditure in respect of Royal Palaces.

3. £ 2,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Expenditure in respect of Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain.

4. £ 17,100 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Expenditure in respect of Diplomatic and Consular Buildings.

5. £ 925 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for maintaining certain Harbours under the Board of Trade.

Class II.

6. £ 60 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including the Expenses of Coinage.

7. £ 891 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office.

8. £ 6 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland.

Class III.

9. £ 4,100 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Land Registry.

10. £ 10 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the Court of Chancery.

11. £ 1,200 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Offices in Her Majesty's General Register House, Edinburgh.

Class IV.

12. £ 11,800 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures for the National Gallery.

Class V.

13. £ 12,114, the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, to make good the Net Loss on Transactions connected with the raising of Money for the various Treasury Chests Aboard in the year 1897–98.

Class VI.

14. £ 5,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for Superannuation, Retired, Compensation, and Compassionate Allowances.

15. £ 5,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for a Grant in Aid of the local cost of maintenance of Pauper Lunatics, Ireland.
The said Resolution, being read a second time,
was agreed to.
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Colonial Loans said Resolution: And that Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer shall prepare, and bring it in.
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly Colonial Loans presented a Bill to provide for the advance of seeds the Colonial Stock or Bonds: 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 upon the 23rd day of this instant February, That the Licensing Exemption (House of Parliament) 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 of Ways and Means;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee on Colonial Loans Fund, a Resolution; which was as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the creation of a Colonial Loans Fund, out of which loans may, if authorised by Act of Parliament, be granted to certain Colonies; such Fund 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 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, or to make good any sum due from, but unpaid by a Colony, in respect of the interest on any such loan; such sums, so far as not repaid out of the Colonial Loans Fund, to be repaid out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, Vol. 154.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parish Councillors (Treasurer of Office) Bill.

Clause, No. 1.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. 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, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And the House having continued to sit till eleven o'clock, ordered the Question proposed on Saturday morning; Saturday, 25th February, 1899;

Ordered, That the Committee of Public Accounts do consist of Fifteen Members.

The Committee was accordingly nominated of Mr. Gilbert Bentor, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Victor Constandish, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Cameron Corbett, Mr. Duckworth, Mr. Gillot, Mr. Henley, Mr. Frederick Hearn, Mr. Grant Lemon, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Arthur O'Connor, Dr. Tanner, and Mr. Thornton.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records. — (Sir William Wetmore.)

And then the House, having continued to sit till two minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.
Monday, 27th February, 1899.
The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Stockport District Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Metropolitan Water Companies Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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

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Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the East London Water Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of March next.

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Ordered, That the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Harrow and Uxbridge Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Ely Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Lincoln and East Coast Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (Pensions) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of March next.

Ordered, That the North Pembroke and Fishguard Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the South Eastern and London, South Eastern, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies (New Lines) Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Teff Vale Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of March next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vale First Report.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Education Command,—Copy of Forty-sixth Annual Report of the Department of Science and Art, being that for the year 1898, with Supplement.

Sir John Gorst also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Instructions given 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, 1899, for the County Borough of Limerick (Fifth Minute), dated 14th February 1899.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Reports 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 1899.

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

Mr.
House to consider and report on the subject of the
Houses of Lords and Commons Permanent
Staff, and 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 Regulation of
Bill to extend and amend the Railway Regulation
Acts: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr.
Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and
bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for incorporating in one Act certain Pro-
visions usually contained in Provisional Orders
under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and
1888: And that Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Attorney
General, and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and
bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to simplify and amend the Law relating to
the Testing and Sale of Anchors and Chain Cables;
And that Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Attorney General,
and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring it in.

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the Testing and Sale of Anchors and Chain Cables;
And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second
in Committee of Supply.

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

Civil Services and Revenue Departments
(Supplementary Estimates), 1898-99.

Class II.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a
Supplementary Sun, not exceeding £ 3,400,
be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge
which will come in course of payment during the
year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for
the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign
Affairs:

Motion made, and Question proposed, That
Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £ 105—(Sir
Charles Dilke) :—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class III.

2. £ 1,168 (Supplementary Sun), the year
ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for
the Expenses of Reformatories and Industrial Schools
in Ireland.

Resolutions to be reported.

Class V.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a
Supplementary Sun, not exceeding £ 236,000,
be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge
which will come in course of payment during the
year 14
year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the British Protectorates in Uganda and in Central and East Africa:

Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Uganda, Grant in Aid) be reduced by £100. —(Sir Charles Dilke)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. McKeon]:

Yea. 68.

Tellers for the [Sir Thomas Bayley]:

Nay. 185.

Original Question again proposed: Motion made, and Question put, That Item C (British East Africa, Grant in Aid) be reduced by £100—(Sir Charles Dilke)

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

**Tuesday, 28th February, 1899:**

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Bayley]:

Yea. 55.

Tellers for the [Mr. Duckworth]:

Nay. 145.

Original Question again proposed.—Debate adjourned.

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 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 receive itself into the said Committee.

**Colonial Loans Fund Bill.**

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans 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 Inhibitory Acts (1888) 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 Improvement of Land 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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of this instant February, That the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) 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 Metropolitan Streets Acts (1867) Amendment Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of March next.
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.

8. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £8,591, 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 Public Record Office.

9. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £6,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland.

10. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £11,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries of the Land Registry.

11. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £16,100, 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 connected with the County Courts.

12. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £2,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Register Office.

13. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £11,800, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for a Grant in Aid of the Purchase of Pictures for the National Gallery.

14. That a Sum, not exceeding £12,114, 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 Superannuation, Retired, Compensation, and Compassionate Allowances.

15. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £5,000, 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, to make good the Sum by which the Interest accrued in the year ended 20th November 1898, from Securities held by the National Debt Commissioners, on account of "The Fund for the Banks for 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 Depositors and the Expenses incurred during that year in the execution of the Acts relating thereto.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,692, 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 making good certain Sums written off from the Assets of the Local Loans Fund.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,692, 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 Post Office Telegraph Service.

18. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £5,000, 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 the Salaries and Working Expenses of the Post Office Telegraph Service.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coroners’ Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill; Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coroners’ Inquests (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tongue of Office Bill; Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Tuesday, 28th February, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Belfast and Northern Counties Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bradford Tramways and Improvement Bill; Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of March next.

Barley-is-a-Whitfedale Urban District Water Bill; Annual Report by the Chief Registrar of Registrars under the Building Societies Acts, 1894, for the year ending 30th September 1898. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Emigration Statistics of Ireland for the year 1898. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions Building Societies Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed. Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return of Canal Survey to the Lord President of the Council, asking him not to assent to the said Bill; and committed. The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

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The said Paper be printed'.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Norfolk Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member with, for the County of Norfolk (Norwich Division), in the room of Herbert Hardy Caxes-Hardy, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Council learned in the Law, who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of one of the Justices of the High Court.—(Mr. William M'Arthur.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Correspondence with the Registrar-General, London, in reference to the recognition of the former Friendly Societies of the Proceedings of the Registrars under the Building Societies Acts, with an Abstract of the Annual Accounts, Statements of Societies for the year 1898. Part I. Report. Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That Standing Order 255 be suspended, and that the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Bill be now read a second time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament.—Copy of Annual Statistical Report by the University Court of the University of Glasgow to the Secretary for Scotland, under Section 30 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, for the year ending 30th September 1898. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Francis Sharp Powell, Colonel Prayce-Jones, Mr. John Redmond, Sir Robert Reid, Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, Mr. Brym Roberts, Sir Andrew Scoble, Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. Ernest Spencer, Mr. Stevenson, Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Robert Wallace (Perth), Mr. Warr, Sir James Woodhouse, and Mr. Woods.

Mr. Holroyd further reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure the following Fifty Members, in respect of the Public Libraries (Scottish Acts Amendment) Bill.—Mr. Birrell, Mr. Bisham, Sir Charles Cameron, Mr. Cameron Cockburn, Lord Dalkeith, Mr. Hetherwick, Mr. Home, Mr. T. W. Burt, Mr. Sir Herbert Maxwell, Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, Mr. Edmund Robertson, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Shaw-Stewart, and Mr. Woods.

Mr. Holroyd 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 Trade (including Agriculture and Finance), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Ascroft, Mr. Attorney-General, Mr. Baird, Mr. Balbirnie, Mr. Beckett, Mr. Broadhurst, Mr. Bruce, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Burt, Sir Charles Cogzer, Mr. Channing, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Collery, Mr. Jos Collings, Sir John Colson, Sir Charles Dalrymple, Mr. Dalrymple, Mr. Davitt, Mr. David, Mr. Duckworth, Sir Robert Duncanson-FitzGerald, Mr. Evelyn, Mr. Gilliot, Mr. Edward Godfrey, Sir Regional Hannon, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Sir Alfred Hickman, Mr. Edward Hill, Sir Edward Houldsworth, Major Jackson, Mr. Jeffrey, Sir James Joysey, Mr. Kemp, Sir Thomas Lee, Mr. Elliott Lee, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Llewellin, Mr. John Llenw, Sir John Llawn, Mr. Maclean, Dr. MacDonnell, Sir Samuel Montague, Mr. Charles Macleay, Sir Stafford North, Mr. North, Mr. Sir James Rankin, Mr. Reeshow, Mr. Thomas Richardson, Mr. Ritchie, Sir Albert Rollett, Mr. Rosen, Mr. Sir W. Rees, Mr. John Kerr, Mr. Thomas Show, Mr. Tom Harrop Siddebotton, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Strachey, Mr. Tennant, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Tully, Mr. Robert Grant Webster, Mr. George Whiteley, Mr. John Wilson (Durham), Mr. John Wilson (Yorks), Mr. Wolf, and Mr. Young.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Holroyd reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. That, in the case of the Lancashire Electric Power Petition, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

2. That, in the case of the Leicestershire and Warwickshire Electric Supply Petition, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

3. That, in the case of the South Lancashire and Cheshire Electricity Company Petition, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

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

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1897: And that Mr. Woods, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Pickard, and Mr. Steadman do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Grocers' Dealers or Grocers' Bill to abolish Dealers' or Grocers' Licences in Scotland: And that Sir John Long, Mr. Wilson (Govan), Mr. Crocket, Mr. Dalziel, Mr. Pirie, Mr. Saiver, Mr. Colville, and Sir William Wedderburn do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to extend the provisions of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act, 1896, to the Officers and Servants of other Local Authorities:—Mr. Parker Smith, Mr. Cockrane, Sir William Dunn, Mr. Robson, and Mr. Thomas Shaw do prepare, and bring it in.

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read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of March next; and to be printed.

Mr. Weir presented a Bill to admit to the School Board Electors 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 the 8th day of March next; and to be printed.

Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill; Bill 107.

Mr. Bigwood presented a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1888: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of March next; and to be printed.

School Board Electors (Scotland) Bill 108.

Mr. Parker Smith presented a Bill to provide for Expenses incurred by School Boards in Scotland in relation to School Board Conferences: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of March next; and to be printed.

Temperance Bill 109.

Mr. Parker Smith presented a Bill to effect 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 15th day of March next; and to be printed.

Bills for Expenses incurred by School Boards in Scotland; Bill 106.

Mr. Cobelle presented a Bill to amend the 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 8th day of March next; and to be printed.

Building Feus and Leases (Scotland) Bill 110.

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That, in the opinion of this House, in the interests of trade and communication by sea between places on the coasts, and with a view to the protection and development of sea fisheries and the safety of the persons engaged in them, it is desirable that the Government should take immediate steps to extend the existing provision of Piers and Harbours to Foreigners, and trusts the Government will take prompt steps to inquire into the cause, in order to secure a remedy for this state of affairs.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elementary Education (New Bye-laws) Bill; Bill 111.

A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereon:

And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Wednesday, 1st March, 1899:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for re-Shop Bill, summing the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 1st day of February last, That the Shop Bill be now read a second time:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Places of Second Reading of the Places of Worship Reform (Leasehold Enfranchisement) Bill; Bill 112.

A Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

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

Sir William Walrond reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were agreed to.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary Estimates), 1898-99.

Class II.

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £3,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Class III.

2. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,100, 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 Expenses of Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Ireland.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Improvement of Schools Act Second Reading of the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill; Bill 113.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Improvement of Land and of Land Bill; Bill 114.

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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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Seats for Shop Assistants (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 Colonial 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 Parish Councillors’ Inquests (Railway Fatalities) 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 Parish Councillors’ Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill;

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

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

Wednesday, 1st March, 1899.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (New Railways) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the West Middlesex Water Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of this instant March.

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

Secretory Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Cases in which Railway or other Companies or Local Authorities having Powers to acquire Lands in the County of London under Local Acts of Parliament have, since the 1st day of January 1894, submitted to the Secretary of State Schemes for the Rehousing of Persons of the Working Classes, showing in each case the Estimated Number of such Persons displaced, and the Number provided for under the Scheme as approved by the Secretary of State.—(Sir John Dickens-Poynder.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Education of Children 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. George Whiteley);

And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noses to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Robinson, 317.

Tellers for the Noses, Mr. Kenyon; 50.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative, And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

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

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports (Annual Series), No. 2268.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House;—Reports of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, for the year ending 31st December 1898, on Friendly Societies, Workmen’s Compensation Schemes, Industrial and Provident Societies, and Trade Unions.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Resolves, That an humble Address be pre-taking to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of all Cases in which Railway or other Companies or Local Authorities having Powers to acquire Lands in the County of London under Local Acts of Parliament have, since the 1st day of January 1894, submitted to the Secretary of State Schemes for the Rehousing of Persons of the Working Classes, showing in each case the Estimated Number of such Persons displaced, and the Number provided for under the Scheme as approved by the Secretary of State.—(Sir John Dickens-Poynder.)
The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Crofter's Holdings Bill, (Scotland), Act (1880) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Occupying Tenants Enfranchisement Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Crown Cases Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant March.

The Partridge Shooting (Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed, upon the 28th day of February last, That the Elementary Education (New Bye-laws) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 14th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Seats for Shop Assistants (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the cause of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 92 has been complied with, viz.:

- Brompton and Pecatonica Great Railway Bill.
- South Eastern Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in 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.:

- Buenos Ayres and Pacific Railway Company.

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

- Saint Marylebone Vestry Electric Lighting.

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

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 22nd day of February last, for a Return relative to East India (Staff Corps Officers).

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.
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Ordered, That the said Returns do lie upon the Table, and that the Return relative to East India (Income and Expenditure) be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 497.

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 Statutes made by the Governing Body of Trinity College, Cambridge, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 22d October 1898, altering and amending certain Statutes of the College.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Total Amount of Rates in the £. raised in the several Parishes in Schedules (A) and (B) to the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, as amended by subsequent Acts, in the following form:

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—(Mr. Bartley.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Solicitors Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law relating to the Court of Chancery of the County Palatine of Durham; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Proceedings on the Reports of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means, and other Committees authorising the Expenditure of Public Money, may be entered upon at any hour, though opposed, and shall not be interrupted under the provisions of any Standing Order regulating the Sittings of the House except of Standing Order No. 5. —(Mr. Balfour.)

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Army Estimates);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "the numbers of the Trained Horses for the Horse and Field Artillery are in the immediate attention of Her Majesty's Government."—(Sir Charles Dilke), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put, That Mr. Vol. 154.
The Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Metropolitan Gas Companies.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of February last, 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. Coler;)

And the Question being again proposed.—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Friday, 3rd March, 1899:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 15th day of this instant March.

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

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Ordered, That the House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parish Councilors (Treasury of Office) Bill.

CLAUSE, No. 1.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

A Motion being made, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of Sums for the improvement of Telegraphic Communication—(Mr. Aston);

Mr. Husagby, 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.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Message from the Lords of the 27th day of February last, relating to the Appointment of a Joint Committee on the House of Lords and Commons Permanent Staff.

Ordered, That a Select Committee of Five Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords (as mentioned in their Lordships' Message of the 27th day of February last) to consider and report on the Subject of the Houses of Lords and Commons Permanent Staff.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.—And that the Clerk do carry the same.

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

Friday, 3rd March, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

P A R L A N T S.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions (Standing Order No. 62) 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.:

Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Har­bours Bill.
Vale of Glamorgan Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 14th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the General Power Distributing 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. Stuart-Wortley);

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;—

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Galaway);

The House divided.

The Yeas were:

Tellers for the

Mr. John Edward Ellis

Tellers for the

Mr. Bromley Davenport;

Necas,

Mr. Sydney Gedge. Member for

Noes, 149;

The Tellers reported the numbers, Yeas, 149;

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

Whereupon Mr. Sydney Gedge, Member for Member's

Necas, 149;

Lobby, but when he reached the door the Tellers had
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had left. Mr. Speaker called the Tellers to the Table, and asked if they had any observation to make on the claim of the honourable Member to record his vote; and, on their intimating that they had none, the Speaker directed the Clerk to add his vote to the Noes, and thereof the Speaker declared the numbers, Yeas 149; Noes, 160.

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided.
The Yeas are:
Noes, 160.

Tellers for the [Mr. Bromley Davenport],
Yes, 132.
Noes, 164.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pickenbrigg],
Yes, 132.
Noes, 164.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day six months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day six months.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Staff Corps Officers), which was presented upon the 2nd day of this instant March, be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Statutes made by the Governing Body of Saint John's College, Cambridge, under the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1877, on 28th October 1898, amending Statutes 43 and 54 of the College Statutes.

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 Fifty-first Report from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with an Appendix.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the County Council of the County Palatine of Lancaster, redividing the Blackpool Parliamentary Division into convenient Polling Districts.

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

Mr. Halsey presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Annual Report and Accounts of the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty for the year ending 31st December 1898.

An Estimate showing the several Services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 31st March 1900.

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

Mr. James William Lewthor reported the Crowborough District Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lewthor reported the Saint David's Water and Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

That, in the case of the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Bill be permitted to proceed on condition that the necessary Notices of the objects of the Bill, in accordance with the Standing Orders, be forthwith published; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Sir Edward Albert Sassoon, Baronet, Member for the Parliamentary Borough of Hythe, was sworn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, to Districts in which it has not been adopted: And that Sir Francis Sharp presented a Bill to extend the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, to Districts in which it has not been adopted: And that Sir Francis Sharp presented a Bill to extend the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, to Districts in which it has not been adopted: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next.

Sir Francis Sharp presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Parish Councils Association in Scotland, and to enable Parish Councils to contribute to the Expenses of the Association: And that Mr. Haldane, Mr. Haldane, Sir Lewis McIvor, Mr. Renakshu, and Mr. Parker Smith do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Haldane presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Parish Councils Association in Scotland, and to enable Parish Councils 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 Tuesday the 11th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1899-1900.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 184,853, 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 1900.

Motion made, and Question put, That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 184,853, all ranks, be maintained for the said Service—(Mr. Lelouch;)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Lobouche];
Yea, [Mr. Dillon;]
Noes, [Mr. Astur;]

Original Question again proposed.

Motion made, and Question put, That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 184,853, all ranks, be maintained for the said Service—(Colonel Welby;)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Colonel Welby;]
Yea, [Captain Jesus;]
Noes, [Mr. Astur;]

Original Question again proposed.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That; the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. MacNeill): Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

After Debate thereon;
Mr. Hallam rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"—The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Saturday, 4th March, 1899;
Tellers for the (Sir William Wedderburn, Yes; Mr. Anstruther: ) No; Mr. Reddaway; 

Original Question put, and agreed to.
Resolution to be reported.

And, 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 a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 Telephone Communication [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 Adulteration (Food Products) 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 Corners Inquests (Railway Fatalities) 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 Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (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 Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 15th day of this instant March, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Re-suming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of February last, 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 may have been exercised, having regard to the difference of price charged by the various Companies—(Mr. Cohen);

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Order Committee on the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) Bill;

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

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

Monday, 6th March, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill.
Woking Water and Gas 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, viz.;—

Redditch Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Stockport District Water Bill was read a Second time; and committed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for re-Telegraph summing further Proceeding on the Question proposed upon the 15th day of February last, Bill; That the Telegraph Act (1892) Amendment Bill be now read the first time;

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

A Petition of the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Marylebone, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Vestry of the Parish of Saint Marylebone to supply Electricity in the said Parish and to purchase a portion of the Undertaking of the Metropolitan Electric Supply Company, Limited, and for other purposes, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Under Canal (Transfer), which was presented upon the 28th day of February last, be printed.


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

Mr.
Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report on the Emigrants' Information Office for the year ended 31st December 1898.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Code of Regulations for Day Schools, with Schedules and Appendices, by the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education, 1899.

Copy of Revised Instructions issued by the Education Department to Her Majesty's Inspectors, and applicable to the Code of 1899.

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

Mr. Henbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Accounts, for the year 1897-98, of Shipbuilding and Dockyard Transactions, &c., including Manufacturers; 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,—Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of August in the last Session of Parliament, for Returns of the Water, Gas, Tramway, Electric Lighting, and other Reproductive Undertakings carried on by Municipal Boroughs.

Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of February last, for a Return relative to Vaccination (Return of Conscientious Objections).

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of February last, for Return relative to Irish Tenant Farmers (Money advanced, &c.).

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 496.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving text of all Circulars issued by the command of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in connection with the administration of the Industrial Schools (Ireland) Act.—(Mr. Dillon.)

William Moore, Esquire, junior, Member for the County of Antrim (North Antrim Division), was sworn.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to Premiscious Notes made to Charitable Loan Societies in Ireland: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That a Bill to make provision with respect to Premiscious 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 Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Charles Dilke and Mr. John Edward Ellis were nominated Members of the Committee appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider and report upon the subject of the Houses of Lords and Commons Permanent Staff.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Hanbury be one other Member of the Committee; and, the Motion being opposed, Mr. Speaker, after permitting a brief explanatory statement against it, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 16, put the Question forthwith, That this Debate be now adjourned:

And the Question was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed Tomorrow, at the commencement of Public Business.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Telephonic Communication [Consolidated Fund].

Resolved, That it is expedient—

(a) to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of a Sum not exceeding £2,000,000, for making further provision for the improvement of telephonic communication;

(b) to enable local authorities to raise or apply money for telephonic purposes.—(Mr. Henbury.)

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lauder 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 Side of Food and Drugs 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. Law.)

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.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Bill;

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read a second time;

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, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Act (1898) 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 Improvement of Land Bill;

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Universities (Scotland) 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 Metropolitan Water Companies Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) 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 Electric Lighting (Ireland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (Clauses) 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 Anchors and Chain Cables 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 Legislation Procedure (Scotland) 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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Partridge Shooting (Ireland) Bill. 

(See 346.)

CLAUSES, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to. 
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 21st day of May next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (School Attendance) (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of February last, 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); 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 27th day of May next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (School Attendance) (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of May next.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 21st day of May next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (School Attendance) (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of February last, 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); 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (School Attendance) (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, 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); 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (School Attendance) (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of May next.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 21st day of May next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (School Attendance) (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 20th day of February last, 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); 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (School Attendance) (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, 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); 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (School Attendance) (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of May next.
Tuesday, 7th March, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Great Southern and Western Railway Bill; Bexhill and Rotherfield Railway Bill; and the South Eastern Railway Bill were read a second time; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Brompton and Pecockley Circus Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The South Eastern Railway Bill was read a second time; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Brompton and Pecockley Circus Railway Bill; and a Motion being made, 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 Motion 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 a second time.—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be committed to a Select Committee of Fifteen Members, of whom Seven shall be nominated by the Committee of Selection.—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the Bill was committed.

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

A Petition of Robert Money, of Woking, in the County of Surrey, Clerk to the Urban District Council of Woking, was presented, and read; setting forth that proceedings are pending before the Justice at Guildford, between the Urban District Council of Woking, Applicants, and the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Company, Respondents; and that it will be necessary on behalf of the said Applicants to produce before the said Court, at the hearing thereof, the copy of the Plan deposited in the Private Bill Office of this House of the lands described in the Schedule to the London Necropolis and National Mausoleum Act, 1832; and praying that leave may be given to the proper Officer of the House to attend at the said Court, and produce the said Plan, and to give such further evidence as may be necessary to further the ends of justice.

Ordered, That leave be given to the proper Officer to attend accordingly.

Ordained, That the Return relative to Municipal Corporations (Reproductive Under takings), which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.

No. 88.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Vaccination (Return of Consentaneous Objections), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant March, be printed.

No. 89.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 499.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to Grand Jury directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Presentments made by Grand Juries in Ireland, and Sated by the Court of Assize, during the year 1898.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Schools a Return showing for each School in Sections (Number of Scholars, &c.) aided from the Parliamentary Grant for the year ended the 30th day of September 1897, (a) the Number of Scholars on the School Register at the end of the School Year; (b) the Actual Average Attendance during the School Year; (c) the Number of Children for whom Additional Attendances were claimed under Article 23 (b) (1) (a) and Article 23 (b) (1) (b) of the Code.—(Captain Sinclair.)

Mr. Healy reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions:—Ordered,

1. That, in the case of the Belfast Corporations, Road Construction Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties (No. 1 Petition) be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Clause 94 be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

2. That, in the case of the National Telephone Company (No. 1) Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Clause 94 be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

3. That, in the case of the National Telephone Company (No. 2) Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Clause 94 be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

4. That, in the case of the Southport and Lytham Tramway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that the powers to construct the proposed Tramways A and B be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

5. That, in the case of the Skipton Gas Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

6. That, in the case of the Coatbridge and Cambus and Airdrie Light Railway Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with.

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

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
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 Belfast Corporation Bill, might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Belfast to lay down Tramways; to make Works and to purchase Lands for Cemetery purposes; to amend several of the Local Acts in force in Belfast, and to confer various Powers on the Corporation: And that Mr. William Johnston, Mr. Arnold-Forster, and Sir James Hastie to prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Charles Cameron presented a Bill for the Amendment of the Taxation for local purposes of Ground Values in Burghs in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Herbert Robertson presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the management of the several Charities founded by the Settlement and Will of William Tancred, of Whixley, in the County of York, Esquire, deceased: And that Mr. Herbert Robertson, Mr. Grant Lawson, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Wharton, Mr. MacNeill, and Colonel Welby to prepare, and bring it in.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 6th day of this instant March, That Mr. Henry Balfour to be one other Member of the Joint Committee on Houses of Lords and Commons Permanent Staff—Sir William Walrond; And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr. James William Leather be one other Member of the Committee—Mr. Asstruther; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Asstruther, Yeas, [Lord Stanley: 214. Tellers for the [Mr. MacNeill, Noes, [Mr. Pirie: 63. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records; That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Asstruther); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Asstruther: 230. Tellers for the [Dr. Clark, Noes, [Mr. Pirie: 63. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records; That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Asstruther); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Asstruther: 230. Tellers for the [Dr. Clark, Noes, [Mr. Pirie: 63. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records; That Three be the Quorum of the Committee—(Mr. Asstruther); The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Asstruther: 230. Tellers for the [Dr. Clark, Noes, [Mr. Pirie: 63. So it was resolved in the Affirmative. A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the system of Education in England and Wales inflicts upon a large portion of Her Majesty's subjects a serious grievance which demands the immediate attention of Parliament—(Mr. Lloyd-George); An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by inserting, after the word "Wales," the words "under which board schools receive a larger grant of public money than voluntary or denominational schools for the same educational work, carried on under the same inspection and for the same educational code, and under which the local burdens for National Primary Education are unequally distributed."—(Mr. Harry Foster.)

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

And the Main Question being put; The House proceeded to a Division.

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

Wednesday, 8th March, 1899:

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, Yeas, [Mr. Croll: 91. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, [Mr. Asstruther: 204. So it passed in the Negative. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Lewis, Yeas, [Mr. Croll: 35. Tellers for the [Mr. Asstruther, Noes, [Mr. Pirie: 118. So it passed in the Negative. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Shops (Early Closing) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bills for Shop Assistants (Scotland) Bill; 

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) Bill 

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

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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Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of Circular addressed by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to High Sheriffs with regard to the Expenditure under each of the Heads in the Schedule of the Acts during the year ended the 31st March 1898; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereof.

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

The following Papers were laid upon the Table:

Further Return to an Order, dated the 17th 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 Glamorgan, 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.

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Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Estimates of the Amount required in the year ending the 31st March 1899 for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Royal Commission for the British Section at the Paris International Exhibition, 1900.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Accounts, prepared by the Admiration under the Provisions of the Naval Works Acts, 1896, 1897, and 1898, showing the Amount of Money required for the Purposes mentioned in the Annual Estimate, and the Application thereof, with a Return, dated the 7th November 1898 from Her Majesty's Office, together with a Copy of the Letter of 2nd November 1898 from Her Majesty's Treasury upon which the Circular was based.

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

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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 National Telephone Company (No. 1) Bill, might be read, and the same being read; 

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for providing for dissolving the National Telephone Company, Limited, and for re-incorporating the Company and defining its Objects, Capital, and Powers, and for other purposes: And that Mr. John Lubbock, Colonel Denzy, Mr. David MacIver, and Mr. Perks do prepare, and bring it in.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the National Telephone Company (No. 2) Bill, might be read, and the same being read; 

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for conferring Powers on the National Telephone Company, Limited; And that Sir John Lubbock, Colonel Denzy, Mr. David MacIver, and Mr. Perks do prepare, and bring it in.

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

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Amount and Nature of the Securities created in respect thereof; the Amount of the Surplus of Income above Expenditure for the financial year ended 31st March 1896, set apart in the Exchequer Account in accordance with Section 4 of the Naval Works Act, 1896, and the application thereof; the Amount of Money expended in pursuance of the Acts, and the purposes on which that Money was expended, distinguishing the Expenditure under each of the Heads in the Schedule of the Acts during the year ended the 31st March 1898; together with the Report of the Controller and Auditor General thereof.

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

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Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Estimates of the Amount required in the year ending the 31st March 1899 for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Royal Commission for the British Section at the Paris International Exhibition, 1900.
Charitable Endowments (Anglesey) (inquiries held.
No. 95.
Ordered, That the said Returns be printed.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing (1) the Names of the Town Councils, Urban District Councils, Parish Councils, and Lighting Inspectors, who, as shown by the Local Taxation Returns, incurred Expenditure in the year ended March 1898, in respect of Five Brigades; (2) the Names of such Brigades; (3) the Total Strength of each Brigade; and (4) whether the Brigade is supported wholly or partly out of the Rates, in the following form—

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—(Mr. Pym.)

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; 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 at such time;" —(Mr. Pym.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word " now " stand part of the Question;—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Sir Francis Sharp Powell rose in his place, Closure was moved, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.
Then the House resumed the Debate.
And it being half-past 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 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 at such time;" —(Mr. Pym.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word " now " stand part of the Question;—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Sir Francis Sharp Powell rose in his place, Closure was moved, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.
Then the House resumed the Debate.
And it being half-past Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rivers Pollution Prevention (No. 2) Bill;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Registration of Secured Creditors' Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Houses Tenure Tenures Tenure Tenures Tenure Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Constructive Second Reading of the Constructive Murder Manslaughter Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandising Second Reading of the Merchandising 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 Working Men's Dwellings 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 Merchandising Second Reading of the Merchandising 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 School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Feus and Leases (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 Cheap Trains Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th day of this instant March.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination (Conscientious Objectors) Bill, and Mr. Lloyd Morgan presented a Bill to amend the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time; and committed.

Mr. Seton-Kerr presented a Bill to amend the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Acts; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of May next; and to be printed.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Public Committee of Public Accounts: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 8th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 27th, and 28th days of February last, and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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-nine minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

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Mr. Deputy 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.:—

- London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (Various Powers) Bill.
- Tenterden Railway Bill.
- Woodhouse and Conisbrough Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Deputy 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.:—

- Watermen’s and Lightermen’s Acts Amendment Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Eastern and Norh London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies (New Lines) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.
9th March.

1899.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Sanitary Inspectors’ Examinations Board, (formed by the Sanitary Institute and other bodies) and of the Licence granted by the Board of Trade pursuant to Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1867.—

(Mr. Hobhouse.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Monthly Comparative Statement of the Number of Paupers of all classes (except Lunatics in Asylums, Registered Hospitals, and Licensed Houses, and Vagrants) in receipt of Relief in England and Wales on the last day of every week in each month of the several years from 1857 to 1899, both inclusive; and Statement of the Number of Paupers (Lunatics and Vagrants included), distinguishing the Number of Adult Able-bodied Paupers relieved on the last day of January 1889, and the 1st day of July 1899, respectively.

Mr. W. T. Russell accordingly presented the said Return.

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

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.—(Mr. Stuart-Wortley.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1897, (Channel Islands Bill and the Post Office Acts in relation to the Channel Islands; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do now strike out the words "upon this day six months", and which Amendment was, to leave out the words "upon this day six months"—(Mr. Long); And the Question being again proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question.—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed leave, "That the Question be now put."

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

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. And
And the Question being accordingly put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question ;

The House divided.

The Yeas for "now":—Mr. Addington, 212.

The Noses for "now":—Mr. Lowry, 18.

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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.—(Mr. Walter Long)—And a Debate arising thereupon ;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply;—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.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for discussing the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Wednesday next.

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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for discussing the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
9th—10th March, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, owing to the consequence of his indisposition.

Whereupon Mr. Stuart-Wortley, Speaker of the House, moved to proceed to the Table, and after Prayers, took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table,—Private Bills 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.:

Waller and Wallis Gas Union (Electric Lighting) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table,—Private Bills 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.:

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker laid upon the Table,—Private Bills 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.:

Waller and Wallis Union Gas (Electric Lighting) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.
against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

2. That, in the case of the London Water (Welsh Reservoirs and Works) Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Members 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 Petition for leave to bring in the London Water (Welsh Reservoirs and Works) Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of Reservoirs in Wales and Neighbourhood, and for other purposes; And that Mr. James Stuart, Mr. Sydney Saltoun, and Mr. Fletcher Mounud do prepare, and bring it in.

The Order for resuming, upon Tuesday next, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of February last, That the Shops Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 21st day of this instant March.

Mr. Deputy Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords propose that the Joint Committee appointed to consider and report on the subject of the House of Lords and Commons Permanent Staff Do meet in Committee Room A on Friday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the said Message be now taken into consideration: — The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Message into consideration.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed by this House to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords on the House of Lords and Commons Permanent Staff do meet the Committee in Committee Room A on Friday next, at Twelve of the clock, as proposed by their Lordships.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them that this House hath directed the Select Committee appointed by this House to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords on the Houses of Lords and Commons Permanent Staff to meet the Committee appointed by their Lordships in Committee Room A, on Friday next, at Twelve of the clock, as proposed by their Lordships: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to assimilate the Law of Scotland and of Ireland as to Impeachment in default of payment of Fines to that of England: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday 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 Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments (Supplementary Estimates), 1898-99.

Class V.

1. £258,000, (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the British Protectorates in Uganda and in Central and East Africa.

Class II.

2. £2,400, (Supplementary Sum), 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.

Class V.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £139,445, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Ireland (Supplementary) Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the British Protectorates in Uganda and in Central and East Africa.

4. £5,317 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for a Grant in Aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Fupper Lunatic Asylums, Ireland.

Civil Services (Excess), 1897-8.

5. £1,500, to make good an Excess on the Vote for the Public Record Office, for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1899.

6. £350,000 (Supplementary Sum), the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for additional Expenditure on the following Navy Services, viz.:

Vote 2. Victualling and Clothing for the Navy 144,000
Vote 5. Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c. 78,000
Vote 6. Naval Armaments 128,000
Total 350,000

Army (Ordnance Factories) Excess, 1897-8.

7. £10, to make good the Excess on the Grant for the Expenses of the Ordnance Factories, for the year ended on the 31st day of March 1899.

Resolutions to be reported.
Monday, 13th March, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. John Edward Ellis reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. John Edward Ellis also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again; and move, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adulteration (Food Products) Bill.

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

Adulteration (Food Products) Bill.

Ordered, That the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Great Southern and Western Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Great Southern and Western Railway Company Amalgamation Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Redditch Gas Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Redditch Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Woking Water and Gas Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Woking Water and Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Redditch Gas Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Glasgow Corporation Telephone Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 20th day of April next.

Glasgow Corporation Telephone Bill.

A Bill to authorise the construction of Reservoirs and Works in Wales for the supply of Water to London and Neighbourhood, and for other purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

London Water (Walsall Reservoirs and Works) Bill.

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

Public Petitions.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Naval Works, which was presented upon the 8th day of this instant March, be printed.

Naval Works, No. 104.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Charter of Incorporation for the Borough of Hove, dated 8th August 1888, under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1885.

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

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports Annual Series, No. 2009. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Telegraph (Channel Islands) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Charles Philipps Trevelyan, Esquire, Member New Member for Yorkshire, Northern Part of the West Riding (Elland Division), was sworn.

Mr. Pritschard Morgan, Member for Morpeth Adjournment.

Tydeit, rose in his place, and asked leave to move the Adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., "that Her Majesty's Chinese Representative at Peking is now supporting the demands of Italy for a sphere of interest in Chinese territory with Samoa Bay as a central base, notwithstanding the Resolution passed by this House on the 1st March 1898, that it is of vital importance for British commerce and influence that the independence of Chinese territory should be maintained; 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. Pritschard Morgan):—It passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the words "Government Business," and inserting the words "the Proceedings on Army Estimate, Vote 1 "—Government Business stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "Government Business," and inserting the words "the Proceedings on Army Estimates, Vote 1"—(Mr. Buchanan),—It was proposed, That Government Business have precedence To-morrow, and that the provisions of Standing Order 56 be extended to that day's Sitting—(Mr. Balfour):—It passed in the Negative.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "Government Business," and inserting the words "the Proceedings on Army Estimates, Vote 1"—(Mr. Buchanan),—It was proposed, That Government Business stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put:—The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther); Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Courtney Warner, Mr.漢壽禎). So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Government Business have precedence To-morrow, and that the provisions of Standing Order 56 be extended to that day's Sitting.

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

1. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £193,425, 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 Department of Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies.

2. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £2,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies.

3. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £1,478, 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 1899, for a Grant in Aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics (Ireland).

4. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £617, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1899, for a Grant in Aid of the Local Cost of Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics (Ireland).

5. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £35,000, 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 certain Grants in Aid.

6. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £256,000, 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 sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.

7. That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding £100, 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 sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.
Tuesday, 14th March, 1899.  

The House met at Three of the clock.  

PRAYERS.  

THE CROWBOROUGH DISTRICT GAS BILL was CROWBOROUGH DISTRICT GAS BILL.  

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

The WYVERN RAILWAY BILL was read a Wyvern Railway Bill.  

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

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

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The Woodhouse and Conisbrough Railway (Abandonment) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Bradford Tramways and Improvement Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bexhill and Rotherfield Railway Bill.

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

The South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies (New Lines) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas were:

- The Right Honourable Lord Balfour of Burleigh.
- Teller for the Yeas: Mr. Forster.

The Noes were:

- Mr. Cornwallis.
- Teller for the Noes: Mr. Pickersgill.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Bill was accordingly 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. —(Mr. Buxton.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation 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. John Redmond.)

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 a second time:

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

The Great Southern and Western Railway Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the Great Southern and Western, and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, and the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill, be committed to a Select Committee of Nine Members, Five to be nominated by the House, and Four by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That the subject to the Rules, Orders, and Proceedings of this House, all Petitions relative to Fishings and Foreshores shall be referred to the Committee, except in the case of the County Councils, under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and that all such Petitions of the said County Councils shall not be so subject to the Rules, Orders, and Proceedings of this House, but may be presented seven clear days before the meeting of the Committee, and shall be referred to the Committee, and that such of the Petitioners as pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, Agents, or Witnesses be heard on their Petitions against the Bills, if they think fit, and Counsel heard in support of the Bills 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 Bills would, without adequate compensating advantages, prevent or prejudice adequate competition in the railway system of the South and West of Ireland, or in the system of communication between that Country and England and Wales.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.)

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 7th March 1899, declaring that for the due and efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Assistant for Chancery and Charity Business in the Department of the Treasury Solicitor, professional or other peculiar qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the public service are required.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 9th March 1899, declaring that the Local Government (Ireland) National Gallery, Ireland, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Fishings and Foreshores (Scotland) be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, —Copy of Report of the Provincial Amnesty Committee appointed by the Departmental Committee appointed by the Treasury Solicitor, to consider the complaints made by certain Friendly Societies, that men are compelled by their employers as a condition of employment to join Shop Clubs; together with Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Fishings and Foreshores (Scotland) be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command.—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2210.

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

Mr. Scheaw reported from the Committee on Private Bills, Group C of Private Bills; That the parties pro (Group C) objecting the Afford Urban District Council has lifted Urban—Order of 1898, Section 2, Z. Z. District Council has been essential to their case; and it having been
been proved that his attendance could not be procured.

Ordered, that Mr. W. D. Herd do attend the said Committee tomorrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Mr. Seale-ham reported from the Committee on Group C of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the Efford Urban District Council Gas Bill had stated that the evidence of W. J. Kendall-Moore, of Oakfield, High Street, Efford, 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 W. J. Kendall-Moore be permitted to proceed with hisBill, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That Mr. W. J. Kendall-Moore do attend the Committee on Group C of Private Bills tomorrow, at Twelve o'clock.

Mr. Bobbains reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That at the meeting of the Committee this day a letter was received from Mr. Stracey, one of the Members of the said Committee, stating that he was unable, on account of indisposition, to attend the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hobbains reported from the Committee on Group 1 of Railway Bills; That Mr. Huddleston, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present during the sitting of the Committee this day.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

1. That in the case of the Newhaven and Seaford Water Board Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Clauses 45 and 53 be struck out of the Bill; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far the Standing Orders must be dispensed with.

2. That, in the case of the South Eastern Railway Bill, Petition of "Beckenham Urban District Council" for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday the 29th day of this instant March, the Truck Acts Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of April next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1894: And that Mr. Aycliff, Mr. Verderber, Mr. Twemlow, and Sir Harry Holland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1894: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Aircraft presented a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, 1894: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 24th day of Bill.

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

(In the Committee.)

Army Estimates, 1899-1900.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £6,509,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charges for the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of Her Majesty's Army at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India) (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve, and Departments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st March 1900; and for the same purpose, as well, for the year ending on the 31st March 1899. Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That Item 1 (Recruiting Expenses) be reduced by £195.—(Mr. Webbe.)

The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Weir]. Yes, [Mr. Dillon]. Noes, [Mr. Anstruther]. 66. 161. Original Question again proposed—Debate arising; Wednesday, 13th March, 1899;

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O'Conner 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.

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

Mr. Chaplin, Mr. Crisp, and Mr. James Macclesfield Stuart were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill. (Sir William Walrond.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question, Item 1 (Recruiting Expenses). The Elementary Education (New Bye-laws) 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 Wild Birds Protection 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 18th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Places of Worship (Leasehold Enfranchisement) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next, and to be printed.
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 Scoots for Shop Assistants (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1898) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Oysters 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 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 Infectious Disease (Notification) Act (1889) Extension Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1872) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, N° 1 and N° 2, agreed to.
Ordered, That Bill 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 read the third time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water Supply Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parish Councils (Tenure of Office) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Wednesday, 15th March, 1899.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

Prayers.

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

The London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (Various Powers) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Walker and Wallend Union Gas (Electric Lighting) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 23rd day of this instant March.

A Petition of the London and North Western Railway Company and the Harrow and Stanmore Railway Company, praying that Provision may be made in the London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill for the purchase of the Harrow and Stanmore Railway Company, and the vesting of the Undertaking in the London and North Western Railway Company, 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.

Mr. Handbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Money issued from the Consolidated Fund under the provisions of the Eupoda Railway Act, 1896 (59 and 60 Vict. c. 38), and of the Money expended and borrowed, and Securities created under the said Act, to 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. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of additional Convention to the Convention of 1st December 1897, between the United Kingdom and France for the exchange of Postal Parcels between Australia and France.
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 Statement of the Funds of the Trustees of the Society's Museum of the late Sir John Soane on 5th January 1899.
(2.) Abstract of the General Annual Account of the Commissioners of Bridlington Piers and Harbours, for the year ending 30th July 1898.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Harbour, &c., Bills, &c.;—
(1.) Humble Conservancy Bill [Lords].
(2.) Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill [Lords].
(3.) Southport and Lytham Tramroad Bill [Lords].

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 Petroleum Second Reading of the Petroleum 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,
and, at the end of the Question, adding the words “upon this day six months.”—[Mr. Kimber.] And the Question being put, That the word “now” stand part of the Question; The House divided. The Yeas for the (Mr. Harford Reckitt.) Yeas, 109. Tellers for the, Mr. Duncombe. Noes, 244. Mr. Kimber. 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.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University Degrees Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Distress Abolition and Substitution Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liqueur Traffic Local Veto Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 3rd day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities Superannuation 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 Town Tenants (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of April 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 Tuesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) 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 Workmen's Houses Tenures Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Punishment of Incest: And that Colonel Dalhousie, Lord North, Mr. Robert Cameron, Mr. Whithamer, Mr. William Frederick Smith, Sir John Kenmure, and Mr. Henry Joseph Wilson 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. Munro Ferguson, Mr. Haldane, Sir John Leas, Dr. Farquharson, and Captain Sinclair do prepare, and bring it in.

Colonel Dalhousie presented a Bill for the Punishment of Incest: And the same was read upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Munro Ferguson presented a Bill to enable Women to be elected and to act as County Councillors in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 19th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Munro Ferguson presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Tenure of Land in Scotland by Small Tenants: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 19th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Baldus reported from the Committee on the Otley Urban District Council Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, but the same had not proved to their satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hobhouse reported the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers) Bill, with Amendments.

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

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

Thursday, 16th March, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAyERS.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Water (Purchase) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Water (Finance) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the East London Water 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 East London Water (Temporary Supply) 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 Metropolitan Water Companies 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 West Middlesex Water Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee on the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill, that they consider the terms and conditions proper to be imposed upon the said Railway Companies on the occasion of their amalgamation, in respect of reductions of fares, rates, tolls, and charges leviable by them on their local and continental traffic, and in respect of the provision of any such further and better facilities for the conveyance of passengers and goods as may be properly required from them.—(Mr. Wood);—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Chairman of Ways and Means be discharged from attendance on the Committees on the Nouvelle and Chiffons Coton Urban District Council Water Bill and the Cardiff Railway Bill; and that Mr. Arthur O'Connor be appointed Chairman of the Committees on the said Bills.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Order, made upon the 27th day of February last, That the Midland and South Western Junction Railway (Northern Section) Bill be referred to the Committee for a second reading, committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

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

Mr. Wynham presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Estimate for Charities for the Orphanages and Workhouses for the year 1899-1900.

Mr. Wynham also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Orders in Council defining the Duties of the principal Officers charged with the Administration of the Army: (1) Order in Council, dated 21st November 1895; (2) Order in Council, dated 7th March 1899, revoking the Order in Council, dated 21st November 1895.

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

The Lord Advocate presented,—Return to an Order in Council (Number 293 of 1898), for a Return relative to Schools (Scotland) and (Number of Scholars, &c.)

Ordered, No. 111.
16th—17th March, 1899.

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

West India.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to the Hurricanes of the 15th—17th September 1898, and the Relief of Distress caused thereby.

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

Industrial Schools (Ireland) (Circulars.)

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented,—Returns to an Order, dated the 5th day of this instant March, for a Return relative to Industrial Schools (Ireland) (Circulars).

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

School Board (London.)

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of February last, for a Return relative to the School Board (London).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to the Endowed Schools Act, 1899, and Amending Acts, be printed.

Endowed Schools Act, 1889. (Amending.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Children who received Casual Relief in the several Poor Law Unions of England and Wales on the nights of 1st July 1895, and 1st January and 1st July 1896, and 1897, and 1898, distinguishing those under Two Years of Age from those between Two Years and Seven Years, and over Seven Years respectively.—(Mr. Holland.)

New Mills Urban District Council (Water) Bill. (Preamble not proved.)

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee on the New Mills Urban District Council (Water) 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.

Elementary Education (New Byelaws) Bill.

The Order for resuming, To-morrow, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of February last, That the Elementary Education (New Byelaws) Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday the 11th day of April next.

Messages 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 dissolve the Marriage of Thomas Charles Cathcart, of Ruperta House, Newtownards Road, in that part of the City of Belfast which is situate in the County Down, Medical Practitioner, with Emily Jane Cathcart, his now Wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Cathcart's Divorce Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Supply, if under discussion at Twelve o'clock, on the 24th March 1876, as altered by a Scheme called or known as the Supply, Navy Estimates, (Not alighting Day.)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas,—(Mr. Anstruther: 221.)

Tellers for the Mr. Edward Morton, Noes,—(Mr. Hedges: 124.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Navy Estimates, 1899—1900.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That 110,440 Men and Boys be employed for the Sea and Coast Guard Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, including 18,605 Royal Marines:

Motion made, and Question put, That 110,440 Men and Boys, &c., be employed for the said Services,—(Mr. Steadman); The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Steadman, Yeas,—(Mr. Edward Morton: 49.)

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Noes,—(Mr. Anstruther: 133.)

Friday, 17th March, 1899:

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 5,242,700, 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;

Motion made, and Question, That Item A (Wages) be reduced by £ 100—(Mr. Balfour);—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor 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 Sale of Food and Drugs Bill, the Speaker proposed upon the 9th day of this instant March, That the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Loans Fund Bill;

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

Mr.
Mr. Aker-Douglas reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:—

Army Estimates, 1899-1900.

That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 184,652, 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 1900. The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) 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 London Government Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the 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 Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Improvement of Land 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 Palatine Court of Durham Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors 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 (Channel Islands) 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 March, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Licensing (Houses of Parliament) 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 Electric Lighting (Channel) 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 Town Councils (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Executive Second Reading of the Executors (Scotland) 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 School Board Conferences (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 19th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Committee on the Parish Councillors (Towns of Office) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the University Second Reading of the University Degrees Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Select Committee on Metropolitan Gas Metropolitan Companies was nominated of Mr. William Gas Companies.

Abrahams, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Brandreth, Mr. Cohen, Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, Mr. Gilliat, Mr. Brammer Jones, Mr. Lough, Mr. Louden, Mr. Nield, Mr. Pickersgill, Mr. Pusey, Sir James Rankin, Sir Andrew Scoble, and Mr. Steadman.

Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records.
Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Sir William Walrond.)

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

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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 Notification of the Appointment, on the 10th March 1899, of Mr. Thomas of Apprentice-

Barrows, M.D., P.R.C.P., to fill a vacancy in the body of Commissioners for the University of London, caused by the resignation of Sir William Roberts, M.D.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Sub-Post and Postmasters held by private Traders in the six Highland Crofting Counties, Amount of the Salaries and Emoluments exceeding £80 per year. (Mr. Stedman.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving the Names of each Deer Forest in the six Highland Crofting Counties, Amount of Assessment, and the Increase or Decrease of the Areas of each Forest as compared with 1883, in the following form:

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

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported the Cardiff Urban District Council Water Bill; That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Committee on the Waverley and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill, presented Six clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee, that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, be heard against the Bill, and Counsel heard in support of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Party be referred to the Committee.

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

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Industrial Schools (Ireland) (Circulars), which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. Horsley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, the Annual Balance Sheets, showing the Cost of Manufacturing, Provisions, Victualling Stores, and Seamen's Clothing (Hair Rags) at Her Majesty's Home Victualling Yards and Malta Yard, for the year 1897-98, as well as Statements showing the Water and Gas Bills and Provisional Orders of Session 1899.

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

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills, That the parties promoting the Howthford Water Bill had stated that the evidence of E. A. Riley, Land Agent, Howthford, near Leeds, 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 E. A. Riley do attend the said Committee upon Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and for as long as the said Bill shall be under the consideration of the Committee.

Ordered, That E. A. Riley do attend the Committee on Group A of Private Bills upon Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and for as long as the said Bill shall be under the consideration of the Committee.
Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee on Group A of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the Waterford Urban District Council Bill, had stated that the evidence of Alfred Tomalin, Outfitter, of Newby Wood, Waterford; of Timothy Needy, Fish Merchant, of Newby Wood, Waterford; of John Henry Wilkinson, Insurance Manager, of Villa Rose, Colerley Lane, Horfield; of Walter Nathaniel Walker, of Black Horse, Horfield; of Henry Doughty, Farmer, of White House Farm, Far Hooingley, near Lots, of John Nightingale, Surgeon, of Horfield; and of George Robinson, Book-keeper, of Leeds, was essential to their case; and having been proved that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Alfred Tomalin, Timothy Needy, John Henry Wilkinson, Walter Nathaniel Walker, Henry Doughty, John Nightingale, and George Robinson do attend on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and as long as the said Bill shall be under the consideration of the Committee, and that the said John Nightingale do produce his books, papers and memoranda whilst Medical Officer to the Waterford Urban District Council.

Ordered, That Alfred Tomalin, Timothy Needy, John Henry Wilkinson, Walter Nathaniel Walker, Henry Doughty, John Nightingale, and George Robinson do attend on Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and as long as the said Bill shall be under the consideration of the Committee, and that the said John Nightingale do produce the documents aforesaid.

Mr. Hobhouse reported the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (New Railways) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Hobhouse reported from the Committee on Group A of Railways Bills; That the parties promoting the Leicester, Groby, and Bradgate Park Railway Bill had stated that the evidence of Frederick Griffiths, of the Town Hall, Leicester, 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 Frederick Griffiths do attend on Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and as long as the said Bill shall be under the consideration of the Committee, and that the said John Nightingale do produce the documents aforesaid.

Ordered, That Frederick Griffiths do attend the Committee on Group A of Railway Bills upon Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

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 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, Year, ] 159.
Tellers for the [Mr. Austen, Year, ] 98.
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Watermen's Certificates.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant Certificates to Watermen: And that Mr. Steadman, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Hrovlock Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Employment of Waiters and Waitresses: And that Mr. Steadman, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Hrovlock Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Railway (New Railways) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the parties promoting the Yorkshire Railway (New Railways) Bill, had stated that the evidence of Mr. John Burns, Mr. J. H. Balfour, Mr. Alfred Tomalin, Timothy Needy, John Henry Wilkinson, Walter Nathaniel Walker, Henry Doughty, John Nightingale, and George Robinson was essential to their case; and having been proved that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Alfred Tomalin, Timothy Needy, John Henry Wilkinson, Walter Nathaniel Walker, Henry Doughty, John Nightingale, and George Robinson do attend Committee upon Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and as long as the said Bill shall be under the consideration of the Committee, and that the said John Nightingale do produce his books, papers and memoranda whilst Medical Officer to the Waterford Urban District Council.

Ordered, That Alfred Tomalin, Timothy Needy, John Henry Wilkinson, Walter Nathaniel Walker, Henry Doughty, John Nightingale, and George Robinson do attend the Committee on Group A of Private Bills upon Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and as long as the said Bill shall be under the consideration of the Committee, and that the said John Nightingale do produce the documents aforesaid.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant Certificates to Watermen: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 29th day of May next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Railway Law relating to the Employment of Waiters and Waitresses: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 29th day of May next; and to be printed.

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 the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Railway and Bridges Act, 1891; And that Mr. Jefferys, Sir John Darington, and Mr. Hrovlock Wilson do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Railway and Bridges Act, 1891; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 26th day of May next; and to be printed.

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Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

Navy Estimates, 1899-1900.

1. That 110,640 Men and Boys be employed for the Sea and Coast Guard Services for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, including 18,505 Royal Marines.
2. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,242,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of Wages, &c. to Officers, Seamen, and Boys, (Wages.)
3. The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Resolution which, upon the 10th day of this instant March, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which was then agreed to by the House, be now read; and the same was read, as follow:

"That a number of Land Forces, not exceeding 184,855, 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 1900."

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army:

And that Mr. Wyndham, Mr. Gaschek, and Mr. Powell-Williams do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented a Bill to provide, during Twelve Months, for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army: And the Bill was read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879: Amendment Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Councils (Tenure of Office) Bill:

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till Two of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.
Ordered, That the London Water (Welsh Reservoirs and Works) Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

South-Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill.

Mr. Beaumont, Mr. Griffiths-Bacon, Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Emsden Fitzmaurice, and Lord Stanley were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the South-Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of Middlesex (Harrow Division), in the room of William Walrond, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law, who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of a Mastership in Lunacy.—(Sir William Walrond.)

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

Public Petitions. Vote Third Report.


Mr. Chaplin presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of this instant March, for Return relative to the Rates, to be printed. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

South Africa.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Further Correspondence relative to the Affairs of South Africa.

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

Railways (Certificates) (Ealing and South Harrow Railway Company.)

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Draft Certificate of the Board of Trade authorising the Ealing and South Harrow Railway Company to raise additional Capital.

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

Trade Reports (Annual Returns.)

Mr. Bradock presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 211.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 500.

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

Perth Branch Mint.

Mr. Hasbrouck presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 11th March, 1899, under 29 30 Vic. c. 39, p. 33, relative to the Audit of the Accounts of the Perth Branch Mint.

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

Railway Bills (Group 6.)

Mr. Jeffrey reported from the Committee on Group 5 of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at Twelve of the clock.

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A Motion was made, and the Question being
put, That Government Business have precedence
to-morrow.—(Mr. Balfour);  
The House divided.  
The Yeas to the Right;  
The Nays to the Left.  
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,  
Yea, Mr. Anstruther :  
Tellers for the Mr. Buchanan.  
Nay, Mr. Lough;  
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments, 1899-1900 (Vote on Account).

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Public Works Office | £ 12,000 |
Registration General's Office | £ 6,000 |
Stationery and Printing | £ 6,000

| CLASS III | United Kingdom and Ireland | - |
| Class III | Law Charges | - | 40,000 |
| Class III | Miscellaneous Legal Expenses | - | 20,000 |
| Class III | Supreme Court of Judicature | - | 120,000 |
| Class III | Land Registry | - | 10,000 |
| Class III | County Courts | - | 10,000 |
| Class III | Police, England and Wales | - | 14,000 |
| Class III | Prisons, England and the Colonies | - | 350,000 |
| Class III | Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Great Britain | - | 140,000 |
| Class III | Broadwood Criminal Lunatic Asylum | - | 10,000 |

Scotland | Law Charges and Courts of Law | - | 30,000 |
Scotland | Judges' Commission | - | 15,000 |
Scotland | Prisons, Scotland | - | 26,000 |

Ireland | Law Charges and Criminal Prosecutions | - | 30,000 |
Ireland | Supreme Court of Judicature, and other Legal Departments | - | 39,000 |
Ireland | Land Commission | - | 50,000 |
Ireland | County Court Officers, &c. | - | 30,000 |
Ireland | Dublin Metropolitan Police | - | 32,000 |
Ireland | Constabulary | - | 600,000 |
Ireland | Prisons, Ireland, &c. | - | 44,000 |
Ireland | Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Great Britain | - | 100,000 |
Ireland | Dundrum Criminal Lunatic Asylum | - | 2,500 |

| CLASS IV | United Kingdom and Ireland | - |
| Class IV | Public Education, England and Wales | - | 8,070,000 |
| Class IV | Science and Art Department, United Kingdom | - | 250,000 |
| Class IV | British Museum | - | 64,000 |
| Class IV | National Gallery | - | 15,000 |
| Class IV | National Portrait Gallery | - | 15,000 |
| Class IV | Wallace Gallery | - | 6,000 |
| Class IV | Scientific Investigation, &c., United Kingdom | - | 15,000 |
| Class IV | Universities and Colleges, Great Britain, and Interdepartmental Education, Wales | - | 38,000 |
| Class IV | London University | - | 8 |

Scotland | Public Education | - | 600,000 |
Scotland | National Gallery | - | 1,400 |

Ireland | Public Education | - | 600,000 |
Ireland | Endowed Schools Commissioners | - | 360 |
Ireland | National Gallery | - | 1,280 |
Ireland | Queen's College | - | 2,600 |

| CLASS V | Diplomatic and Consular Services | - | 290,000 |
| Class V | Uganda, Central and East Africa Pro­| - | 290,000 |
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| Class V | Colonial Services | - | 180,000 |
| Class V | Opium, Grant in Aid | - | 12,000 |
| Class V | Subsidies to Telegraph Companies | - | 50,000 |

| CLASS VI | Superannuation and Retired Allowances | - | 6,000 |
| Class VI | Merchant Seamen's Pensions, &c. | - | 3,000 |
| Class VI | Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allow­| - | 1,000 |
| Class VI | Hospitals and Charities, Ireland | - | 10,000 |

| CLASS VII | Temporary Commissions | - | 9,000 |
| Class VII | Miscellaneous Expenses | - | 6,372 |
| Class VII | Congested District Board, Scotland | - | - |

Total for Civil Services | £ 9,271,000 |
Ways and Means.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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

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

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee (supply of several Resolutions; which were read, [17th March] Report, as follow:

Army Estimates, 1899—1900.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,509,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay, Allowances, and other Charges of Her Majesty's Army at Home and Abroad (exclusive of India) (General Staff, Regiments, Reserve, and Departments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,555,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Retired Pay, Half-Retired Pay, and other Non-Effective Charges for Officers and others, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,355,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Chelsea and Kilmainham Hospitals and the In-Pensions thereof, of Out-Pensions, of the Maintenance of Lunatics for whom Pensions are not drawn, and of Gratuities awarded in Compensation and in lieu of Pensions, of Rewards for Meritorious Services, of Victoria Cross Pensions, and of Pensions to the Widows and Children of Warrant Officers, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £185,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Superannuation, Compensation, and Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

The said Resolutions being read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the First Resolution by leaving out "£6,509,000," and inserting "£6,509,300,"—(Mr. Weir)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£6,509,300," stand part of the said Resolution;—

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],—

Yeas, Mr. Austruther:—133.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis],—

Noes, Mr. Lloyd-George:—28.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;—

The Noes to the Left.—

3 Tellers,
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 133.
Yes, [Mr. Anstruther] 28.
Tellers for the [Mr. Weir], 129.
Noes, [Dr. Clerk] 27.

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 minutes before Three of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 21st March, 1899.
The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills [Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills.
from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Standing Order 63 has been complied with, etc.—Kensington and Notting Hill Electric Lighting Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report Private Bills [The Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.
from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Standing Orders; That, in the case of the following Bill, referring to a Standing Order No. 63 has been complied with, etc.—London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The Crowborough District Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Fishguard Water and Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Catheron's Divorce Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the East London and North Western Railway Bill; the Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;—

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—[Mr. James Stuart.]}

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; and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee to whom the East London Water Bill is referred, that, having regard to the Resolution of this House of 12th March 1898, they do insert such provisions in the Bill as will ensure the acquisition by the Local Authority of a suitable area of open space in substitution for the Common Rights proposed to be extinguished under the Bill, the extent and situation of such area of open space to be determined by the Committee.—[Mr. Pannin.]
The East London Water (Temporary Supply) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Water (Welsh Reservoirs and Works) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out all the words from the word "That," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "it is inexpedient that the Bill be read a second time before the Royal Commission on London Water Supply has presented its Report."—(Mr. Whitmore)—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. James Stuart, 130. [Mr. Pickersgill:]

Tellers for the Mr. Whitmore, 306. [Mr. Cohen:]

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time before the Royal Commission on London Water Supply has presented its Report.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Scheme relating to Harrow Wood Common, in the Parish of Harrow Weald, in the County of Middlesex: And that Mr. Walter Long and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. Walter Long accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Scheme relating to Harrow Wood Common, in the Parish of Harrow Weald, in the County of Middlesex: And the same was read the first time.

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

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by Professor T. E. Thorpe, L.L.D., F.R.S., Principal of the Government Laboratory, and Professor Thomas Oliver, M.D., F.R.S., Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on the employment of Compounds of Lead in the Manufacture of Pottery, their influence upon the Health of the Workpeople, with suggestions as to the means which might be adopted to counteract their evil effects.

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

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee on the Stockport Corporation Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and had amended the same in such manner 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. Baldwin reported from the Committee on the Westbury District Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

That in the case of the Lowestoft Promenade Pier, Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had brought from the Lords by the Lords' Clerk, to the effect,

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Glasgow District Subway Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Rushden and Higham Ferrers District Gas Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Glasgow District Subway Bill was read the first time.

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

The Rushden and Higham Ferrers District Gas Bill was read the first time.

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

Sir William Codlington reported the Central Electric Supply Bill, with Amendments.

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

Sir William Codlington reported the Saint James' and Pall Mall Electric Light Bill, with Amendments.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing Aggregate Naval Expenditure on Seagoing Force; Aggregate Revenue; Aggregate Expenditure and Excess of Mercantile Marine; Annual Clearances of Shipping in the Coasting Trade; Annual Clearances of Shipping in the Foreign Trade; Annual Value of Imports by Sea, including Bullion and Specie; and Annual Value
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Value of Exports by Sea, including Ballast and Species, of various Countries, exclusive of China and South American Republics, but including Brazil and other self-governing Colonies, for the year 1898 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 562, of Session 1898).—(Sir John Colomb.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Government 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 words "That the Metropolitan Local Government will be satisfied," the words "so that the existing system fails to simplify and complete it, and which at the same time renders more difficult the attainment of the unity of London."—(Mr. Herbert Gladstone.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;—Wednesday, 22nd March, 1899:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

Supply [Vote on March 25th 1899]—

Civil Services and Revenue Departments, 1899-1900 (Vote on Account).

That a Sum, not exceeding £14,781,000, 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 1900, viz.:—

Civil Services.

CLASS II.

Colonial Office — £ 17,500

Royal Palaces and Marsham House — 15,000

Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens — 40,000

Metropolitan Police — 12,000

Miscellaneous Legal Buildings, Great Britain — 10,000

Art and Science Buildings, Great Britain — 10,000

Diplomatic and Consular Buildings — 9,000

Revenue Buildings — 100,000

Public Buildings, Great Britain — 100,000

Habitations of the United Kingdom — 80,000

Herborn under the Board of Trade — 3,000

Dockyard, Royal Arsenal, Woolwich — 6,000

Rates on Government Property — 2,000

Public Works and Buildings, Ireland — 70,000

Class II.

United Kingdom and Ireland — £ 2,300,000

Houses of Lords, Office — 4,000

House of Commons, Office — 18,000

Treasury and Subordinate Departments — 80,000

Home Office — 50,000

Foreign Office — 25,000

Privy Council Office, &c. — 5,000

High Commission Office — 6,000

Mercantile Marine Services — 20,000

Embassy Department at the Board of Trade — £ 3

Board of Agriculture — 75,000

Charity Commission — 15,000

Civil Service Commission — 10,000

Kensington and Atrwell Department — 22,000

Police and Featherstone, Scotland — 2,000

Local Government Board — 60,000

Lunacy Commission — 5,000

Ministry (including Doleage) — 10

National Debt Office — 5,000

Public Record Office — 10,000

Public Works Loan Commission — 10

Registrar General’s Office — 10,000

Total for Civil Services — £ 2,771,000

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Act (1898) 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 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 Palatine Court of Durham Bill (Clauses) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham Bill [Lords.]; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Private Legislature Procedure (Scotland) Bill.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving, for the year 1898, the Export of Coal from each Port in the United Kingdom to each Country Abroad, together with a Summary Statement showing the Export of Coal from the principal Districts of the United Kingdom to the principal Groups of Foreign Countries; and also showing the Quantity of Coal shipped at each Port in the United Kingdom for Ships' use on Foreign Voyages during the same period (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 593, of Session 1898).—(Mr. David Alfred Thomas.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Parliamentary Deposits in certain cases: And that Mr. Butcher, Mr. Hall, Mr. Aird, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Lloyd-George, and Mr. Arthur O'Connor do prepare, and bring in.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before Her Majesty a Return showing (so far as may be possible) all Expenditure charged in connection with Military Operations in the Sudan since January 1883.—(Mr. Scott.)

Ordered, That this House will sit till five and twenty minutes after Two o'clock on Wednesday morning, and sit till five and twenty minutes after Two o'clock on Thursday morning, and to be adjourned till the following day.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Exports Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of April next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 11th day of April next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 13th day of April next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 11th day of April next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of April next.

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**Wednesday, 22nd March, 1899.**

Ten House met at Twelve of the clock.

Sir James Fortescue FINNERY rose in his place, claimed, but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. Lionel Holland rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put”; but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question:—Then the House resumed the Debate.

Mr. R PUTNAM moved, “That the Bill be now read a second time” — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

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:—And a Debate arising thereupon; Mr. BRIGHTON 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age (Pensions) (Old Age) (No. 2) Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Pensions (Old Age) (No. 3) Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Provident (Old Age) (No. 2) Bill; ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 11th day of April next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination (Conscientious Objections) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Premises Licensing Powers (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 Crown Cases Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Marriages Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities (Superannuation) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen’s Summary Superannuation Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Feus and Leases (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of April 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 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act (1897) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Feus and Leases (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of April 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 19th day of April 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 the 19th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Town Councils (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 11th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crofters’ Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (Friendly Societies) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Highways and Second Reading of the Highways and Bridges (1891) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Army (Annual) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Committee on the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of (a) the Number of Companies to which the Registrar has sent Applications for their Annual Return in consequence of Default during each of the last Six Years; (b) the Number of such Cases referred by the Registrar to the Board of Trade for prosecution in each of these years; (c) the Number of such Cases in which Penalties were imposed; and (d) the Amount of the Penalties recovered.—(Mr. Faithfull Begged.)

Sir Charles Dilwyn reported from the Public Select Committee on Public Petitions; That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th days of this instant March, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

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

Thursday, 23rd March, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

MR. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of Committee for Private Bills; (Standing Order No. 62) relating to the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereto,
The Marquis of Lorne reported from the Midland Committee on the Midland Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Mr. Schawes reported from the Committee on the Ilford Urban District Council Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by omitting all the recitals relating to the gas purchase portion of the Bill, 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; and had amended the Title as follows:—"A Bill to empower the Urban District Council of the Urban District of Ilford to make further Council Rates provision in regard to the future Collection Bill, of the Local Rates, and for other purposes," and also amended the Short Title as follows:—"Ilford Urban District Council (Rates)."

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

Mr. Schawes reported from the Committee on the Godalming Corporation Water 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 thereto.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, the Return of the Water, Gas, Tramway, Electric Lighting, and other Reproductive Undertakings (Reproductive Powers) Bill. &c.

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

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

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.
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The Order for reading a second time, upon Tuesday the 11th day of April next, the Pensions (Old Age) (No. 2) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Second Clerks, as follows:

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

The Army (Annual) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a (Amendment) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Fund Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Palatine Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Solicitors Second Reading of the Solicitors Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Second Reading of the Telegraph (Channel Islands) 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 in the Standing Orders of the House of Lords, for the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed in the Standing Orders of the House of Lords, for the Licensing (Exemptions) (Houses of Parliament) 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 Electric Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (Clause) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Amhurst and Second Reading of the Amhurst and Chalmers Cables Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners' Second Reading of the Coroners' Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Executors Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Seats for Shop Assistants (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

CLAUSE, No. 1.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning; Friday, 24th March, 1899:
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parish Councils (Tenure of Office) Bill.

The Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parish Councils (Tenure of Office) Bill.

CLI.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.
And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning; Friday, 24th March, 1899:
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Lord Advocate reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing how many of the Prosecutions (in Ireland) brought by the Inland Revenue Board during the past Season for Offences against the Excise Laws relating to Game Licences, Game Dealing (in England, Scotland, and Ireland) and for the management of Queen Mary's School, Walsall, which was presented to this House on the 7th day of February last--(Mr. Sydney Gedge); The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Tellers for the Mr. Sydney Gedge, 25.
Tellers for the Mr. Macdonald: 52.
So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for Local Government in Counties in Scotland, and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Hector, Captain Sinclair, Sir Mark M'Taggart Stewart, Mr. Oделла, Mr. Thomas Gibson-Carmichael do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Teinds, and to abolish Fiars' Prices in Scotland; And that Mr. Nicoll, Mr. Brashaw, Sir Herbert Maxwell, Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, Mr. Gordon, Sir John Stirling-Maxwell, Mr. Robert Wallace (Perth), Mr. Alexander Cross, and Mr. Cox do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Nicoll presented a Bill to make further provision for Local Government in Counties in Scotland, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of April next; and to be printed.

Mr. Nicoll presented a Bill to amend the Law of Teinds of Tithes, and to abolish Fiars' Prices in Scox (Scotland); And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of April next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:—

Aberdeen Harbour Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (New Railways) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Divorce Bills do consist of the following Members—Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, Mr. John Blair Balfour, Mr. Sergeant Henshall, Mr. Lord Waddington, the Lord Advocate, Sir Robert Reid, Mr. Solicitor General, and Mr. Wodehouse.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to request that their Lordships be pleased to communicate to the House,—Copies of the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings, together with Documents deposited, in the case of Cathcart's Divorce Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee on Divorce Bills that they do hear Counsel and examine Witnesses for Cathcart's Divorce Bill [Lords], 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. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House, dated 4th March 1879, under Section 4 of "The Appropriation Act, 1869," authorising the temporary application of Surpluses on certain Army Votes for the year 1898-99, to meet Excesses on certain Army Votes for the same year.

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


Copy of Rules of the Irish Land Commission, dated 13th March 1899, as to Assistant Commissioners.


Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing for each Association under the Voluntary Schools Act, 1897, and also for the Unassociated Schools (1) what Schools in the School Year preceding the first payment of Aid Grant paid Rent in excess of the Receipts from Voluntary Contributions, and the amount of such Excess; (2) what Schools paid Rent in excess of the Receipts from Voluntary Contributions and Endowment, and the Amount of such Excess; and (3) what Schools paid Rent in excess of the Receipts from Voluntary Contributions, Endowment, and Fees, and the Amount of such Excess.—(Sir Francis Powell.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before the House, a Return showing the estimated position as regards Capital Expenditure of the several Railways and Irrigation Works under construction, on the 31st day of March 1899, and the proposed Expenditure thereon during 1899-1900.—(Mr. Price.)

Mr. Schwann reported from the Committee on Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Confirmation Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, 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. Schwann reported from the Committee on Public Accounts the Eford Gas Bill; That they had examined the Bill, allegations contained 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 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 Lether reported from the Clay Cross Committee on the Clay Cross 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,
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lomther reported from the Committee on the Goole Urban District Council Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Dudley Improvement (Bell Alley Area) Bill.

Mr. James William Lomther reported from the Committee on the Dudley Improvement (Bell Alley Area) 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 thereto.

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

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Nottingham Corporation Bill.

Mr. James William Lomther reported the Nottingham Corporation Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Tramways Wallasey Bill.

Mr. James William Lomther reported the Tramways Wallasey Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Barley-in-Wharfedale Urban District Water Bill.

Mr. Baldwin reported the Barley-in-Wharfedale Urban District Water Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Harlesworth Water Bill.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee on the Harlesworth Water Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting the date of the second meeting of the Committee confirming the propriety of promoting the Bill, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

Mr. Baldwin reported from the Committee on the Horsforth Water 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.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Messengers had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of Bristol to construct a Culvert and other Works for the Relief of the Floods in the Colliers Mills Brook, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Aberdeen Corporation Bill; That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the constitution of the City, to authorize the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the said City and Burgh, to execute Sewage Works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the District Committee of the Middle Ward of the County of Lanark to construct additional Waterworks and certain Railways in connection with their Undertakings; to confer Further Powers on the County Council of the County of Lanark with respect to the Domestic Water Rate authorised by the Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Act, 1892, and to enable them to borrow additional Money; to amend the provisions of the said Act, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the construction of a Pier, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the constitution of the City, and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen as a County of a City, to authorise the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the said City and Burgh, to execute Sewage Works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

The Bristol Floods Prevention Bill was read the first time.

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

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Messengers had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the construction of a Pier, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the constitution of the City, and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen as a County of a City, to authorise the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the said City and Burgh, to execute Sewage Works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

The Catalan Tramways and Improvements 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 do lie upon the Table.

The Wellington Tramways and Improvements Bill was read the first time.

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Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

The Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills have reported the Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting the date of the second meeting of the Committee confirming the propriety of promoting the Bill, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Vide Supplement to the Votes.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the Law with respect to Law Agents acting as Justices of the Peace in Scotland: And that Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hozier, Mr. Parker Smith, and Colonel Dewar do prepare, and bring in it.

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

Mr. Cochran presented a Bill to alter the Law with respect to Law Agents acting as Justices of the Peace in Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 20th day of April 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 the 15th day of April next; and to be printed.

The Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 21st day of this Instant March, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the London Government Bill be now read a second time; and which Amendment was to leave out from the word "the" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "no Bill dealing " with the Local Government of the Metropolis " will be satisfactory which, while disturbing " the existing system, fails to simplify and complete it, and which at the same time renders " more difficult the attainment of the unity of " London"—(Mr. Herbert Gladstone)—instead thereof.

And the Question being afterwards put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit until after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning:

Saturday, 26th March, 1899:

And the Question being put:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, 245.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Thomas Ellis, 118.

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 make further provision respecting the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in Wales: And the same was read the first time of April next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 17th day of April next; and to be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit until twenty-five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer Further Powers on the Corporation of the County Borough of Birkenhead, in relation to the Tramways 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 confer Further Powers on the Corporation of the Queen's Ferry District Gas Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the County Council of Flint to raise a further Sum of Money for the completion of the Queen's Ferry Bridge; 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 Corporation of the Coombe Urban District Gas Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer Further Powers upon the Corporation of the Great Yarmouth Pier, for the building of a Pier for the storage of Gas; to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer Further Powers upon the Corporation of the Northern Assurance Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer Further Powers upon the Corporation of the Bristol Gas Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer Further Powers upon the Corporation of the Airfield and Coastridge Water Company to abandon certain Works and Signs, and to confer additional Waterworks to be constructed; 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 Corporation of the Lea Bridge District Gas Company and amend the Acts affecting that 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 confer Further Powers upon the Corporation of the Queen's Ferry Bridge Company, and to amend the Acts affecting that 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 confer Further Powers upon the Corporation of the Waltham-on-Thames and Weybridge Gas Company to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer Further Powers upon the Corporation of the Catholic's Diverse Bill, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer Further Powers upon the Corporation of the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Etc.) Bill, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer Further Powers upon the Corporation of the Perch Water, Police, and Gas Bill, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer Further Powers upon the Corporation of the Wycomb Bank Bill, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer Further Powers upon the Corporation of the Great Central Railway Bill, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer Further Powers upon the Corporation of the London United Tramways Bill, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Central Electric Supply Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to (No. 1.) Castleford, East Barnet Valley, Grays Tharrock, Mexborough, Sutton Coldfield, and Worksop: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Electric Lighting Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to (No. 2.) Aylesbury, Hartlipold, Yatrybod (Marley), Monkfield, Wath-upon-Dearne, and Winsford: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Electric Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Aylesbury, Hartlipold, Yatrybod (Marley), Monkfield, Wath-upon-Dearne, and Winsford: 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 Electric Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Aylesbury, Hartlipold, Yatrybod (Marley), Monkfield, Wath-upon-Dearne, and Winsford: 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 placed on the Table; 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 27th March 1899, amending the terms of Article 119 of the Code of 1899.

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

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the National Debt Acts, directions of several Acts of Parliament,—An Act, No. 129. Account of the Gross Amount of all Bank Annuities, and any Annuities for Terms of Years transferred, and of all Sums of Money paid to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; and the Gross Amount of Annuities for Lives, and for Terms of Years which

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which have been granted for the same, and Contracts for Pensions for Death which have been made under the provisions of the Acts 10 Geo. 4, c. 24; 37 & 38 Vic. c. 15; 16 & 17 Vic. c. 45; 27 & 28 Vic. c. 43; 45 & 46 Vic. c. 51; and 50 & 51 Vic. c. 40, within the year ended 5th January 1889.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 22nd March 1899, adding to Schedule B of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866 (29 & 30 Vic. c. 39), the Appropriation Accounts of the Grants for the three Revenue Departments, &c.: the Post Office (including the Telegraph and Packet Services), the Board of Customs, and the Board of Inland Revenue, and directing a detailed test examination of such Accounts under the same Act.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the Resolution of the House, dated 4th March 1879, that the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to National Debt Annuities and Public Accounts (Naval Vote 8.) be printed.

That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to National Debt Annuities and Public Accounts (Naval Votes) be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, on Thursday the 11th day of April next; and be printed.

Mr. Chaplin reported from the Select Committee to whom the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill was referred; that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 3rd day of this instant March, it had been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that the necessary notices of the objects of the Bill had been published in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time, and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon the Parliamentary Deposits Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and the Papers relative to National Debt Annuities and Public Accounts (Naval Votes) be printed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and the Paper relative to Local Taxation Returns (England) be printed.
time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the 10th day of April next.

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

Tuesday, 28th March, 1899;

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Fund Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th 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 Monday the 10th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Charitable Loans Regulation of Railways Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of this instant March, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 10th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday the 10th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Improvement of Land Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Palace Court of Durham Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of April 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 Monday the 10th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Channel Islands) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Licensing Exception (House of Parliament) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 10th day of April next.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 13th day of April next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tenants' Rights Scheme Confirmation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of April next.

The Infectious Disease (Notification) Act (1888) Extension Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday the 14th day of April next.

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 10th day of April next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Tuesday, 28th March, 1899.

The House met at Twelve 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 not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

1. Aberdeen Corporation Bill.
2. Cowper Protection Bill.
3. Railway Tramways and Improvements Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (New Railways) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cardiff Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of April next.

Ordered, That the London and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 16th day of April next.

Ordered, That the Standing Orders 39, 129, and 230 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.)

The Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Bremerton; and that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Local Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Manchester, Middleton, Nelson, Southampton, and Stafford: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Bremerton; 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 of the Local Government Board relating to Manchester, Middleton, Nelson, Southampton, and 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 Paper relative to Revenue Departments (Appropriation Accounts), which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant March, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant March, be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Central London Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Vale of Glamorgan 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.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Woodhouse and Cheadle Railway (Abandonment) Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of the Board of Trade on the Clyde Navigation Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn till Monday the 10th day of April next.—(Mr. Balfour)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes after Two of the clock, adjourned till Monday the 10th day of April next.

Monday, 10th April, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Barrow-in-Furness and Western Valleys 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 Newcastle and Chilton Coton Urban District Council 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 Stockport Corporation Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stockport 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 Dublin Improvement (Bill Alley Area) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gosport Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Horsham Urban District Council (Water) 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 House proceeded to take into consideration the Rhydside Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Yeadon Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wetherby District Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

The Aire and Calder Navigation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Glasgow District Subway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

The London United Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Rother and Higham Ferrers District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The London and North Western Railway (New Railways) 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 following Papers, presented by Command of Her Majesty during the Easter Recess, were delivered to the Librarian of the House of Commons during the Recess, pursuant to the Standing Order of the 14th August 1896:—

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2214 to 2221.

Copy of Report by Sir A. Hardinge on the British East Africa Protectorate for the year 1897-8.

Copy of Papers relating to Events in the Africa Uganda Protectorate and Major Macdonald's Expedition (in continuation of Africa, No. 1, 1899).

Copy of Report by Her Majesty's Agent and Envoy-Consul General on the Finances, Administration, and Condition of Egypt and the Sudan in 1898.


Calendar of the Manuscripts of the Most Honourable the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G., (Royal Commissions preserved at Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, Hertford.)

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Copy of Report of the Pacific Cable Committee, with Minutes of Proceedings, &c.

Copy of Rules made under the Elementary School Teachers (Superannuation) Act, 1889.

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

Mr. Hasbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of June, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Comparative Return showing the Number of Sorting Clerks and Telegraphists receiving the Maximum Pay of their Class, with particulars of their Service in all the Offices scheduled in Class A.
Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of February last, for a Return relative to the British Museum.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament—Account, up to 31st March 1899, showing the Total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund, pursuant to the Act 48 Vict. c. 11, in respect of the Annuity of £3,150,000, 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.

Account, up to 31st March 1899, showing the Total Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund, pursuant to the Act 61 Vict. c. 4, in respect of the Annuity which was guaranteed by Her Majesty for the purpose of facilitating the raising of a Loan by the Government of Greece, and of the Sums paid in or towards the repayment of any Money so issued.

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 Deaths, made during the year ended 31st December 1898.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 22nd March 1899, under the Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, directing that as from the 1st April 1899 the Receipts under Section 1 (1)(a) of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act, 1896, shall be applied as Appropriations in Aid of the Moneys to be granted by Parliament for Mercantile Marine Services; the Fees under Section 2 of the same Act as an Appropriation in Aid of the Moneys to be granted by Parliament for the service of the Customs; and the Receipts under Section 1 (a) of the Registration (Ireland) Act, 1896, as an Appropriation in Aid of the Moneys to be granted by Parliament for County Court Officers, &c., Ireland.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 22nd March 1899, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Maurice Thomas Glover, Principal Chief Officer at Cromarty in the service of the Board of Customs.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to the British Museum, and the Paper relative to Government Insurances and Annuities, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament—Copy of 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, for the year 1897-98.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to the British Museum be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty’s Command—Copy of Report to the Secretary of the Board of Trade upon the Sights tested in the Mercantile Marine for the year ended 31st December 1898 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper [C. 865]).

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command—Copy of the Criminal and Judicial Statistics of Ireland for the year 1897. Part II. Civil Proceedings in Central and Larger and Smaller District Courts. Copy of Return, according to Provinces and Counties, of Judicial Rents fixed by Chief Commissioner, Sub-Commission, and Civil Bill Courts for First and Second Statutory Terms, together with a Return prepared in a similar manner of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Land Commission on Appeal, as notified during the month of July 1898; also Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission to the Joint Application of Landlords and Tenants.

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


Secretary Lord George Hamilton also presented—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 24th day of March last, for a Return relative to East India (Railways and Irrigation Works).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to East India (Loans raised in England) be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty’s Command—Copy of the Compensation Proceedings and Statistics of the Proceedings in County Courts (England and Wales), under the Workmen’s Compensation Act, 1897, and the Employers Liability Act, 1880, during the year 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to East India be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 14th day of February last, for a Return relative to Aliens.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Metropolitan Cattle Market be printed.

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Mr. Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 8th day of August, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Report on Agriculture in Ireland.
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 --

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

Mr. Bradbrook presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2222 and 2223. 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 10th day of February in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return containing a Digest showing, in the case of each such Parish, whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Reports.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, Copies of Rule made by the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, under the Prison Act, 1898. Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; and a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for Committee on the Civil Service Estimates) — It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1899-1900.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 33,000, 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 1800, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 78,000, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Goddard);

The Committee divided. Tellers for the [Mr. Goddard], Yes. [Mr. Lang]; Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Noes. [Mr. Anstruther]:

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 79,000, 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 1800, for the Royal Parks and Pleasure Gardens.
Tuesday, 11th April, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Birkenhead Corporation Bill.
Bristol Water Bill.
Great Yarmouth Pier Bill.
Lea Bridge District Gas Bill.
Loughborough Corporation Bill.
Sheepshed District Gas Bill.
Waveney-on-Thames and Waybridge 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 Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:

Airdrie and Coatbridge Water Bill.
And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Electric Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Airdrie, Bishopton, Glaisney, Kirkby, and Renfrew; And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

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Barstow (Extension) Cheltenham (Extension), Durham, Hulluquiten, and Hlyden: 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 Greatton, Greaton North, Knebworth, Knutsford, Ryde, and Walker: 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 Account relative to Greek Loan of 1896, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Public Accounts and Charges Act, 1891, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Colonial Bounties on Agricultural Produce, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Prison Act, 1896, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant April, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Amounts of Securities held by the several Government Departments and other Public Offices on the 31st day of March 1899, specifying whether held in England or Ireland (in continuance of Parliamentary Paper, No. 224, of Session 1898) be printed.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Return.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Amounts of Debts due to the Government Securities held by the several Government Departments and other Public Offices on the 31st day of March 1899, specifying whether held in England or Ireland (in continuance of Parliamentary Paper, No. 224, of Session 1898) be printed.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of Report of the Chairman of the Commissioners of Prisons in the Treatment of Crime in the United States.—(Sir Howard Vincent.)

The Order for resuming, upon Thursday next, Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill be now read a second time, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 1st day of May next.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Cemeteries Bill to amend the Law with regard to the rating of certain Cemeteries: And that Mr. Stephens, Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, Sir Walter Foster, Mr. Bigwood, Mr. Hazell, Mr. Howard, Major Bowley, and Mr. Corwill Williams do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Stephens accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law with regard to the rating of Cemeteries; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the spirit of Church Union (a society of which more than 4,000 clergy of the Church of England are stated to be members) adopted unanimously at a meeting held in London on the 26th day of February last, and of which they directed copies to be circulated among their members, be referred to the Committee on the Church Union and Memorial.
Wednesday, 12th April, 1899.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Clay Cross Water Bill, as amended by the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Abandonment of the Woodhouse and Conisborough Railway (Abandonment) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and be printed.

A Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the West Middlesex Water Works, praying that the Company may be made in the West Middlesex Water Bill, authorising the construction of a Conduit Main or line of pipes through certain lands in the Urban District of Hampton adjoining the London and South Western Railway, was presented, and read, and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India Railways and Irrigation Works, which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to Salisbury Plain Address to Her Majesty, dated the 21st day of February last, for a Return relative to Salisbury Plain (Rentals), No. 129.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley, Secretary of State for the Colonies, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Returns of Receipts and Expenditure of the General Medical Council, and of the Branch Councils for Ireland; also, Returns of Receipts and Expenditure of the Dental Registration Fund of the General Medical Council for the year ending 31st December 1898.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That the House be adjourned to To-morrow.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present.—The House was told by Mr. Speaker, that Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock—the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at twenty-five minutes after Nine of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

to be sent to the Queen, and to every Member of each House of Parliament, and imputes to the declaration made in this House on the 2nd day of March last by the First Lord of the Treasury, that neither he nor the Lord Chancellor would recommend any clergyman to a benefice unless convinced that he was prepared to obey his bishop, and, in accordance therewith, confidently hopes that the Ministers of the Crown will not recommend any clergyman for ecclesiastical preferment unless they are satisfied that he will willingly obey the law as declared by the courts which have jurisdiction in matters ecclesiastical.—(Mr. Sydney lodge)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "shown," to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "by certain members of the Church of England, and confidently hopes that the Ministers of the Crown will not recommend any clergyman for ecclesiastical preferment unless they are satisfied that he will willingly obey the law as declared by the courts which have jurisdiction in matters ecclesiastical."—(Mr. Samuel Horace)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be be added, that words proposed to be added to the proposed Amendment, by adding, at the end thereof, the words "and the law as declared by the courts which have jurisdiction in matters ecclesiastical."—(Mr. Horace)

And the Question being put, That those words be be added to the proposed Amendment:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noses to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Sir Edward Clarke; 260.

Tellers for the Noses, Earl Percy; 14

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "this House deplores the spirit of lawlessness shown by certain members of the Church of England, and confidently hopes that the Ministers of the Crown will not recommend any clergyman for ecclesiastical preferment unless they are satisfied that he will willingly obey the bishops and the Prayer Book and the law as declared by the courts which have jurisdiction in matters ecclesiastical," be added after the word "shown" in the Main Question.—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, so amended, being put:

Revealed, That this House deplores the spirit of lawlessness shown by certain members of the Church of England, and confidently hopes that the Ministers of the Crown will not recommend any clergyman for ecclesiastical preferment unless they are satisfied that he will willingly obey the bishops and the Prayer Book and the law as declared by the courts which have jurisdiction in matters ecclesiastical.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present.—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock—the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at twenty-five minutes after Nine of the clock, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.
Order: That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the Nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fire Brigades Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question thereupon to the House.

Mr. Speaker moved, "That the Debate be further adjourned," but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Midwives Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. T. P. O'Connor moved, "That the Debate be now adjourned;" but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Tuesday next.

Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant April.

Occupying Tenants (Ireland) Enforcement Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of June next.

Distress Abolition and Substitution Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of June next.

Cheap Trains Bill;

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

Adulteration (Food Products) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 28th day of this instant April.
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 Out-door Provident Relief 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) 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 Second Reading of the Poor Law (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 20th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection 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 Act (1888) Amendment Bill;

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of this instant April.

Sir William Walrond reported from the Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill; 

Ordered, 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 Colonial Loans Fund 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 Insolvent Acts (1889) 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 Metropolitan Streets Act (1867) 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 Telegraphs (Telephones) and Telegraphs (Telephones) (Communication, &c.) 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 London Government Bill;

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of Rating Certificates of Competency under the Act of 1894, so far as relates to the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of Rating Certificates of Competency. And that Mr. Horace Wilson, Mr. Ernest Flower, Mr. Lawes, Major Rash, Mr. Thomas Richardson, Mr. Raban, Mr. Frie, and Mr. Sharpe do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Broadhurst presented a Bill to amend the Truck Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday the 24th day of this instant April and to be printed.

Sir William Coddington reported from the Committee on the County of London and Brush Provincial Electric Lighting 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 then the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 13th April, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

Local Government Provisional Orders

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, 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 Conformation (Secomes) 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.

A Motion being made, That the Dublin Improvement (Bill Agey Area) 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, 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.

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

The Horsforth Urban District Council (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 Nottingham 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 Rhondda Urban District Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Wetherby District Water Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Barry-in-Wharfedale Urban District 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 London Water Second Reading of the London Water (Purchase) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the London Water Second Reading of the London Water (Finance) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant April.

A Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Belfast, praying that Provision may be made in the Belfast Corporation Bill, authorising the insertion of a Clause in the Bill to give power to the Corporation to make bye-laws with respect to Locomotives on Highways, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Petition of the London United Tramways, London United Limited, and the Brentford Urban District Council, praying, that Provision may be made in the London United Tramways Bill authorising the widening on the north east side of the Street or Road known as the Half Acre, and on the north side of the Street known as Back Lane, both situate in the Brentford Urban District, and authorising the Brentford Urban District Council to contribute to the cost thereof, 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 made by the Board of Trade, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, relating to the Llanelli and Barry Pilotage District; And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hardman do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, relating to the Llanelli and Barry Pilotage District; And the same was read the first time.

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

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of Accidents and Casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the year ending 31st December 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.
The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House.—Copy of Order made by the Lord Chancellor, dated 11th January 1899, directing that Frederick Walter Denby, Registrar of the County Court of Northumberland shall not practice as a Solicitor, and that Section 20 of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Officers) Act, 1879, shall not apply to the Office of Registrar of the said County Court.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 11th April 1899, on the subject of the National Debt Charges.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper, Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings in the House of Lords on the Second Reading of Cathcart's Divorce Bill, together with the Documents deposited in the case, be returned to the House of Lords; and that the Clerk do carry the same.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

Mr. Jeffrey reported the North West London Railway Bill, with Amendments, Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Jeffrey reported from the Committee on Group G of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned until Monday next, at half-past Twelve of the clock.

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Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented the said Paper, Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant April, the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 10th day of May next.

Mr. Attorney General reported from the Select Committee on Divorce Bills; That they had examined the allegations of Cathcart's Divorce Bill, as to the Marriage of the Parties, the Adultery charged as the ground for dissolving the Marriage, the Sentence of Divorce d suis et thoro, in the Probate and Matrimonial Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland; and, upon evidence satisfactory to the Committee, had found the same and the other allegations to be true, and saw no reason to suspect collusion between the Parties; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings in the House of Lords on the Second Reading of Cathcart's Divorce Bill, together with the Documents deposited in the case, be returned to the House of Lords; and that the Clerk do carry the same.—(Mr. Attorney General.)

Mr. Jeffrey reported the North West London Railway Bill, with Amendments, Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Jeffrey reported from the Committee on Group G of Railway Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned until Monday next, at half-past Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Jeffrey reported from the Committee on Group G of Private Bills; That the Party opposing the Edinburgh Corporation Bill had stated that the evidence of Robert Miller, 36, Luder Road, Edinburgh, James H. Waterston, 57, Lutter Place, Edinburgh, J. Macfarlane Cameron, 26, George Street, Edinburgh, and James Steel, 2, Terphchen Street, Edinburgh, was essential to their case; and it having been proved that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Robert Miller, James H. Waterston, J. Macfarlane Cameron, and James Steel do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Robert Cranston do attend the Committee on Group G of Private Bills To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

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Ordered, That Robert Miller, James H. Waterston, J. Macfarlane Cameron, and James Steel do attend the Committee on Group G of Private Bills To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Crown Cases Bill was read, and Bill, discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 24th day of this instant April.

Ordered, That the Proceedings of the Committee on Group G of Private Bills be referred to the Standing Order, Sitting at Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Sitting (Exclusion from the House.—(Mr. Half-hour.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Wines.

(In the Committee.)

Wines.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That, in lieu of the duties of Customs now payable on Wine imported into Great Britain or Ireland, there shall be charged, levied, and paid the duties following (that is to say):—

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In this Resolution the word "Wine" includes the spirituous liquid known as "Wine." The word "degree" includes as fraction of the next higher degree.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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Wine (other thanStill Wine imported in bottle; not exceeding 30 degrees of proof spirit, the gallon—
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Exceeding 30 but not exceeding 62 degrees of proof spirit, the gallon—
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And for every degree, or part of a degree, beyond the highest above charged, in additional duty, the gallon—
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Sparkling Wine imported in bottle, an additional duty, the gallon—
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Still Wine imported in bottle, the gallon—
- 3

In this Resolution the word “Wine” includes
lees of Wine. The word “degree” includes no fraction of the next higher degree. —(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Stamp Duties.

2. Resolved, That there shall be charged on all foreign and Colonial marketable securities transferable by delivery which are not at present chargeable with Stamp Duty, and which are negotiated in the United Kingdom after a date to be fixed by Parliament, a Stamp Duty of Six Pence for every Ten Pounds, and also for any fractional part of Ten Pounds, of the money thereby secured.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

3. Resolved, That the Stamp Duty on Share Warrants issued under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1867, shall extend to any instrument to bearer issued by or on behalf of any company or body of persons formed or established out of the United Kingdom and having the like effect as such Share Warrants, and the Stamp Duty charged on Stock Certificates to bearer as defined by the Stamp Act, 1861, shall extend to any instrument to bearer issued by or on behalf of a company or body of persons formed or established in the United Kingdom having the like effect as such a stock certificate to bearer.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

4. Resolved, That there shall be charged on any instrument issued by or on behalf of a company or body of persons formed or established out of the United Kingdom by means of the delivery of which any share or stock of such a company or body of persons is transferred, assigned, or negotiated or purported to be transferred, assigned, or negotiated in the United Kingdom after a date to be fixed by Parliament, a Stamp Duty of Six Pence for every Ten Pounds, and also for any fractional part of Ten Pounds, of the nominal value of the share or stock to which the instrument relates.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

5. Resolved, That the Stamp Duty on marketable securities transferable by delivery and on Share Warrants or Stock Certificates to bearer shall be extended to securities and instruments respectively where the delivery of the security or the delivery of the instrument is treated as a sufficient transfer, whether it constitutes a legal transfer or not.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

6. Resolved, That Five Shillings shall be substituted for Ten Shillings for the ad valorem Stamp Duty on statements of the nominal capital or authorised increase of capital of any corporation or company.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

7. Resolved, That where a local authority or company formed in the United Kingdom, issue any loan capital, a statement shall be made of the nominal amount proposed to be issued, and that statement shall be charged with an ad valorem Stamp Duty of Two Shillings and Sixpence for every One hundred Pounds or any fraction of One hundred pounds.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

8. Resolved, That there shall be charged on any letter of allotment, and on any letter of re-
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 Farnley Tyas Marriages 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 Palatine Court of Durham Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors 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 (Channel Islands) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Deposit 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 Constructions, Landlord and Tenant Law 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 Cheap Trains Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Seats for Shop Assistants (Scotland) 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, upon Tuesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Havelock Wilson presented a Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of Rating Certificate of Competency and Service; 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 twenty minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

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The House met at Three of the clock.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Central London Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Petition of the London County Council, London for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Expenditure of Money by the London County Council on Capital Account during the current financial period, and the raising of Money to meet such Expenditure, was presented, and read; and a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly, by Mr. Cobden and Mr. James Stuart.

Ordered, That Mr. Kearley be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill.
Ordered, That Mr. Cawley be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Causton.)

Ordered, That the Committee of Selection do appoint a Committee, not exceeding Nine Members, to whom shall be committed all Private Bills promoted by municipal and other local authorities, by which it is proposed to create powers relating to Police and Sanitary Regulations which deviate from, or are in extension of, or are repugnant to, the general law.

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

Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee in their Report, under Standing Orders 150 and 173a, to state their reasons for granting any powers in conflict with, deviation from, or excess of the general law.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee not to insert in any Bill referred to them any provision which is already in force in the district to which the Bill applies under any public Act, or which might be put in force by adopting the provisions of any adoptive Act.

Ordered, That in the case of Bills reported from the Committee, Three clear days shall intervene between the date when the Report of the Committee is circulated with the Votes and Proceedings of the House, and the consideration of the Bill.—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed. — 3 3
The Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Swansea) 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 Post Office (Promotion in Telegraph and Postal Branches), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant April, be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Report, No. 258 (British New Guinea, Annual Report for 1897-8).

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

Mr. Brodrick, presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2224.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Statement showing the Production, and Consumption of Coal, and the Number of Persons employed in Coal Production, in the principal Countries of the World, in each year from 1893 to 1897, as far as the particulars can be stated; together with a Statement showing the Production of, and Trade in, Petroleum in the United States and in the Russian Empire for a Series of Years.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Standing Orders.

Mr. Halley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were agreed to.

1. That, in the case of the East London Water Bill, Petition of the "Lee Conservancy Board," for dispensing with Standing Order 129 in the case of their Petition against the Bill, the said Standing Order ought to be dispensed with.

2. That, in the case of the Leicester Corporation Water Bill, Petition of "William Jackson and Thomas Hughes Jackson," 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 Derby Corporation Water Bill, Petition of "William Jackson and Thomas Hughes Jackson" 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 and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to introduce their additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

5. That, in the case of the Lowestoft Promenade Pier Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill. The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, in respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Lowestoft Promenade Pier Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for authorizing the Construction of a Pier at Lowestoft, and for other purposes; And that Mr. Clough and Mr. Alfred Leggitt do prepare, and bring it in.
14th April.

VICTORIA.


1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 725,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the Cost of Superintending, 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 1900.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item C be reduced by £ 9,000, in respect of Works at Deptford—(Mr. Buchanan).—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan], 65. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 107.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 1,606,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Victualling and Clothing for the Navy, including the Cost of Victualling Establishments at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item B be reduced by £ 106, in respect of the Wages of Labourers at Deptford—(Mr. Arthur Morton).—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Arthur Morton], 42. Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 121.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. £ 174,800, the Expense of Medical Services, including the Cost of Medical Establishments at Home and Abroad.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 12,200, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Medical 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 1900.

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6. That Five Shillings shall be substituted for Two Shillings as the ad valorem Stamp Duty on statements of the nominal capital, or authorized increase of capital, of any corporation or company.
7. That where a local authority or company formed or established in the United Kingdom, issue any loan capital, a statement shall be made of the nominal amount proposed to be issued, and that statement shall be charged with an ad valorem Stamp Duty of Two Shillings and Sixpence for every One hundred Pounds or any fraction of One hundred Pounds.
8. That there shall be charged on any letter of allotment, and on any letter of renunciation, including any document having the like effect as a letter of allotment or a letter of renunciation—
   (G.) Where the nominal amount allotted, or to which the letter of renunciation relates, is less than Five Pounds, a Stamp Duty of One Penny; and
   (H.) In any other case a Stamp Duty of Sixpence.

General.
9. That it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the Customs, the Inland Revenue, and the National Debt.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to. Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolutions; and that Mr. James William Lowther, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Hanbury do prepare, and bring it in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Army (Annual) Bill.

(Clauses, No. 1.)

Clause, No. 5 (Amendment of 44 & 45 Vic. c. 58, ss. 57, 73, 183, as amended by 56 & 57 Vic. c. 62, as to powers of Commander-in-Chief in India.)

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 26, to leave out the words "in Sub-section (2) of Section Fifty-seven"—(Mr. Caldwell.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to. Clause, No. 6, agreed to. Preamble agreed to. Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill shall be read the third time upon Monday next.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act (1889) Extension Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1.

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Tancred’s Second Reading of the Tancred’s Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Officers’ Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Poor Law Officers’ Superannuation Act (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of May next.

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

Monday, 17th April, 1899.

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, originating in the Lords, and referred on the
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Western Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
A Clause (Copy of Act to be registered) was twice read; and made part of the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hifold Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.
A Clause (Copy of Act to be registered) was twice read; and made part of the Bill. And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Milland Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
A Clause (For the protection of the Long Eaton Urban District Council) was twice read; and made part of the Bill. And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Airdrie and Coatbridge Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.
The Birkenhead Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Bristol Floods Prevention Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

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

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

The Lord Bridge District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Northern Assurance Company Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Perth Water, Police, and Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Queen's Ferry Bridge Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Waltham-on-Thames and Weybridge Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

A Bill to regulate the Expenditure of Money London Account during the current financial period, and (Money) Bill, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

A Bill for authorising the construction of a Lawnswood Pier at Laceby, and for other purposes, was presented, Prisons (Treaty of Crime) Order, dated the 11th day of this instant April, for a first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Order made upon the 6th day of March last, That the Petition for the Saint Mary's Institution Electric Lighting Bill be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Petition for the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Forster.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vide Third Report.

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Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Sixty-first Annual Report of the Loan Fund Board of Ireland, 1898.
Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, dated the 22nd March 1899, made by the Lord Chancellor and County Court Judges under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

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

Inquiry into Chastity (County of Angleson, Parish of Penrhos Lligwy.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return comprising a Translation into Welsh of so much of the Return in the Order of this House of the 17th day of March 1898, respecting Charitable Endowments in the County of Anglesey, as relates to the Parish of Penhos Lligwy.—(Mr. Grant Lawson.)

Leave of Absence.

Infectious Disease (Notification) Act 1898 Extension Bill.

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

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, upon Thursday next, on the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act (1898) Extension Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Water Supply Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Water Supply Bill, was read, and discharged.

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

Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) 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 "in any measure for facilitating an acquisition of the ownership of Small Houses public money should not be advanced except upon the terms that the freehold shall vest in public bodies and not in the individual, and that it is undesirable to discuss any such measure until the recommendations of the Local Taxation Commission on the subject of the taxation of ground values have been received."—(Mr. McKenna), 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 Walrond, Yeas, } 244.

Mr. Austruther; Tellers for the (Mr. McKenna, Noes, } 69.

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 the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain); The House proceeded to a Division.

And the House having continued to sit until after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning:

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The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, } 224.

Mr. Austruther; Tellers for the (Mr. McKenna, Noes, } 79.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Third Reading of the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Loans Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Fund Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans 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 9th day of March last, That the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Improvement Second Reading of the Improvement of Land Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Secoend Reading of the Charitable 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 Palestine 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 Statutes Bill Second Reading of the Statutes Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (Claytons) 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 Authors and Clauses Bill;

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

The Army (Annual) Bill was, according to Army Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee of Supply (14th Report. Supply, several Resolutions which were read as follow:

Navy Estimates, 1899-1900,

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 785,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of Works, Buildings, and Repairs, at Home and Abroad, including the Cost of Superintendence, Purchase

1899.
Order: The Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Second Reading of the Telegraph (Scotland) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Licensing Committee Bill

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Councils Amendment Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Streets Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 28th day of this instant April.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.
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Tuesday, 18th April, 1899.

The house met at three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the table—Report of the Examiner of Petitions for the Protection of Wild Birds, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill.

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

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

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

The Vale of Glamorgan Railway Bill was Vale of Glamorgan read the third time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Fordingham Gas Urban Bill, 1899, be referred to the Committee on the Southwark Urban District Gas and Water Bill Bill of this Session.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Ma- jesty's Command,—Copy of Rates made for London the 1st day of March 1897, by the Elementary School Teachers' School Scheme Confirmation Bill.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented inscribing to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Twistsellers, Beerhouse, and other Licences for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, the Renewal of which has been refused, in the year 1898, by the Justices of the Peace in such Licensing Districts in England and Wales, showing in each case the ground of such Refusal, especially when such ground was in any instance that the Licence was not required, and showing also the Reasons of Appeal, if any (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 236, of Session 1899.—(Mr. Henry J. Wilson.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Revenue and a Return showing, for the year ending the 31st day of March 1899, (1) the Amount contributed by England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively towards the Revenue collected by Imperial Officers; (2) the Expenditure on English, Scottish, and Irish Services out of such Revenue; and (3) the Balance of Revenue contributed by England, 

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England, Scotland, and Ireland respectively which are available for Imperial Expenditure (In continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 313, of Session 1898).—(Mr. Lough.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relating to Imperial Revenue (Collection and Expenditure) (Great Britain and Ireland), &c., &c., &c., of the 31st March 1898 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 310, of Session 1898).—(Mr. Joseph A. Pease.)

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, which were read, as follows:

1. That, in the case of the Millwall Dock, Petition for leave to deposit a Petition for Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to deposit their Petition for a Bill.

2. That, in the case of the London, Westminster, and Epping Forest Railway, 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.

Mr. Johnson Ferguson reported from the Committee on Group II of Private Bills; that the parties promoting the Dublin Corporation Bill had stated that the evidence of Sir Francis McCabe, K.C.M.G., of Park Cottage, Kilgobbin, in the County of Dublin, was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance to extend the time limited by the West Highland Railway Bill, Petition for Act to extend the time limited for the compulsory purchase of Lands, for the completion of the Railways authorised by the said Acts, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Inverness Commercial Dock Bill, to extend the time limited for the compulsory purchase of Lands authorised by the said Acts, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the Limits of Supply of and to confer further Powers on the Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company, 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 Great Yarmouth Corporation Bill was read the first time.

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

The Order for reading a second time, To-morrow, the Pensions (Old Age) Bill was read, April 3rd, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant April.
The Order for reading a second time, tomorrow, the Old Age Pensions (No. 2) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant April.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill have precedence this day of the Notice of Motions and the other Orders on the Day;—(Mr. Balfour);
The House divided.  
The Yeas to the Right; 
The Noes to the Left.  
Tellers for the [Sir William Walworth, 
Yea, Edward Clarke, Mr. Austruther; 
Noo, Mr. Perigie; 
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordained, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law respecting the recovery of Stolen Articles: And that Sir Howard Vincent, Mr. Edward Clarke, Mr. Herbert Guest, Mr. Wharton, Sir Robert Red, Sir Charles Hall, Sir John Darlington, and Mr. Mount do prepare, and bring it in.

Sir Howard Vincent presented a Bill to amend the Law respecting the recovery of Stolen Articles: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

Mr. Brymner Jones presented a Bill to extend the Privileges of the Graduates of the University of Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant April; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "now " read the third time," and adding the words "re-committed"—(Mr. James Stuart)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;—
The House divided.  
The Yeas to the Right; 
The Noes to the Left.  
Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan, 
Yea, Mr. Souttar; 
Noo, Mr. Austruther; 
So it passed in the Negative.

Notice being taken, that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock.—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at a quarter of an hour before Nine of the clock, without a Question first put, till tomorrow.

Wednesday, 19th April, 1899.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Charing Cross, Boston, and Hamp-

stead Railway Bill, as amended in the Com-

mittee.

A Clause (Powers of Commissioners of Woods to grant a lease for 999 years to the Company) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (Saving Rights of the Crown) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

The Gas Light and Coke Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence on the Railway Bills Bromsgrove and Poole Pity Circus Railway Bill and the City and West End Railway Bill, Session 1897, be referred to the Committee on Group No. 5 of Railway Bills.—(Mr. Jeffreys.)

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Metropolitan Common Scheme (Harrow Weald) Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Pilotage Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Ma-

jesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing,

(1) The
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(1) The Expenditure from the Grant for Public Education in Scotland in the year 1898, upon Established and Non-Established Schools; (2) The actual Number of Schools on the Annual Grant List, on 30th September 1898; and (3) The Results of the Inspection and Examination during the year ended the 30th September 1898.

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

Police

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — 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, 1857 to 1896, the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Acts, 1872 and 1875, and the Quaries Acts, 1894, for the year 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Police (Counties and Boroughs) be printed.

Indebite Reformatories (Table for Management).

Mr. Brodrich presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Exchange of Notes extending to Queensland the provisional " Modus Vivendi " between the United Kingdom and Belgium pendiing the conclusion of a Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between the two Countries, February 6, 1899.

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

Treaty Series (No. 7, 1897).

The following Paper was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of August 1894, for a Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners, in the Result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly within the Administrative County of the West Riding of York in Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1861, 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, 1814 to 1827; (2) a Digest showing, in the case of each such Parish, whether Age Pensions are granted to the inmates thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for Inquiring concerning Charities, 1814 to 1827; (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Reports.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill.

Ordered, That the Parties appearing before the Select Committee on the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill, be granted leave to print the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee by day from the Clerk's Copy, if they think fit.—Lord Stanley.

Crime Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act (1887) Repeal Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Law and Procedure (Ireland) Act (1887) Repeal Bill; And a Motion being made, that the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; Ven. 164.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now" and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months"—(Dr. Rentoul.) And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Dillon, Year, (Mr. Parker)

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Noes, (Mr. Austraker:

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 Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill; _ Superannuation Bill; _ Superannuation 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; _ Truck Acts Amendment Bill; _ Truck Acts Amendment Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Incest (Punishment) Bill; _ Incest (Punishment) Bill; _ Incest (Punishment) 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 Wine and Beerhouse Acts Amendment Bill; _ Wine and Beerhouse Acts Amendment Bill; _ Wine and Beerhouse 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 Old Age Pensions Bill; _ Old Age Pensions Bill; _ Old Age Pensions 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 on Tuesday Bill, upon the 22nd day of March last, That the Old Age Pensions Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Pensions Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions Bill; (No. 3) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Authorities' Servants' Superannuation Bill; _ Local Authorities' Servants' Superannuation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 8th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Town Tenants Second Reading of the Town Tenants' (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Estates Second Reading of the Small Estates (Ireland) Bill; _ Small Estates (Ireland) Bill; _ Small Estates (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 on Tuesday Bill, upon the 22nd day of March last, That the Old Age Pensions Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Pensions Bill; _ Old Age Pensions Bill; _ Old Age Pensions Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Authorities' Servants' Superannuation Bill; _ Local Authorities' Servants' Superannuation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of May next.

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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 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 Old Age Pensions (Friendly Societies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 27th day of this instant April.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 27th day of this instant April.

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 Old Age Pensions 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 Out-door Provident Relief Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Solicitors 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 Merchandise Marks Act (1887) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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 next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act (1887) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Oysters Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Oysters Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 9th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Oysters Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Oysters Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Oysters Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of May next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Parish Councillors (Tenure of Office) Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment (No. 2) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Wild Birds Protection Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Weights and Measures.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Weights and Measures : And that Mr. S. Bonsfield, Mr. Perkes, Mr. Kearley, and Sir James Fortescue Flannery do prepare, and bring it in.

Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons).—Ordered, That Viscount Valentia be added to the Committee.—(Sir William Warrond.)

Ordered, That Lord Stanley be discharged from further attendance on the Select Committee on Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons).

Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons).—Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table : and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Brigg Urban District Gas Bill 161.

Sir John Draxner reported the Brigg Urban District Gas Bill, with Amendment.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table ; and be printed.

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

Thursday, 20th April, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

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

West Middlesex Water Bill.
Ordered, That the Report, be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Great Western Railway Bill. —A Motion being made, That the Great 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.
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 affidavit Gas Bill was read the third time, affidavit Gas Bill, and passed.

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

A Motion being made, That the Midland Midland 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.
Then the Bill was read the third time, and New Title, passed, with a New Title, as follows:—A Bill to confer additional Powers upon the Midland Railway Company and upon that Company and the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, and upon the Midland and North Eastern Railway Companies Committee, and upon the Norfolk and Suffolk Joint Railways Committee, and upon the Midland and Great Northern Railways Joint Committee, for the construction of Works and the acquisition oflands, to authorize Agreements between the Midland, Lancashire and Yorkshire, and Great Northern Railway Companies; to confirm an Agreement between the Midland and Midland and South Western Junction Railway Companies; to provide for the vesting of the Undertaking of the Barnoldswick Railway Company in the Midland Railway Company, and for other purposes.
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 Glasgow Corporation Telephones Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 12th day of May next.

A Motion was made, and the Question was laid proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Lands Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table ; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copy of Reports from certain Foreign and Colonial Posts respecting the Desertion of Seamen from British Ships.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, respecting 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 1899.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Frederick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2225 to 2231.
Ordered,

VOL. 154.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House, General Report of the Conservators of the River Thames, from the 1st of January 1898 to the 31st December 1898, with a Statement of the Accounts of the Conservators for the year ended 31st December 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. Anstruther and Mr. Pirie, the Tellers in the Yes Division Lobby in the Division of Tuesday the 16th day of this instant April, on the Motion relating to "Business of the House (Metropolitan Water Companies Bill)," came to the Table and stated that they had incorrectly reported the number of the Yeas as 190, instead of 170, which was the proper number corresponding with the Division List.

Ordered, That the Clerk do correct the said error in the Journal of this House by stating the number of the Yeas to be 170 instead of 190.

Scotland, Urban District Gas and Water Bill.

Sir John Brunner reported from the Committee on the Southburgh Urban District Gas and Water 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 true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Sir John Brunner reported from the Committee on the Bury Corporation Bill; 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.

Sir Lewis M'lver reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Railway Bills (Group C).

Sir John Brunner reported from the Committee on Group 6 of Railway and Tramway Bills; That the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Taxes and Imposts.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing (1) the Rates of Duties, Taxes, or Imposts collected by Imperial Officers; (2) the Quantities or Amounts taxed; (3) the Gross Receipts derived from each Duty; and (4) the Net Receipts and Appropriations thereof in the year ending the 31st day of March 1899; and (1) the aggregate Net Receipts; (2) the aggregate Gross Receipts derived from all such Duties, Taxes, or Imposts under the principal heads of Revenue; (2) the aggregate Net Receipts; (3) the Charges of Collection; and (4) the Produce, after deducting these charges on each of the Ten Years ending the 31st day of March 1899. — And, Notes to show any changes in the Taxes, Duties, and Imposts, consequent upon the acceptance of the Budget Proposals of 1899 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 334, of Session 1899). — (Mr. Goddard.)

Message from the Lords.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Magistrates and Town Council of Arbroath to borrow additional Money in connection with their Gas Undertaking; to amend and repeal certain provisions of the Arbroath Corporation Gas Act, 1871, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Arbroath Corporation Gas Bill, in connection with their Gas Undertaking; to amend and repeal certain provisions of the Arbroath Corporation Gas Act, 1871, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Dumbarton Burgh Bill was read the first time.

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

The Arbroath Corporation Gas Bill was read the first time.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means, if the Committee be sitting 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;

Tellers for the Yeas, [Mr. Anstruther; 205.

Tellers for the Noes, [Mr. Hodderwicz; 124.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Tea, Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Income Tax shall be charged and levied, and paid on and after the First day of August, One thousand nine hundred, on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland (that is to say):—

Tea — the pound — Four Pence. — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Friday, 21st April, 1899:

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-nine, until the First day of August, One thousand nine hundred, on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland (that is to say):—

Tea — the pound — Four Pence. — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolved, That Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the Sixth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, at the rate of Eight pence. — (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.
Mr. James William Love also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Fund 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 March last, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Solicitors 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 Electric Lighting (Clauses) 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 Streets Act (1867) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) 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 Parish Town Marriages Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

London United Tramways Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North West London Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

Mr. Chaplin presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of the Thirty-sixth Annual Report by the Chief Inspector, under the Alkali, &c., Works Regulations Act, 1881, of his Proceedings during the year 1886, 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.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Swansea) 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 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.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Taff Vale) 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 from the Committee on the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Belfast) 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 from the Committee on the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Taff Vale) 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 from the Committee on the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Belfast) 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 from the Committee on the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Belfast) 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 from the Committee on the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Belfast) 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 from the Committee on the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Belfast) 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.
which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item D (Incidental Expenses of the War Department, Lands, and Property) be reduced by £100, in respect of the Expenses of "Sewage Farm, Aldeholme"—(Mr. Weir)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item D be reduced by £50, in respect of the Expenses of "Sewage Farm, Aldeholm"—(Mr. Weir)—put, and negatived.

Original Question again proposed.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item N (Barracks) be reduced by £2,289,000, for Accommodation for increased Garrison in South Africa—(Mr. Buchan); The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Buchan],
Yea, 1 Dr. Grant;
Nae, [Mr. Ainslie] 100.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,425,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Clothing Establishments and Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item B (Forage, &c.) be reduced by £100—(Mr. Stanchey)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

3. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £1,980,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Clothing Establishments and Services, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,425,500, 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 1900.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,520,000, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Weir); The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Weir],
Yea, [Mr. Colston] 53.
Nae, [Mr. Ainslie] 100.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond],
Nae, [Mr. Ainslie] 100.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,425,500, 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 1900.

Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £3,425,500, be granted for the said Service—(Captain Norton); Vol. 154.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Saturday, 22nd April, 1899:

Tellers for the (Captain Norton, Yeas, [Mr. Pirie];
Nae, [Mr. Ainslie] 102.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Pirie];
Nae, [Mr. Ainslie] 102.

Original Question again proposed:

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.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:

Tea.

1. That the Duty of Customs now payable on Tea shall continue to be charged, levied, and paid on and after the First day of August, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, until the First day of August, One thousand nine hundred, on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland (that is to say):—

Tea

— the pound Four Pence.

Income Tax.

2. That Income Tax shall be charged for the year beginning the Sixth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, at the rate of Eightpence.

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 14th day of this Instant April, and then agreed to by the House, that they do make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolutions.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer).

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a Finance Bill. 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 printed.

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

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Small Tenants Second Reading of the Small Tenants (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next. u 3

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PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following 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.:

Cambridge University and Town Gas Bill.
Dumbarton Burgh Bill.
Great Yarmouth Corporation Bill.
West Highland Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:

Arbroath Corporation Gas Bill.
Glasgow Water Bill.
Inverness Harbour Bill.
Surrey Commercial Docks Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

A Motion being made, That the Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead 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.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as follows:

New Title.

Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead Railway Bill.

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

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Brewood, Bromley (Kent), Chelmerford, Ilminster and Ashover, Ongar (Rural), Reigate (Rural), Twickenham, and Wafford (Rural); and that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a B., Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Brewood, Bromley (Kent), Chelmerford, Ilminster and Ashover, Ongar (Rural), Reigate (Rural), Twickenham, and Wafford (Rural); and that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Durham (Rural), Easington, Houghton (Rural), Grimsby, Huyton, Lichfield (Rural), Ludlow, and Rotherham (Rural): and that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Brewood, Bromley (Kent), Chelmerford, Ilminster and Ashover, Ongar (Rural), Reigate (Rural), Twickenham, and Wafford (Rural): and that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petitions, Vid Fourth Report.
24th April.

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The following Papers were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Further Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of February, in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return relative to Inquiries into Charities (County of Caernarvon). Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of this instant April, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Anglesey), and to the Native States; and (4) the Quantity of Sugar, refined and unrefined, exported to Ceylon, to the United Kingdom, and to other Countries.—(Sir William Weldesborou.)

Resolved, That the said Returns be printed.

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

Sir Lewis M'leer reported the Leighborough and Shropshire Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir James Kiteson reported from the Committee on the Edinburgh Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and as amended, so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and that it was his opinion the Bill was necessary in order to construct Tramways and Street Improvements, and for making certain other provisions in relation to the said Burgh, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Act to construct Tramways and Street Improvements, and for making certain other provisions in relation to the said Burgh, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Bill was read the first time.

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

The Kirkcaldy Corporation and Tramways Kirkcaldy Corporation 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 Brought on as proposed, That, after this day, the several stages of the London Government Bill and the Finance Government Bill have precedence of all Orders of the Day, and that Notice of Motions on every day for which the Bills or either of them are appointed.—(Mr. Beaufort.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "except on Wednesday the 17th May."—(Mr. Strachey.)

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

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words "Wednesday the 17th May," and adding the words "Wednesdays."—(Mr. Brins Roberts.)

And the Question being put, That the words "Wednesday the 17th May" stand part of the said proposed Amendment;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Cusley;)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Bryn Roberts;)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Holderness;)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Anstruther;)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative,

And the Question being put, That the word "Wednesdays" be added to the said proposed Amendment, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "except on Wednesdays" be added to the main Question;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther;)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. James O'Connor;)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That, after this day, the several stages of the London Government Bill and the Finance Government Bill have precedence of all Orders of the Day, and that Notice of Motions on every day for which the Bills or either of them are appointed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being Brought on as proposed, That a Select Committee of Seventeen Members be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of improving the condition of the Commissioners of Customs, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Coop of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1897, dated 18th April 1896, granting a Reired Allowance to Andrew Lea Elliot, Lithographer, in the Statistical Office (London) of the Commissioners of Customs. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will graciously be pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing for each of the years 1882-3 to 1898-9, inclusive: (1) the Quantity and the Value of Imports of Sugar, refined and unrefined, exported to India from Germany, Austria, and Mauritius; (2) the Average of Sugar Cane Cultivation in the several Provinces of India; (3) the Quantity of Refined Indian Sugar exported from Bengal and the North West Provinces to other Provinces in India and to the Native States; and (4) the Quantity of Indian Sugar, refined and unrefined, exported to Ceylon, to the United Kingdom, and to other Countries.—(Sir William Weldesbou.)

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

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Conley;)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Bryn Roberts;)

So it was resolved in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the word "Wednesday" be added to the main Question;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Holderness;)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. Anstruther;)

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther;)

Tellers for the Noes, (Mr. James O'Connor;)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That, after this day, the several stages of the London Government Bill and the Finance Government Bill have precedence of all Orders of the Day, and that Notice of Motions on every day for which the Bills or either of them are appointed.
of the Aged Deserving Poor, and of providing for those of them who are helpless and infirm; and to inquire whether any of the Bills dealing with Old Age Pensions, and submitted to Parliament during the present Session, can with advantage be adopted either with or without Amendment—(Sir William Walrond);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out all the words from the word "That," and adding the words "having regard to the fact that a Royal Commission and a Special Committee have within the last four years reported upon the condition of and the providing pensions for the aged poor, this Committee has made further inquiry as to the possibility of making such proposals as they may seem good."—(Mr. Logan),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "infirm," inclusive, stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir William Walrond, William Walrond, Mr. Austruther, Mr. Lennox.)

263. Noes, (Mr. Mendl.) So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put; Ordered, That a Select Committee of Seventeen Members be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of improving the condition of the Aged Deserving Poor, and of providing for those of them who are helpless and infirm; and to inquire whether any of the Bills dealing with Old Age Pensions, and submitted to Parliament during the present Session, can with advantage be adopted either with or without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the London Government Bill.

CLAUSE No. 1 (Establishment of Metropolitan Boroughs in London). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out the word "exclusive" in order to insert the word "inclusive,"—(Mr. Holdane)—instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "exclusive" stand part of the Clause; The Committee divided; Tellers for the Yeas, (Sir William Walrond, Mr. Austruther, Mr. Lennox.)

208. Noes, (Mr. Holdane.) To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

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, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans 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 Improvement of Land 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 Charitable 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 Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time. —The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the University Degrees Bill; Degrees Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Incest (Punishment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Construction Murder Law Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Limitations Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Deposits Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes before One of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
Tuesday, 25th April, 1899.

PRAYER.

A MOTION being made, That the North West London Railway Bill be now read the third time:

Mr. Jones, William Lennox, 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 Right Hon. Mr. Ritchie and Hon. Mr. Farquharson, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty is pleased to order, for the third time, the Bill be committed, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House, half agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill;

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Brigy Urban District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The London Promenade Pier Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order, made upon the 21st day of March last, That the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill be read, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Furnivaux.)

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the direction of the Act of Parliament, Copy of Draft of a proposed Amendment of the Scheme relative to the Efficiency of Volunteers in forces and her Majesty's Order in Council dated 31st July 1880, 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.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Fifth Annual Report to the Secretary for Scotland, by the Commissioners and Trustees of the Board of Manufacturers in Scotland, as to their Proceedings in regard to the National Gallery, School of Art, Museum of Antiquities, and other Buildings and Establishments under their charge for the year ending 30th September 1889;

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the Arbitration in the case of Mr. Alderman Ben Tillett. 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 Welsh Division for the year 1898.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) 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. 5) Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the 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.

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.

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.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on Group F of Private Bills; That the parties opposing the London Improvements Bill had stated that the evidence of Robert Vigers, Esq., of Frederic's Place, Old Jewry, 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 Robert Vigers do attend the said Committee Tomorrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Robert Vigers do attend the Committee on Group F of Private Bills Tomorrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. That, in the case of the West Middlesex Water Company Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with, so that the parties be permitted to introduce their additional
additional Provision, if the Committee on the Bill think fit.

2. That, in the case of the London United Tramways Bill, Petition for additional Provision, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the party may 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 had been brought from the Lords by Lord Stanley, reporting the Select Committee on the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies 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.

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

Mr. Johnson-Ferguson reported from the Committee on the Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill, for the convenience of Members, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Votes. No. 171.

Private Bills (Group H.)

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.

Mr. Johnson-Ferguson reported from the Committee on the Railway Companies Bill; That, for the convenience of Members, the Committee had adjourned till Thursday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

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Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for the Shops (Early Closing) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 15th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justices' Disqualification Regulation Repeal (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Bills for Shop Assistants (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Loans Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Fund (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Anchors and Chain Cables Bill was, Anchors and Cables 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 Coroners' Second Reading of the Coroners' Impeachment (Railway Fatalities) 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, 26th April, 1899.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.
Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, and declined to put the Question, that the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate Schedules Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Boards (Grant to Voluntary Schools) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Street Pictes Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for 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 Registration of Firms (Amendment) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Vaccination Second Reading of the Vaccination (Conscientious Objectors) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 18th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the University of Wales (Grades) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the University of Wales (Graduates) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the University Second Reading of the University of Wales (Students) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Steam Engines Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Crofters' Holdings 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 10th day of May next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the School Board (Scotland) Bill;

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchandise Marks Act (1897) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 4th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Provident Pension 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 Outdoor Provident Relief Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Solicitors Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act 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 Second Reading of the Highways and Bridges Act 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 Summary Jurisdiction Act Amendment (1891) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Weights and Measures Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Small Tenants (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th 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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Scales for Shop Assistants (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee. A Clause (Entire and Subsequent) — (The Lord Advocate) was twice read; and made part of the Bill. Another Clause (Construction and Short Title) — (The Lord Advocate) was twice read; and made part of the Bill. Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time; — The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report as to the existing arrangements for the provision of Fire Brigades (including both Staff and Appliances) in England and Wales, excepting the Metropolitan Fire Brigade; the adequacy of such arrangements for the due protection of life and property from destruction or injury from fire; and the Amendments, if any, which are necessary or desirable in the Law on the subject. — (Mr. Pym.)

Sir Joseph Pease reported from the Committee Private Bills on Group D of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Friday, at Eleven of the clock. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Committee of Public Accounts; That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred to; 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 Charles Dilke reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions; That, they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 27th, and 28th days of March last, and the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st days of this instant April, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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

PRAYERS.

ORDERED, That leave be given to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing, Shipping, and Manufactures) to sit this day during the Sitting of the House. — (Mr. John Edward Bills.)

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, — Report Private Bill from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition (No. 169), the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz. — London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway (No. 2). Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Royal Assent, Pittendyke, Gentlemen 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 Command, 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:—

Army (Annual) Act, 1899.

Order of the day being read, for the 2nd Reading of the Gas Light and Coke Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday the 11th day of May next.

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 Return of the (Ireland.) Army (Annual) Act, 1899.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Water (Finance) Bill.

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

Mr. James Stuart, Member for Heston, offered to postpone till the 1st day of June next the following Motion:—That Standing Order 194 be suspended in the case of the London Water (Finance) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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

Mr. Speaker intervened, and stated that whenever the Motion came on it would be his duty to decline to submit it to the House. That the Bill had been introduced as a Private Bill, in breach of Standing Order 194, which directs that it should be introduced as a Public Bill, and that such Motion could not be curried by a Motion to suspend Standing Order 194 before the Second Reading.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Water (Finance) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Return of the Education Department under Article 86 of the Code, including Schools from which the Grant has been withheld under that article; (2) which have been warned by the Education Department that the Annual Grants will, in future, be withheld unless defects be remedied; (3) the Report of the Inspectors on account of defects in School Premises (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 192, of Session 1898),—Sir Francis Sharp Powell.

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on the Thames and Piccadilly Circus Railway 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. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the recital relating to the proposed extensions 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. Sansom reported from the Committee on the South Eastern 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.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Code of Regulations for Evening Continuation Schools for 1899, with Explanatory Memorandum, Schedule, and Appendices by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of the Numbers of Evictions from Agricultural Holdings, which have come to the knowledge of the Constabulary, and also of the Number of Tenancies determined, in the Quarter ended 31st March 1899.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House. —Copy of additional Rules made by the Lord Chancellor under the Judicial Trustees Act, 1896.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Public Elementary Schools Warrent.

Mr. Jeffreys reported from the Committee on the Hammersmith and Piccadilly Circus Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the London Government Bill.

Clause 1 (Establishment of Metropolitan Boroughs in London).

Question proposed: That the Clause be inserted.

Noes, Mr. Lowles: 1 Mr. Lowles.

Yeas, Mr. Hubbard: 1 Mr. Hubbard.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 27, after the word "warders," to insert the words "which wards shall elect one councillor."—(Mr. Herbert Roberton), instead thereof.

Question proposed: That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—(Mr. James Stuart),—put, and agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. James William Lowther reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Loans Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Fund Bill; Paid Bill.

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of March last, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) 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 Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Improvement of Land Bill;

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

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

Friday, 28th April, 1899:

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 Palatine Court of Durham Bill;

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

The Solicitors 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 Electric Lighting (Clauses) 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 Telegraph (Channel Islands) 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 Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Supreme Court (Appeals) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

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The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

*PRIVATE BILLS*

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Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

- **Kirkcaldy Corporation and Tramways Bill.**
- **Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.**
- **Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill.**

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:

- **Milletford Dock.**

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

**Brigg Urban District Gas Bill.**

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Northern and Strand Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (Pensions) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Shetley Bridge and Consett District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Petition of the Milletford Dock Company, for leave to bring in a Bill to rectify the Accounts of the Milletford Dock Company, and to amend the Acts of the Company relating to the raising of Capital, was presented, and read; and referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, with the pleasure of the House, do sit this day during the Sittings of the House. —(Mr. Stuart-Wortley.)

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Standing Orders (including Agriculture and Fishing) do sit this day during the Sittings of the House, and be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Judicial Trustee Rules, which was presented upon the 27th day of this instant April, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Code of Regulations (by the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education in Scotland) for Schools, Evening Continuation Schools, 1899, with Schedule and Appendices.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Metropolitan, 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 1899.

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

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported from Private Bills Committee on Group E of Private Bills; (Group F.) that the parties opposing the London Improvement Companies Bill had stated that the evidence of John Improvements Dunn, 1, John Street, Saint James's Square, W., was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, be had been instructed to move that the said John Dunn do attend the said Committee upon Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That John Dunn do attend the Committee on Group F of Private Bills upon Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Mr. Selby-Hope reported from the Committee on the Aire and Calder Navigation 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. Selby-Hope reported from the Committee on the Great Central 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.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Pilotage Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill; [Provisional Orders Confirmed.]

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Ayr Burgh 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.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Shildon and District Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Redditch Gas Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Queen's Ferry Bridge Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Bristol Floods Prevention 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 Perth Water, Police, and Gas Bill; [Provisional Order Confirmed.]

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

Vide Supplement to the Votes.

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 Expenses incurred in each year from 1892 to 1898 in Promoting and Opposing Private Bills before Parliament:

(a) by County Councillors, Town Councillors, and other Urban District Councillors in England and Wales, and by the Corporation of London;
(b) by County Councillors, Town Councillors, or Burgesses Commissioners in Scotland;
(c) by Urban Sanitary Authorities and Bodies of Town Commissioners in Urban Sanitary Authorities in Ireland;
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of Session 1899);—And, similar Return with regard to Provisiunal Orders;—(Mr. Dennis Alfred Thomas.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the Total Amounts of Public Revenue derived from Taxes levied by Parliament and from any other sources, distinguishing between the Sums received for payment to the Exchequer and the Sums otherwise applied, in the years ended the 31st day of March 1878, 1888, and 1898, respectively;—(Mr. Gibson Bowles.)

Mr. Halley reported from the Committee of Selecton; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Law, Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure;—Mr. War; and had appointed in substitution;—Mr. Renouf.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Monday next, the Franchise and Removal of Women’s Disabilities Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June 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 Cranbrook District Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Saint David’s Water and Gas 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 Law relating to Charges on Land, and to matters connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the use of Electrical Power on Tramways at Greenock, Port Glasgow, and Gourock, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to extend the Powers of and amend the Act relating to the Saint Alban’s Gas Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways Bill was read the first time.

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

The Saint Alban’s Gas 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 the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1899—1900.

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Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £5,193,986, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete 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 Salaries and Expenses of the Education Office in London, &c.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £1,000, in respect of the Salary of the Vice President of the Council;—(Mr. Herbert Lewis;)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the:—Mr. Herbert Lewis;—(Mr. Goddard;)

Tellers for the:—Mr. William Walrond, 71.

Yeas, (Mr. Austruther; 155.

Nose (Mr. Strachey; 63.

Original Question again proposed:—Debate arising:

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put.”

Question put, “That the Question be now put.”

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Saturday, 29th April, 1899;

Tellers for the:—Mr. William Walrond, 155.

Tellers for the:—Mr. Lloyd-George, 63.

Original Question put accordingly, and agreed to

Resolution to be reported.

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 Lether also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adulteration (Food Products) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Executors (Scotland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Second Reading of the Executors (Scotland) Amendment Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 14th day of May next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing of the Working Classes Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 16th day of May 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 Friday next.

The Select Committee on the Cottage Homes Bill was nominated of Sir Alexander Astle;—Breed, Mr. Birrell; Mr. Victor Cuthbertson, Mr. Goddard,
Gladstone, Mr. Glatton, Mr. John Hatton, Mr. Great Low, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Colonel Milnord, Mr. Onslow, Mr. Alfred Poole, Earl Perry, Mr. Prestman, Mr. T. W. Russell, and Mr. Swann.

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

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

Monday, 1st May, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, 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.:

Ball, Barnley, and West Riding Junction Railway and Dock Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:

Dundee Burgh 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, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:

Brough’s Park, Londonbury, Bill.

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

The Midland and South Western Junction Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lisburn Town Commissioners Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Southwark Urban District Gas and Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Taff Vale Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

The Cambridge University and Town Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Dumbarton Burgh Bill was read a second time; and committed.
in annexed an Agreement between the Postal Administrations of the two Countries respecting the Telegraphic Correspondence over the Direct Submarine Cables. Signed at London, 13th February 1898, and at the Hague, 12th March 1898. Treaty Series (No. 10, 1898.)

Copy of Treaty between Great Britain and Bolivia for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals. Signed at Lima, 22nd February 1892. Ratifications exchanged at Lima, 7th March 1893. Trade Reports (Annual.)

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports. Annual Series, Nos. 2234 to 2237.

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 24th day of April last, for a Return relative to Factories and Workshops. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 27th day of April last, for Returns relative to Public Elementary Schools in the Metropolitan Districts, and to consider the relations between the Museums and the Museums of Antiquarian and Historical Interest; with Evidence, Appendices, and Index. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Copy of a Contract, dated the 3rd day of April 1899, between the Postmaster General and the Great Eastern Railway Company for the daily Conveyance of Mails from Harwich to the Hook of Holland, and of Treasury Minute thereon. Mr. Handby accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Sir Joseph Pease reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the Milton Creek Conservancy Bill had stated that the evidence of William Parham, Clerk of Milton Urban District Council, was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said William Parham do attend the said Committee upon Wednesday, at Twelve of the clock, and do produce Minute Books and Correspondence with Local Government Board, Faversham Port Sanitary Authority, Kent County Council, and the Sittingbourne Urban District Council from 1894 to the present time, so far as the same relate to the Creek. Ordered, That William Parham do attend the Committee on Group D of Private Bills upon Wednesday, at Twelve of the clock, and produce the said Documents.

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Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported from the Standing Committee on Law, and proposed to amend the Bill, and to print the amendments thereto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported Private Bills from the Committee on Group F of Private Bills; That Mr. Lees, one of the Members of the said Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee this day. Ordered, That 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, with a Bill (Substituted) Bill to confer additional Powers on the Courts of Trinity.
Finance Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance Bill:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:

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

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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 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 Palatine Court of Durham Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensioners' Charities Scheme Confirmation 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 Executors' Amendment 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 day.

**Tuesday, 2nd May, 1899.**

The House met at Three of the clock.

**PRAYERS.**

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:-

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with, viz.:-

Greenco and Port Glasgow Tramways 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, the Standing Orders have not been complied with, viz.:-

Owen's College, Manchester, Bill.

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

The Aberdeen Harbour Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The London, Brighten, and South Coast Railway (Pensions) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Shoebury Bridge and Consett District Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Longworth and Sheeped Railway Bill as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Saint Andrew's Burgh Provisional Order Bill was read a second time; and committed.

A Petition of George Buch and Herbert Sartoris, two of the Promoters of the West Metropolitan Company, praying that Provision may be made in the West Metropolitan Railway Bill, authorising the West Metropolitan Company to acquire certain Lands for the purpose of making a Junction with the Great Western Railway on the Branch Line to Wellingdon, 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.

Ordered, That the Return relative to East India (Sugar Importation and Cultivation), which was presented upon the 1st day of this instant May, be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2228 and 2239.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Pacific Cable Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence (Canada and Australia.)

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

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; Orders, which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the London, Waltham, London, Shore, and Epping Forest Railway (No. 2) 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 Wimond Dock Millwall Dock Petition, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

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

The House was moved, That the Report from Lords, the Select Committee on Standing Orders in Walthamstow, respect of the Petition for leave to bring in the Great Northern Railway, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway Bill, be printed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
(No. 2) Bill might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway Company to construct a new Railway to connect with the Great Eastern Railway, to abandon a portion of their authorised Railway, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Wakelin and Mr. Lafone do prepare, and bring it in.—(Dr. Fawcett.)

Millwall Dock Bill.

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 Millwall Dock Bill might be read; and the same being read:

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to rectify the Accounts of the Millwall Dock Company and Legislate Expenditure of Capital, and to amend the Acts of the Company relating to the raising of Capital: And that Mr. Sydney Buxton and Mr. Lionel Holland do prepare, and bring it in.—(Dr. Fawcett.)

Highland Water Power Bill.

Sir James Kitchin reported from the Committee on the Highland Water Power 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.

Fishguard and Milford Harbours Bill.

Sir Upton Kay-Slatterthwaite reported from the Committee on the Fishguard and Milford Harbours Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by inserting a recital as to certain provisions contained in Section 68 of the Fishguard and Milford Harbours Act, 1898, 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 thereof.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Vide Supplementary Item.

Mr. Halley reported from the Standing Committee on Law, &c. that they had discharged the following Members from their Standing Committees on Law and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure: Mr. Cockburn; Mr. Bensley, and Mr. T. W. Seccull, and had appointed in substitution: Sir George Farrell, Mr. Loder, and Mr. Warr.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Private Bills (Group B).

Sir John Brunner reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the Leicester Corporation Water Bill had stated that the evidence of Samuel Wood, Chartered Accountant, of 30, Gracechurch 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 Samuel Wood do attend the said Committee tomorrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That Samuel Wood do attend the Committee on Group B of Private Bills tomorrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Private Bills (Group D).

Mr. Joseph Price reported from the Committee on Group D of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the Milton Creek Conservancy Bill had stated that the evidence of Edward Hartridge, Chairman of the Milton Urban District Council, was essential to their case; and it having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Edward Hartridge do attend the said Committee tomorrow, at Twelve of the clock, and do produce the said Papers.

Ordered, That Edward Hartridge do attend the Committee on Group D of Private Bills tomorrow, at Twelve of the clock, and do produce the said Papers.

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported Private Bills from the Committee on Group F of Private Bills; That, to meet the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Thursday, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, To-morrow, on the Fine or Imprisonment (Scotland and Ireland) Bill, was read, and discharged.

Resolved, That the House will, upon Wednesday, the 19th day of this instant May, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords of Parliament did infringe the liberties of this House by concerning them in the election of a Member to fill the vacancy in the University of Oxford.

Ordered, That the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

The Lord High Chancellor and other Lords of Parliament in the selection of a Candidate to fill the vacancy in the representation of the University of Oxford.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That, it having been represented to this House that the Lord High Chancellor and other Lords of Parliament did infringe the liberties and privileges of this House by concerning themselves in the election of a Member to represent the University of Oxford in the Commons, a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into such alleged breach of Privilege—(Mr. James Lather) :—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered,
The Order of the day being read, for the Truck Acts Amendment (No. 3) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Shops (Early Closing) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners’ Inquests (Railway), Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill;—Ordered, That the Debates be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Holdings 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 Places of Worship (England and Ireland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 19th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Second Reading of the Inebriates Act, (Scotland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchants (Scotland) Amendment Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Second Reading of the Merchants (Scotland) Amendment Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners’ Inquests (Railway) Bill;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners’ Second Reading of the Coroners’ Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchants (Scotland) Amendment Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be carried 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 Water Acts Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That 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 Water and 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

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hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The 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 Walston-Thames and Weybridge 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 same, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Edinburgh Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow District Subway Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Bill to rectify the Accounts of the Millwall Dock Company, and legalise Expenditure of Capital, and to amend the Acts of the Company relating to the raising of Capital, was read the first time; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

A Petition of Sidney Henry Adye, of 96, Monckton Street, London, S.E., formerly Hospital Serviceman in the Berkshire Border Police, South Africa, was presented, and read; setting forth that an action is pending in the Royal Courts of Justice before a Judge and Special Jury, between the said Sidney Henry Adye, Plaintiff, and Messrs. Rhodes and Jameson, Defendants; and that it will be necessary on behalf of the said Sidney Henry Adye to produce before the said Court at the trial of the said action the Second Report of the Select Committee on British South Africa; and praying that leave may be given to the proper Officer of the House, and to Mr. Angus Gurney and Mr. Hodgson, Shorthand Writers, who took the notes of the Minutes of Evidence given before the said Select Committees, to attend at the said Court upon Thursday the 4th day of this instant May, and produce the said Report and the said Notes of Evidence, and to give such further Evidence as may be necessary to further the ends of Justice. Ordered, That leave be given to the proper Officer, and to Mr. Angus Gurney and Mr. Hodgson, Shorthand Writers, to attend accordingly upon Thursday the 4th day of this instant May.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Annual Report of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, for the year 1898. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken on the Wolverhampton and Essington Mineral Railway Bill, Session 1898, be referred to the Committee on Group 2 of Railway Bills.—(Mr. Stack-Hoyne.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Scotland) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time; An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day six months."—(Mr. Faithfull Begg.)

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. John Wilson Yea.; Mr. Cobbe]; Tellers for the [Mr. Faithfull Begg. Nays.; Mr. Daneside].

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 Workmen’s Compensation Act (1897) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Bill, upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Succession Abolition Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; upon Wednesday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Grocers’ Licences (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Temperance Reform Abolition Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 2nd day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ground Values (Taxation) (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of June 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 Wednesday the 28th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Liquor Traffic Local Veto Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 17th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Men’s Dwellings Bill; Ordered,
Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building 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 Track 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 Bankruptcy Act (1888) Amendment Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bankruptcy 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 University of Wales (Graduates) 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 Elections (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 Old Age Provident Pension 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 Out-door Provident Relief Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways and Bridges Act (1891) Amendment Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection 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 Weights and Measures 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 Workmen’s Houses Tenure Bill; Ordered, that the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; Resolved, that this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
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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 compiled with, viz.,

St. Albans's Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

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

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Gateshead and District Tramways Bill as amended in the Committee; and Amend- ments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

A Bill to authorise the London, Walton, and Epping Forest Railway Company to construct a new Railway to connect with the Great Eastern Railway; to abandon a portion of their authorised Railway, 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.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Ma-

jesty's Command, Copies of General Reports by Her Majesty's Chief Inspectors on the Schools in the Northern and Western Divisions of Scotland, for the year 1898.

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

Mr. Horsbury presented, Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of February last, for a Return relative to Mails (American Service).

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to

the directions of an Act of Parliament, Copy of Order in Council, dated 1st May 1899, under

The Pharmacy Acts (Ireland), 1875 and 1899, approving of a Resolution made by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command.—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2240 to 2244.

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

Sir John Brunner reported from the Com- mittee on Group F of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Alexander Heron Brown reported from the Committee on Group F of Private Bills; That, to meet the convenience of Parties, they had adjourned till Monday next, at Twelve o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm a Provisional Order, under the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, relating to Broughty Ferry Gas and Paving Order; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council of Skipton to supply Gas, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorise the Corporation of Skipton to work the Tramways in the Borough of Skipton when acquired by them, and to make further and better provision in relation to the Local Government of 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 authorise the Corporation of Skipton to purchase the Undertaking of the Skipton Gas 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 confirm a Provisional Order, under the Borough of the Under-taking of the South Hants Waterworks Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Broughty Ferry Gas and Paving Order Bill was read the first time.

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

The Southampton Corporation Water Bill was read the first time.

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

The Burry Corporation Bill was read the first time.

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

The Skipton Urban District Gas 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 London Government Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Constitution of Borough Councils.) Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 30, to leave out from the word "ward," to the word "regard," in line 1.—(Mr. Sydney Buxton.) Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Debate resumed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, after the word "three," to insert the words "and not exceeding six."—(Mr. Herbert Robertson.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, to leave out the words "to the rateable value as well as,"—(Captain Norton.) Question put, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 1, to leave out the words "of householders in each ward,"—(Mr. Kimber.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, after the word "wards," to insert the words "provided that in fixing the boundaries of the wards regard shall be had as far as possible to the existing boundaries,"—(Mr. Harry Swanton.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, after the word "wards," to insert the words "Provided that the powers and duties of the London County Council, under Section Five of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Section Fifteen of the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1895, as amended by Section Forty-two of the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1895, which relate to alteration of the number of vestrymen to be elected for the wards of a parish, and to the re-arrangement of the wards of a parish, shall apply by the necessary modifications to the councils and wards of the metropolitan borough created by or under this Act,"—(Mr. Tev Baylor.) Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Tev Baylor],

Yea, [Mr. Anstruther]: 212

No, [Mr. Pickering]: 114

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, after the word "wards," to insert the words "Provided that any twelve councillors may unite for him shall have no further vote in the election of aldermen,"—(Mr. Courtney.) Question proposed, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 11, after the word "borough," to insert the words "Provided that any twelve councillors may unite their votes in favour of one person as alderman, and such person shall thereafter be declared elected, and the councillors voting for him shall have no further vote in the election of aldermen,"—(Mr. Billson.) Question put, That those words be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Billson],

Yea, [Mr. Stuart]: 87

No, [Mr. Anstruther]: 187

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, at the end of Sub-section (3), to insert the words "Provided that nothing in this Act shall entitle a borough council to pay the mayor any remuneration,"—(Mr. Lough.) Question...
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Inebriates Act (1898).

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 Act 1899.

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 the Legislative Second Reading of the Limitations Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Parliamentary Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Fund Bill.

Ordered.
The Louth Town Commissioners Bill was read a second time; and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Lisburn Town Commissioners Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The London Corporation (Amendment) Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The South Eastern Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the South Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Mail (American Service), which was presented upon the 4th day of this instant May, be printed.

No. 178.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Annual Reports on Cyprus, for the year 1897-98.
Copy of Report on Agriculture in Cyprus, by Cyprus.
Mr. F. G. Granados, Director of Agriculture.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of Prison Commissioners for Scotland, being the Sixth Annual Report on Prisons in Scotland, 1898.
Copy of Ninth Annual Report of the Astronomer Royal for Scotland, being for the year ended 15th April 1899.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return of Process of Consti- tutional Irish Agricultural Produce for the years 1881 to 1898, inclusive.
Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of February last, for a Return relative to Distraint for Poor Rates in Ireland.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brerett presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Exchange of Notes between the United Kingdom and Russia with regard to their respective Railway Interests in China.
Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports Annual Series, Nos. 2245 to 2249.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Countersigning Volumes on Sugar in India; Correspondence and Act.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Report made to the Lord Chancellor under the Lunacy Act, 1890, by the Visitors of Lunatics, of the Number of Visits made, the Number of Patients seen, and the Number of Miles travelled by the said Visitors, between the 1st October 1898 and the 31st March 1899.

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 Oxford University, in the Right Honourable Sir John Robert Mowbray, Bart., deceased.—(Sir William Hallward.)

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan Common Scheme (Harrow Weald) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order was confirmed, and that they had directed the Bill to be referred to the House, 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 Louther reported the Great Yarmouth Pier Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the North Pembrokeshire and Fishguard 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.

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Metropolitan Common Scheme (Harrow Weald) Provisional Order Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order was confirmed, and that they had directed the Bill to be referred to the House, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, to be true; and have gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported from the Committee on the Cork Corporation (Finance) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Louther reported the Daily Telegraph Corporation (Market) Bills, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Samuel Horsus reported from the Committee on Group 4 of Railway Bills; That the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Samuel Horsus reported from the Committee on Group 4 of Railway Bills; That, to meet the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Tuesday next, at half-past Eleven o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Owen Morgan Edwards, Esquire, Member for New Member the County of Merioneth, was sworn.

Sir James Kitchin reported from the Committee on the Belfast Water Company (Markets) Bill; That the Lords, having considered the Report of the Committee, have agreed to confirm the said Provisional Order made by the said Visitors, between the 1st October 1898 and the 31st March 1899.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—The Lords have agreed to the Ilford Urban District Council (Rates) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for Annual Clauses Time for Trout Fishing in Scotland; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act relating to National Monuments in Churches; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate and endow Powers for the supply of Water upon the Barton-on-Sea Water Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (Aberron, &c.) Bill was read the first time.

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

The Clyde Navigation Bill was read the first time.

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

The Barton-on-Sea Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for Parish Councils in Scotland borrowing for the purpose of providing (Rating Certificates) Bill; that the Bill be referred to the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

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

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1899-1900. Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum not exceeding £183,906, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Subordinate Departments.

Ordered, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £50, in respect of the Salary of the President of the Board of Trade—Mr. Maddison:

Tellers for the [Mr. Maddison, Year, Mr. M. A. A. A. A.]

Mr. Maddison, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £50, in respect of the Salary of the President of the Board of Trade—Mr. Alessio Wilson:

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A. (Salaries) be reduced by £50, in respect of the Salary of the President of the Board of Trade—Mr. Hebron Wilson:

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again proposed. After Debate thereon; Mr. Rafferty rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put.”

Original Question put, “That the Question be now put.”

The Committee proceeded to a Division.—Vol. 154.

Saturday, 6th May, 1899:

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Year, Mr. Austruther):

Tellers for the (Mr. Weir, Nocs, Mr. Courtney Warmer):

Original Question put accordingly, and agreed to.

And, it being after Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 School Board Committees (Scotland) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant (Raising Certificates) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time bill 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, 8th May, 1899.

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, Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Londes, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway (No. 2) 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, Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Burs Corporation Bill:

Southwark 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 Bills, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:

Shipton Urban District 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 Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time tomorrow.

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

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

The Gateshead and District Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Glasgow District Subway 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 Goose Urban District Council Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

Ayr Burgh Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Ayr Burgh Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Great Central Railway Bill.

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.

Kensington and Nottingham Hill Electric Lighting Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Kensington and Nottingham Hill Electric Lighting Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Perth Water, Police, and Gas Bill (Lords).

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Perth Water, Police, and Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Redditch Gas Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Redditch Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill, as amended in the Committee. And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Glasgow and Port Glasgow Tramways Bill (Lords).

The Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Junction Railway and Dock Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

A Petition of the Thence-undersigned, praying that Provision may be made in the Neath and Rotherfield Railway Bill, authorising the Company proposed to be incorporated to pay Interest or Dividend on any Shares or Stock of the Company out of Capital during the construction of the Railway proposed to be authorised by the Bill, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Counties (Harrow Weald) Provisional Order Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Blackpool, Lynemouth, and Otter Ferry: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Handbury do prepare, and bring in it.

The Lord Advocate presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, relating to the Burgh of Borrowstounness: And that the Lord Advocate and Mr. Anstruther do prepare, and bring in it.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, relating to Blackpool, Lynemouth, and Otter Ferry: And the same was read the first time.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence on the Railway Bills (Bradford Water and Improvement Bill, Sessions 1891, and Pottery Gas Bill, Session 1897) be referred to the Committee on Group No. 7 of Railway Bills.—(Dr. Farrar-Borbon.)

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

Mr. Wylam presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Annual Return of the Volunteer Corps of Great Britain, for the year 1898.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, for the year 1898.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of General Regulations for the Management and Discipline of Certified Inebriate Reformatorys in Ireland.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Inebriate Reformatories (Ireland) (Regulations) be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of Shipping and Tonnage passing through the Severn Canal in 1898, 1899, and 1898 (in continuation of "Commercial, No. 4, 1898").

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Session, No. 2500 to 2554.

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 10th day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (West Riding of the County of York); and to an Order, dated the 8th day of August 1894, for a Return comprising (1) the Report made to the Charity Commissioners in the result of an Inquiry held in the City of Leeds relative to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1884, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that City or of any part thereof; together with the Report on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1816 to 1817; (2) a Digest showing whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the City; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Report.

Further Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (West Riding of the County of York).

Further Return to an Order, dated the 10th day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (West Riding of the County of York); and to an Order, dated the 13th day of May 1896, for a Return comprising (1) the Report made to the Charity Commissioners, in the Result of an Inquiry held in the Parish of Halifax, including the County Borough of Halifax, into Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that Parish, or of any part thereof, together with the Report on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1816 to 1817; (2) a Digest showing whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the Result of an Inquiry held in the County Borough of Huddersfield into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the benefit of that County Borough, or of any part thereof, together with the Report on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1816 to 1817; (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Report.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the South Staffordshire Stipendiary Justice Bill, with Amendments;

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

Mr. Solicitor reported the Great Western and Great Central Railway Companies Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported the London Improvements Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the said Bill 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 follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dublin Improvement (Bull Alley Area) Bill, with Amendment, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act relating to the Companies for inquiring concerning Charities, 1816 to 1817; to extend the Powers of the Hastings and Saint Leonards Gas Company; to amend the Acts relating to that 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 authorise the South Hants Waterworks and Harbour Construction Company to make additional Waterworks; to extend the Limits of Supply of the Company; to raise additional Capital; to confer further Powers upon the Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Hastings and Saint Leonards Gas Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Committee of the House.

The Infant Orphan Asylum Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Committee of the House.

The Friends' Provident Institution Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Select Committee of the House.
The South Hants Water Bill was read the first time.

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

The Roofless Burgh and Harbour Extension Bill was read the first time.

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

The Water Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for establishing a Department of Agriculture and other Industries and Technical Instruction in Ireland, and for other purposes connected therewith: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented a Bill for establishing a Department of Agriculture and other Industries and Technical Instruction in Ireland, and for other purposes connected therewith: And the same was read the first time: and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the London Government Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Constitution of Borough Councils).

Amendment again proposed, after the words last added, to add the words, "(b) The Local Government Board may, on request made by a Borough Council in pursuance of a resolution of the Council passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at a meeting of the Council duly convened for the purpose, make an order directing that the whole of the councillors shall retire together on the ordinary day of election in every third year, and may on like request rescind any such order."—(Captain Jessel.) Question again proposed, That those words be there added;

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 1, to leave out the word "may," and insert the words "shall."—(Mr. Lough.) Question, That the word "may" stand part of the proposed Amendment,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. 3, after the word "purpose," to insert the words "provided that such majority is not less than a majority of the whole Council."—(Mr. Cohen.) Question, That those words be there inserted in the proposed Amendment; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther: 209.]

Tellers for the [Mr. Stuart.

Tellers for the [Captain Sinclair: 117.]

Words, as amended, added.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last added, to add the words "Provided also that any person possessing the necessary qualification for election as a member of one of the metropolitan borough councils shall be qualified to be elected either as councillor, alderman, or mayor of any borough council within the Administrative County of London."—(Mr. Freemont.)
And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Finance Bill;

Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Loans Fund Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court Appeals Bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply;

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee on the Solicitors Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Palmerston Court of Appeal Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Police Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Small House Acquisition Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Tuesday, 9th May, 1859:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the House to make his report to the House.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Channel Islands) 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 2nd day of February last, That the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) 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 Improvement of Land 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 Electric Lighting (Clauses) 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 Electric Lighting (Scotland) 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 9th day of March last, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill;

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

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Authorities Servants' Superannuation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Permissive Licensing Powers (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University Degrees 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 12th day of April last, That the Midwives Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 16th day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Deposits 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 Tuner's Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificates) Bill;

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Floods Prevention Bill to give further Powers to County Councils with a view to the Prevention of Floods and other Damage arising from Rivers or Watercourses: And that Colonel Milward, Sir John Darlington, Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, Mrs. Hump-rays-Owen, Mr. Hobhouse, and Mr. Biggins do prepare, and bring it in.

Colonel Milward accordingly presented a Bill to give further Powers to County Councils with a view to the Prevention of Floods and other Damage arising from Rivers or Watercourses: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Bristol Floods Prevention Bill was read a second time; and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Bristol Floods Prevention 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 the Lords doth desire the concurrence of their Lordsships.

Ordered, That the East London Water Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

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

Ordered, That the Bill do read the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

Ordered, That the Celebrated Drapers' Water Bill, East London Water Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Friday next.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Shoreditch and District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Wallasey Tramways and Improvements 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 considera-

tion the West Middlesex Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Sleaford Water Bill be read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bradford Tramways and Improvement Bill to especially consider the Clauses of the Bill authorising the inclusion of any part of Baildon Moor, and to report whether, having regard to the provisions of the Commons Act, 1876, and to the increase of the Population in the Neighbourhood, such Inclusion is expedient. (Sir Charles Dilke.)

The Order made upon the 14th day of Feb-

ruary last, referring the London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway Bill to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn. (Dr. Forster.)

The Metropolitan Common Scheme (Harrow Weald) 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 Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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 Broadstairs, Christchurch and Districts, Guildford, Extension, Newport (Isle of Wight), Swanage and Shanklin, and Westgate and Birchington: And that Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Hanbury to prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Broadstairs, Christchurch and Districts, Guildford, Extension, Newport (Isle of Wight), Swanage and Shanklin, and Westgate and Birchington: 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.

A Petition of Richard Hill Duce, of 29, Abingdon Street, in the City of Westminster, Solicitor to the Great Northern Railway Company, was presented, and read; setting forth, that an application is being made before the Railway and Canal Commission, between the Great Northern Railway Company, Applicants, and the Great Central Railway Company, Defendants; that it will be necessary on behalf of the said Applicants to produce before the said Commission, by the 5th day of April, 1899, a Return showing the present lines now in the possession of the existing Companies; the Amount of Principal and Interest repaid by Railway Companies to the Treasury, segregated amongst the existing Companies; and the

Court at the trial of the said application, the deposited Plans in relation to the Grimsby Docks Act, 1845, & 5 Vic. c. 205, and the Great Northern Railway Amendment Bill, No. 154, and proving that leave may be given to the proper Officer of the House to attend at the said Court, and produce the said deposited Plans, and to give such further evidence as may be necessary to further the ends of justice.

Ordered, That leave be given to the proper Officer to attend accordingly.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Fifteenth Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts.

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the Report of the Select Committee on Expiring Laws, in the Session 1866, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Register of Temporary Laws for the Fifth Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (62 Vic., 1879).

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Mr. James William Lennox reported from the Select Committee on the Leith Harbour and Docks Docks Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbatim 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 Lennox reported the Coast-City Urban District Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lennox reported from the Select Committee on the West Highland Railway Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbatim amended the same, and found the same as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in the case of the Manchester Corporation (General Powers) 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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
the Net Amount of the Baronial Guaranties paid by each Irish County to Railway Companies, for the expenditure made by the Treasury for the benefit of the Bill, the amount presented and passed for this purpose during the year 1896, and the Committee to whom it was paid.—(Mr. Field.)

Sir Upton Kay-Knittem reported from the Committee on the Kingscourt, Keady, and Armagh Railway Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Premise 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. Seale-Hayne reported from the Committee on the London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill: That the Committee had, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 14th day of April last, inserted provision in the Bill authorising the vesting in the Promoters of the Harrow and Staines Railway Company. Mr. Seale-Hayne further reported from the Committee: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Premise of the Bill, and amended the same by adding a clause to the vesting in the Promoters of the Undertaking of the Harrow and Staines Railway Company, so as to make it consistent with the Provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (Various Powers) Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Premise of the Bill, and amended the same as amended by adding a clause to the vesting in the Promoters of the Bill as submitted to and passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Samuel Horsfall reported from the Committee on the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (Various Powers) Bill: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Premise of the Bill, and amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

The National Monuments in Churches 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 amend the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894: And that Mr. Alexander Cross, Sir Walter Foster, Sir Charles Cameron, Sir William Pirie, Sir William Arrol, Dr. Forgharan, and Mr. Niven do prepare, and bring in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Baths and Washhouses Acts: And that Mr. Bigwood and Sir Frederick Dixon do prepare, and bring in.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the London Government Bill.

(Parliament.)

CLAUSE, No 4 (Transfer to borough councils of powers from vestries, district boards, and other local bodies).

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 12, after the word "council," to insert the words "and the scheme shall provide, in the case of any detached part of a parish containing a public library or public baths or washhouses being annexed to an adjoining borough, for the maintenance of the public library or public baths or washhouses by the council of such borough, and for the proper adjustment of the liabilities which attach to the same, and of the cost of its maintenance."—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

CLAUSE, No 5 (Transfer of powers from London County Council).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 1, to leave out sub-section (3).—(Mr. Fishcroft.)

Question proposed, That the words "if the " London County Council" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 1, to leave out sub-sections (5), (6), (7), and (8), in order to insert the words "(3) The Local Government Board may, if they think fit, on the application of the London County Council and of the majority of the borough councils, make a Provisional Order for transferring to all the borough councils any power exercisable by the county council, or for transferring to the county council any power exercisable by the borough councils"—(Mr. Balfour)—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, after the word "all," to insert the words "or any."—(Mr. Lowry.)

Question proposed, That the words "or any" be there inserted in the proposed Amendment:—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Words inserted. Another Amendment made.

CLAUSE, No 6, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, No 7 (Additional powers and duties of borough councils).

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 98, to leave out the words "and shall cease to be a main road," in order to insert the words "but the cost of such maintenance shall be borne as at present: Provided, nevertheless, that the borough council may arrange with the London County Council to do the work for the borough council."—(Mr. Balfoscield.)

Question,
Question, That the words proposed to be inserted stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed; in p. 4, l. 28, after the word "road" to insert the words "Provided that the powers of the London County Council to declare any road to be a main road under section eleven of the Local Government Act, 1888, shall not be in any way affected."—(Mr. Stuart).

Question proposed; That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 28, after the word "road" to insert the words "Provided that any borough council within the Administrative County of London shall neglect to maintain in a proper state of efficiency any main road or portion of a main road passing through its area, it shall be lawful for the London County Council, in default of the borough council, after due notice given, to maintain and repair the said road or portion of a road and to charge the expenses thereof to the said borough council."—(Mr. Stuart.)

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 9, to leave out sub-section (5).—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

Question, That sub-section (5) stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 13, to leave out sub-section (4).—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

Question put, That sub-section (4) stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the (Mr. Pickersgill), 238.
Tellers for the (Mr. Steadman), 181.

An Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 22, after the word "Act" to insert the words "Provided that nothing in this section shall affect the powers of the London County Council with respect to the making of such bye-laws and regulations."—(Mr. Stuart.)

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 22 and 24, to leave out the words "...with the consent of the Local Government Board."—(Mr. Robert Grant Webster.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 30, to leave out Sub-section (6).—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Question put, That the words "A borough council shall have the same powers of promoting" stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), 147.
Tellers for the (Mr. John Burns), 68.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 31, after the word "promoting," to insert the words "Bills in Parliament for the purpose of making improvements wholly within their own districts, and not intended to be paid for either wholly or in part out of county funds."—(Mr. Stuart.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;—Amendment divided.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), 148.
Tellers for the (Mr. Stuart), 70.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 38, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "But nothing in this section shall enable any borough council to promote a Bill relating to water, gas, tramways, markets, subways, docks, or any other matter affecting the general interests of the metropolitan area."—(Mr. Stuart.)

Question put, That those words be there added;—Amendment divided.
Tellers for the (Mr. Stuart), 70.
Tellers for the (Mr. Steadman), 181.
Tellers for the (Mr. John Burns), 68.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), 148.

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 40, after the word "Act" to insert the words "...where any power or duty now exercised by the London County Council may by or under this Act be also exercised by the borough council as regards their borough."—(Mr. Harry Samuel.)

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 2, to leave out from the word "amount," to the end of the Clause, in order to add the words "...as shall be proportionate to the population in the district—(Mr. Stuart)—instead thereof.

Question, That the words "if any whether annual or annual" stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 2, after the word "annual," to insert the words "...calculated upon the probable cost to the borough council of administering any power or duty so transferred."—(Mr. Lionel Holland.)

Question proposed; That those words be there inserted;
Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment to leave out from the first word "the," to the word "of," in order to insert the words "...average cost during the last three years to the London County Council."—(Mr. Robert Grant Webster.)

Question proposed; That those words be there inserted;
Amendment proposed to leave out stand part of the proposed Amendment to Amendment proposed Amendment, and Amendment by, leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 6, after the word "Board" to insert the words "Provided that in determining such amount the Local Government Board shall in such cases as it thinks appropriate, have regard to the proportion existing between population and rateable value in such borough."—(Mr. Baldwin.)

Question proposed; That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 8, after the word "Order" to insert the words "Provided that, at any interval of not less than three years, the London County Council and the borough council may revise and after the amount of the contribution, or, in default of agreement, the Local Government Board, may on the application of either party, if it think fit, revise and vary the existing arrangement."—(Mr. Sydney Buxton.)

Question proposed; That those words be there inserted;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 9 (Committees).
Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 21, to leave out Sub-section (1).—(Mr. Robert Grant Webster.)
Question proposed, That the words from the word “Any” to the words “and 1892,” in l. 22, inclusive, stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 25, to leave out Subsection (2)—(Mr. Stuart). Question put, That the words “Every Committee shall” stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir W. Walrond, 78, Yes. (Mr. A. Russell) 78)
Tellers for the (Mr. Stuart) 182
Noes, (Mr. Stedman) 78

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 26, to leave out the words from the word “council,” to the words “the Acts,” in order to insert the word “and”—(Mr. Long),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the (Sir W. Walrond, 370 Noes, (Mr. A. Russell) 71)
Tellers for the (Mr. Laugh) 71

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 W. Lushiter reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 1st day of June next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Workmen’s Compensation Act (1897) Amendment (No. 2) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cheap Trains Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Cases Bill:

Resolved, That the House will, upon Thursday the 1st day of June next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Supreme Court (Appeals) 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 Colonial Loan 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 Wild Birds Protection 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 Shops (Early Closing) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Northern Assurance Company Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. Johnson-Ferguson reported from the Committee of Select Committees on Group B of Private Bills, that, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Henry Fletcher reported from the Committee of Select Committees on Group J of Private Bills; that the parties opposing the Belfast Corporation Bill had stated that the evidence of George Frederick Giles, Engineer to Belfast Harbour Commissioners, 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 Papers do lie upon the Table.

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 Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Emigration and Immigration from and into the United Kingdom in the year 1898, and Report to the Board of Trade thereon.

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MOTION being made, That the South Eastern Railway Bill be now read the third time; and passed.

Mr. Bredrick, presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copies of Diplomatic and Consular (Assessments) Bills, Annual Series, No. 2255 and 2256.

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

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

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said George Frederick Giles do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

Ordered, That George Frederick Giles do attend the Committee on Group J. of Private Bills To-morrow, at Two of the clock—

(Mr. Balfour):—

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Committees do not sit To-morrow, being Ascension Day, until Two of the clock—

I moved, That the House do not sit To-morrow, at Two of the clock.

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the:—

Yeas, Mr. Axstruther

Tellers for the Mr. John Edward Ellis

Noes, Mr. Oldroyd

and

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Church Discipline Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "that" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words “this House, while not prepared to accept a measure which creates fresh offences and ignores the authority of the Bishops in maintaining the discipline of the Church, is of opinion that, if the efforts now being made by the Archbishops and Bishops to secure the due obedience of the Clergy are not speedily effectual, further legislation will be required to maintain the observance of the existing Laws of Church and Realm,---(Mr. Attorney-General), 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. Charles M'Arthur

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond

Noes, Mr. Axstruther

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "this House, while not prepared to accept a measure which creates fresh offences and ignores the authority of the Bishops in maintaining the discipline of the Church, is of opinion that, if the efforts now being made by the Archbishops and Bishops to secure the due obedience of the Clergy are not speedily effectual, further legislation will be required to maintain the observance of the existing Laws of Church and Realm," be added after the word "that" in the Main Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House, while not prepared to accept a measure which creates fresh offences and ignores the authority of the Bishops in maintaining the discipline of the Church, is of opinion that, if the efforts now being made by the Archbishops and Bishops to secure the due obedience of the Clergy are not speedily effectual, further legislation will be required to maintain the observance of the existing Laws of Church and Realm.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Feus and Leases (Scotland) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Intoxicating Liquors Local Veto (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 28th day of February last, That the Elementary Education (New Bye-laws) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 8th day of June 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 Wednesday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Justices Disqualification Repeal (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Liquor Traffic Local Veto (Wales) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Stolen Goods Second Reading of the Stolen Goods Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Steam Engines Second Reading of the Steam Engines and Oil Borellers (Persons in Charge) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchandies Second Reading of the Merchandies Marks Act (1887) Amendment 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 Fine or Imprisonment (Scotland and Ireland) (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUDE, Mr. 1.
To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lemon reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Feus and Leases (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of June next.

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 tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of Wales (Graduates) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of June 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 the 7th day of June next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ways and Means Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 7th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sacts for Shop Assistants (England and Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificates) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Committee of Public Accounts: That they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and had ordered him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

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

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Thursday, 11th May, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Dublin Lords to the Dublin Improvement (Burl Alley Area) 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.

The Ayr Burgh Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment;

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

The Kensington and Notting Hill Electric Tramways, and Lighting Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Perth Water, Police, and Gas 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 South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies 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 Central Railway Bill was read the Great Central Railway third time, and passed, with a new Title, as follows:—An Act to enable the Great Central Railway Company to make new Works; to acquire additional Lands: to stop up certain Roads or Footpaths; to extend the Time for the compulsory purchase of certain Lands; for the completion of certain Railways, and for the sale of superfluous Lands by the Clarendon Lines Committee and the Sheffield and Midland Railway Companies Committee; to raise additional Capital, and for other purposes.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Gas Light and Coke Light Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Pickersgill). The Motion divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill], 121. Tellers for the [Sir William Cuddington], 166. So it passed in the Negative. And the original Question being put; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Sir William Cuddington], 185. Tellers for the [Mr. Buxbury], 114. 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.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Ashton-under-Lyne, Wellingford, and Wokingham: 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 a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to Brighton: 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 Ashtabula, Manchester, Pontypridd, and Rotherham: 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 Ashton-under-Lyne, Bolton, Llandudno, Rotherham, Stockport (two), and York: And that 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm Local certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Ashton-under-Lyne, Bolton, Llandudno, Rotherham, Stockport (two), and York: 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 General Report by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector on the Schools in the Southern Division of Scotland, for the year 1898.

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

Mr. Ritchie also presented,—Return to an Companies Order, dated the 22nd day of March last, for a Return relative to Companies (Applications for Returns).

Mr. Ritchie also presented, in pursuance of Railways Standing Order 1584,—Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the Erskine and Kirkintilloch Railway Bill and the objects thereof.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to Railways Abandonment be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm Local certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Ashton-under-Lyne, Bolton, Llandudno, Rotherham, Stockport (two), and York: 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.
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Ordered, That David William Smith (Station-master at MAroy, do attend the Committee on Group J of Private Bills upon Monday next, at Twelve of the clock.

READSED, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give direction, that there be laid before this House, a Return (1) showing, in the case of every British Colony and Dependency, the Population of which includes British Indians, what Disabilities or Restrictions are imposed upon such British Indians: (2) stating for each Colony or Dependency the Approximate Number of such British Indians; and (2) giving in each case a copy of the Bye-laws an Abstract showing the nature of the Disabilities or Restrictions in question.—(Sir William Wodehouse.)

ORDERED, That there be laid before this House, Telephone Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 8th day of April May 1899, upon the proposals for the Development of the Telephone System in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Mondray accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Captain Sinclair, Member for Forfar, rose in Adjournment, 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 new Scheme for Secondary Education in Scotland as set forth in the Minute of 27th April, which provides for the distribution of £ 25,000, and will commence operative on the 27th day of this month," 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"—(Captain Sinclair)—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Finance Bill;

Committees on the Finance Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee that they have power to divide this Bill into two parts, and to report to the House in the first place the portions dealing with Customs, Stamps, and Income Tax; and, in the second place, that dealing with the National Debt—(Mr. Buchanan):—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committees)

CLAUDE, NO. 1 (Duty on Tea).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, to leave out the word "fourpence," and insert the word "twopenny."—(Mr. Brodrick)

Question put, That the word "fourpence" stand part of the Clause;—The Committee divided.

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No. 2 Bill.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond. | Mr. Anstruther. 194
Yea, 195
Noo, 196

Clauses agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Duties on Wines).
Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 1, after the word “ on,” to insert the word foreign.”—(Sir Howard Vincent.)
Question put, That the word “ foreign” be there inserted;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Sir Howard Vincent, | Mr. Anstruther. 37
Yea, 38
Noo, 39

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, after l. 5, to insert the words “ not exceeding 25 degrees of proof spirit, the gallon, Is. 6d.”—(Mr. Harwood.)
Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn. Other Amendments made.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 3, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 4 and No. 5, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 6 (Increase of Company’s capital duty).
Amendment proposed, in p. 4, l. 15, at the end of the Clause to add the words “ Save in the case of companies reconstructing for the purpose of raising additional capital, in which case the whole sum of stamp duty shall be paid upon the new capital to be brought in.”—(Mr. Lloyd Morgan.)
Question put, That those words be there added,—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clauses agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 7, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 8 (Increase of duty on letters of allotment and letters of reconsecration).
Amendment proposed, in p. 5, l. 11, to leave out the words “ five pounds,” and insert the words “ one hundred pounds.”—(Mr. Leugh.)
Question put, That the words “ five pounds” stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, | Mr. Anstruther. 197
Yea, 198
Noo, 199

Clauses agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 9 to No. 12, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 13 (Amount of permanent annual charge for National Debt, 38 & 39 Vic. c. 45; 50 & 51 Vic. c. 10; 52 Vic. c. 6).
Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 26, to leave out the word “ permanent,”—(Mr. Harwood.)
Question put, That the word “ permanent” stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, | Mr. Anstruther. 109
Yea, 110
Noo, 111

CLAUSE, No. 14 and No. 15, agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lemon reported, that the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the London Government Bill;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill to 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 23rd day of February last, That the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill be now read a second time;

Resolved, That the Debate be further adjourned until Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Private Committee on the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of March last, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Fund Bill;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court (Appeals) Bill.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, at the end of the Clause to add the words “ Provided that no appeal or motion shall be entered in the cause list to be heard and determined before two judges of the Court of Appeal unless consents in writing as aforesaid shall have been duly filed in manner aforesaid.”—(Mr. Samuel Evans.)
Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Question proposed, That Clause 1, as amended, stand part of the Bill;

To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lemon 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.

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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 House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Solicitors Bill, as amended in the Committee; and 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, 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 Palatine Court of Durham 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 Telegraphs (Telephone and Post) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Truck Acts Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (No. 2) 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 Old Age Pensions (Friendly Societies) 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 Pensions (Old Age) (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 Pensions 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 Limitations Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.
Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, etc.—
Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (Aberavon, &c.) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, etc.—
Henbury Ferry Gas and Paving Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, etc.—

Chester (No Standing Orders not previously inquired into applicable.)
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Redfearn Burgh and Harbour Extension Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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Brickhill and Rotherfield Railway Bill.
Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders.

Redditch Gas Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Stretford and District Gas Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Wallasey Tramways and Improvements Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Wallasey Tramways and Improvements Bill be now read the third time:
Mr. James Lowther, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Beiforit Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cork Corporation (Finance) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Milton Creek Conservancy Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dublin Corporation (Market) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the East London Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision in case of future purchase of undertaking)—(Mr. James Stuart); 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. Stuart, Tellers for the Noses; (Mr. Pickersgill:)

Mr. Goulding:)
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So it passed in the Negative.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Glasgow Corporation Telegraphs Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of June next.

Mr. Birkbeck, Sir Robert Fennox-FitzGerald, James Lowther, Mr. James F. X. O'Brien, and Mr. Patrick O'Brien, were nominated Members of the Select Committee on the Great Southern and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation, and Great Southern and Western Railway Bills—(Sir William Walrond.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of June next.

Mr. James Lowther, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed.
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Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of June next.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Boroughs of Bally Castle and Holywood in the Counties of Down and Antrim; and that 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 Ballycastle and Holyford, in the Counties of East Sussex and Middlesex; and that 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 Bath (three), Densmore (two), Margate, and Oxford, and to the Boroughs of Wallingford and Crowmarsh United Districts; and that T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Wicklow Harbour; and that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Gerald Balfour do prepare, and bring it in.

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 Dunbarton (Rural), and to the Counties of East Sussex and Middlesex; 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 certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Wicklow Harbour; 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 certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Dublin, Belfast, Larne, and Longford (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.

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 Statistical Tables of the Dublin Metropolitan Police for the year 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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Mr. Holroyd further reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Law, and Legal Procedure: Sir Alfred Hickman; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Bartley.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, that the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill was referred; that they had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Thursday the 1st day of June next; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Quantity of Wines, at the various Degrees of Strength, which were imported into the United Kingdom from Spain, Portugal, Madeira, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Australia, and other Countries, for the year 1898 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 155, of Session 1898.)—(Mr. Gold.)

Sir Henry Fletcher reported from the Committee on the Belfast Corporation Bill; that, in pursuance of the Resolution of the House of the 7th March, the Committee had struck Clause 41 out of the Bill.

Sir Henry Fletcher 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. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Birkenhead Corporation Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same 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 from the Committee on the Unbridge and Rickmansworth Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained 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 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 Belfast and Northern Counties Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained 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 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.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Glastonbury 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 thereto.

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

Mr. Holroyd reported from the Committee of Selection; that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures: Mr. Michael Austin, Mr. Bertie, Captain Chawner, Captain Doanum, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Power, Mr. Abel Henry Smith, and Mr. James desert; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Broadhurst; Mr. Colyer; Mr. Gilliat; Sir Alfred Hickman, Major Jameson; Mr. Lloyd-Jones, Mr. Charles Morley, Mr. Stafford Northcot; and Mr. Samuel Young.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the Corporation of Glasgow in relation to their Gas, Water, and Electricity 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 authorising the Stockton and Middlesbrough Water Board to construct a new Reservoir and other Works, to amend the Acts relating to the supply of Water by the Board, to change the Name of the Board, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for incorporating and conferring Powers on the Totland 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 Governors of the London Hospital to acquire certain Lands, and to erect Buildings for their Out-Patients' Department, 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 Liverpool Overhead Railway Company to take on Lease certain authorised Tramways in the Districts of Waterloo-Woolwich, and Great Groyne; to authorise the construction of additional Tramways, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Manchester Corporation Tramways Bill was read the first time.

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

The Oldham Corporation Bill was read the first time.

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The Glasgow Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Bill was read the first time.

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The Glasgow Corporation (Gas and Water) Bill was read the first time.

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The Stockton and Middlesbrough Water Bill was read the first time.

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The Total Water Bill (London) was read the first time.

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

The London Hospital Bill was read the first time.

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

The Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill was read the first time.

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

The Trout Fishing Annual Close Time (Scotland) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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The Parish Churches (Scotland) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be printed second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

Sir William Rentoul Assen, Baronet, Doctor New Member of Civil Law, Member for the University of St. Andrews, Oxford, was sworn.

Ordered, That the proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means, if the Committee is sitting at Twelve o'clock this night, he not be interrupted under the Standing Order, Sitting of Standing of the House, and may be entered upon at any time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Tithe Rent-charge in Ireland—Ordered, That Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland do prepare, and bring in the Bill.

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to Tithe Rent-charge in Ireland: and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The House divided.

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

The Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from a Member who made the Motion, and from a Member who pursuant to the Standing Order No. 19, desired the concurrence of this House, the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means, if the Committee is sitting at Twelve o'clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order, Sitting of Standing of the House, and may be entered upon at any time.

The Bill was read the first time.

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

The Oldham Corporation Bill was read the first time.

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The Glasgow Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Bill was read the first time.

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The Glasgow Corporation (Gas and Water) Bill was read the first time.

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The London Hospital Bill was read the first time.

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The Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill was read the first time.

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

The Trout Fishing Annual Close Time (Scotland) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

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Ways and Means.

1. Resolved, That in lieu of the Duties of Customs payable, under the Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means on the Fourteenth day of April, and then agreed to by the House, on Still Wine imported into Great Britain and Ireland in bottle there shall be charged, levied, and paid the same Duties in respect of alcoholic strength as if the Wine were in cask, and an additional Duty, the gallon... (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

2. Resolved, That, in lieu of the Duties of Customs payable, under the Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means on the Fourteenth day of April and then agreed to by the House, on Still Wine imported into Great Britain or Ireland in bottle there shall be charged, levied, and paid the same Duties in respect of alcoholic strength as if the Wine were in cask, and an additional Duty, the gallon... (Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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 Colonial Loans Fund Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House, for Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Supreme Court (Ap-plead) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;—Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;—Motion and Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Assessments of Tithe Rest-charges for Land Tax)—(Viscount Cranborne) 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 (Reduction of Duty on certain Bills of Exchange)—(Sir Samuel Montagu) brought up, and read the first and second time, and added.

Schedule 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 next Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

(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, 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 Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed under the 9th day of March last, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 1st day of June next.

Lord Stanley reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as Report.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1899–1900.

Class II.

That a Sum, not exceeding £133,098, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum required, 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 Colonial Loans Fund Bill.

Stamp Duty of One Shilling for every Ten Pounds, and also for any fractional part of Ten Pounds, in the case of a marketable security of the money thereby secured, and in the case of any such instrument to bearer of the nominal value of the share or stock to which the instrument relates.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

Still Wines in Bottle.
Monday, 15th May, 1899.

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.:

**South Hunts 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, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

**Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.**

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

A Motion being made, That, the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Talbot, 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 thereon 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 Northern Assurance Company Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration, the Aire and Calder Navigation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration, the Coalville Urban District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration, the Great Western and Great Central Railway Companies 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 London, South Western, and South Coast Railway (Various Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration, the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration, the Manchester Corporation (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration, the West Highland Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

The London, Walthamstow, and Epping Forest Railway (No. 2) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Skipton Urban District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

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The St. Andrews Bury Provisional Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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 Broughty Ferry Gas and Paving Order Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (Aberdeen, etc.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Carshalton, Gateshead, Merchyr Typhill, and Newton Abbot: 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 a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Royal Leamington Spa: 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 Fleetwood, Invercell, Montrose, and Southwold: 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 Carshalton, Gateshead, Merchyr Typhill, and Newton Abbot: 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 a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Royal Leamington Spa: 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 Fleetwood, Invercell, Montrose, and Southwold: 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 be upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Companies (Applications for Returns), which was presented upon the 11th day of this instant May, 1899, be laid before this House, Fee Grant; (3) the Average Attendance of Children on the Annual Grant List entitled to the Fee Grant; (4) the Total Amount paid out of Moneys provided by Parliament towards relief of School Fees under the Act of 1892; and (5) the Amount per Head of average Attendance paid as Fee Grant.—(Mr. Coldwell.)

Mr. Johnson Fyfe reported from the Committee on the Dublin Corporation Bill, that they had examined the allegations of 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.

Private Bills

Sir Henry Fletcher reported from the Committee on Group J of Private Bills, that the parties promoting the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill [Mr. Brunel] had stated that the evidence of John William Leyshon, Inspector-in-Chief, Engineers Department, General Post Office, was essential to their case; and having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the invention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said John William Leyshon do attend the said Committee Tomorrow at Half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That John William Leyshon do attend the Committee on Group J of Private Bills Tomorrow, at Half-past Eleven of the clock.

Wishaw Water Bill

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the North Water, Police, and Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the sale and disposal of the Property of the Great Turnteth Waterworks Company, and to authorise the Metropolitan Waterworks Company, and to authorise the passing of this Act, could be levied in the amount which would be produced in that year by the maximum rate which, at the passing of this Act, could be levied in the district for which the committee acts. (Mr. Walmsley.)

Question proposed, that those words be there added—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 30, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Any two or more borough councils, or any borough council or councils, and any board or boards of guardians in the metropolis, may from time to time cause in appointing out of their respective bodies a joint committee for any purpose in respect of which they are jointly interested, and may confer on any such committee any power which the appointing council or board might exercise for the purpose for which the committee is appointed."—(Mr. Pickersgill.)
15th May. 1899.

Question put, That those words be there added;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill], 94.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 152.
Mr. Anstruther, 197.
Mr. A. Cripps, 114.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 33, to leave out the words “the general,” in order to insert the words “ a rate to be called the "uborough,”—(Mr. Robert Grant Webster), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words “ the general” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 35, to leave out the words from the word “ rate” to the end of Sub-section (1)—(Mr. Lough).

Question put, That the words “ but shall” make provision for protecting the interests of stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 207.
Tellers for the [Mr. Lough], 114.
Mr. Anstruther, 197.
Mr. A. Cripps, 114.
Mr. James Stuart, 128.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 6, l. 36, after the word “ hereditaments,” to insert the words “ and shall also provide, that as between landlord and tenant every tenant who, if this Act had not been passed, would have been entitled to deduct against or to be repaid by his landlord any sum paid by such tenant on account of the sewers rate, shall in like manner be entitled to deduct against or to be repaid by his landlord such portion of the general rate as represents the sewers rate”—(Mr. Pickersgill).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 3, to leave out the words “ Where a borough comprises more than one parish”—(Mr. Grippa).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 3, to leave out Sub-section (3)—(Mr. Cripps).

Question put, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 223.
Tellers for the [Mr. A. Cripps], 129.
Mr. Anstruther, 197.
Mr. A. Cripps, 114.
Mr. James Stuart, 128.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 5, after the word “expenses,” to insert the words “including the amount of the estimated cost of and loss in collection of the same.”—(Mr. Pickersgill).

Question put, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Pickersgill], 105.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 208.
Mr. Anstruther, 197.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 5, to leave out the words “shall be” to the end of the sub-section, in order to insert the words “levied at an equal rate in the pound over the whole borough”—(Mr. James Stuart).

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 149.
Tellers for the [Mr. A. Cripps], 73.
Mr. Anstruther, 197.
Mr. Wallace (Perth), 73.
Mr. A. Cripps, 114.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 7, to leave out from the word “ Where” to the word “shall,” in l. 9, in order to insert the words “Where any rate is required to be levied over a portion only of a borough, such rate”—(Mr. Cripps), 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. 11 (Appointment and duties of overseers and collection of rates).

Amendment proposed, in p. 7, l. 13, to leave out Sub-section (1)—(Mr. Lough).

Question proposed, That the words “After the appointed day” stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause postponed.

CLAUSE, No. 13 (Assessment Committees, 32 & 33 Vic. c. 67).

Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 55, to leave out from the beginning of the Clause to the word “the,” in l. 20,—(Mr. Lionel Holland).

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 165.
Tellers for the [Mr. Lionel Holland], 99.
Mr. Anstruther, 197.
Mr. A. Cripps, 114.
Mr. James Stuart, 128.

Question put, That Clause 13 stand part of the Bill:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], 170.
Tellers for the [Mr. A. Cripps], 114.
Mr. Anstruther, 197.
Mr. A. Cripps, 114.
Mr. James Stuart, 128.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. A. Cripps], 114.
Tellers for the [Mr. Anstruther], 197.
Mr. Anstruther, 197.
Mr. A. Cripps, 114.
Mr. James Stuart, 128.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 8, l. 76, to insert the words “for the purposes of the Bill” in the place of the words “proposed to be included in the Bill” to the end of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

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. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Ways and Means, several Stamp Duties, which were read, as follows:

Spirits in Bottles.

1. That, in addition to the Duties of Customs now payable on Spirits imported into Great Britain or Ireland, there shall be charged, levied, and paid the Duty following (that is to say)—

Spirits in bottle (including perfumed spirits, and liqueurs, cordials, mixtures, and other preparations in bottle entered in such a manner as to indicate that the strength is not to be tested) the liquid gallon, One Shilling.

Stamp Duties.

2. That, in lieu of the Stamp Duties mentioned in the Resolutions numbered 2 and 4, relating to Stamp Duties, agreed to by the House on the Fourteenth day of April One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, there shall be charged the following Stamp Duties, namely—

(1)
Order, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (Glasgow) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Inebriates Act Second Reading of the Inebriates Act (1898) (Ireland) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Better Corporations (Joint Tenancy) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Ireland),

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Charges Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Licensing the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) 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 Corn Law Resolutions, being read a second time. Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Finance Bill that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolutions.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

The Order of the day being read, for the Scotch Second Reading of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agriculture Second Reading of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets Act (1897) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets Act (1897) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraphs Second Reading of the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, etc.) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraphs Second Reading of the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, etc.) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Steam Navigation Act (1897) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Law Charges Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Corporations Second Reading of the Corporations (Joint Tenancy) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Scotland),

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Lighting Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (Glasgow) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agriculture Second Reading of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Streets Act (1897) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Steam Navigation Act (1897) 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 Steam Navigation (1897) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the First Reading of the Estimate for the War Office; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Title Rent-charge Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Title Rent-charge Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Act 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 Second Reading of the Title Rent-charge Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Title Rent-charge 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 Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, etc.) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the University Degree Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poole Pre- aed Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Acts Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Teinds Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Oysters Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 5th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Constitution Amendment 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 Poor Law Officers' Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Justices' Disqualification Acts Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government 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 Justices' Disqualification Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Poor Law Officers' 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 Poor Law Officers' Superannuation Act (1896) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scales for Shop Assistants (England and 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 Merchant Seamen (Eating Certificates) 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, 16th May, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Glasgow Corporation (Gas and Water) Bill.

Glasgow Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Bill.

Mid-Kent Gas Bill.

Oldham Corporation Bill.

Stockton and Middlesbrough 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, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:—Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Baker Street and Waterloo 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.

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

The Birmingham Corporation Bill was read Birmingham Corporation Bill.

The Cork Corporation (Finance) Bill was read Cork Corporation (Finance) Bill.

The East London 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 Dublin Corporation (Markets) Bill was Dublin read the third time, and passed.

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

The Kuala Lumpur Harbour and Docks Bill was read Kuala Lumpur Harbour and Docks Bill.

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

The Manchester Corporation (Finance) Bill was read Manchester Corporation (Finance) Bill.

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

The North Pembroke and Fishguard 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 Salter Commercial Docks Bill was read Salford Commercial Docks Bill (England),

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 Leith Harbour 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 South Staffordshire Stipendiary Justice Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The City and Brixton Railway Bill was read Brixton Railway Bill.

The Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to (No. 15) Portsmouth (Public Purposes), Eastbourne, Horden, and to the extension of the area of Supply

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Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Parishes of Despovert and Saint Mary, Newington, and to the Greenwich and Woolwich Unions: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Ritchie do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Luddenden Foot, the Loundsnorth and Mellor, the Oakwell, and the Porthill and Southwick 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 Bradford (York), Ilkley, Knoton-upon-Yaida, Ryde, and Shifnal (Rural): And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Bingley (Rural), Jarrow, Ramsgate (two), Ripon, and West Bromwich (two): And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Droxford, Lansdowne (Rural), and Tobermory (Rural): And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Kil隃y: 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 a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board relating to the Parishes of Despovert and Saint Mary, Newington, and to the Greenwich and Woolwich 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. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Luddenden Foot, the Loundsnorth and Mellor, the Oakwell, and the Porthill and Southwick United Districts: And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Bradford (York), Ilkley, Knoton-upon-Yaida, Ryde, and Shifnal (Rural): (No. 10) Bill. And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Bingley (Rural), Jarrow, Ramsgate (two), Ripon, and West Bromwich (No. 11) Bill. And the same was read the first time.

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

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Droxford, Lansdowne (Rural), and Tobermory (Rural): And the same was read the first time. Bill 206.

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 Kil隃y: And the same was read the first time.

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

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

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Ma­ jesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-first Annual Report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Con­ stitutional Education in Scotland; with Appendix, (Scotland.) 1898-99.

Copy of Report of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland; with Appendix, (Scotland.) 1898–99.

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Preliminary Return of the Census of the British Army, for the year 1896, with Abstract, &c.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Ma­ jesty's Command,—Copy of Rule made by the Irish Local Government Commission under the Land Purchase Acts, dated the 28th April 1899.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order in Council approving of a Rule made by the General Prisons Board for Ireland, dated the 5th May 1899.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented,—Return to an Order, Coal Exports, dated the 21st day of March last, for a Return relative to Coal Exports, &c.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Sixteenth Report of the Comptroller General of Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, with Appendices, for the year 1898.
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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Trade Reports (Annual Series).

Mr. Reddick presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2299 to 2232.


Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty’s Command.—Copy of Agreement for the Expressed Delivery of Parcels exchanged between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Portugal, including Madeira and the Azores.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract Account of the Receipts and Payments of the Treasury Solicitor in the year ended 31st December 1898, in the Administration of Estates on behalf of the Crown under the authority of the Treasury Solicitor Act, 1876, and Alphabetical List of Estates in respect of which Letters of Administration were granted to the Crown’s Nominee, and of other cases (partial Intestacies, &c.) in which Moneys were received by him as Crown’s Nominee.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Paper relative to the Crown’s Nominee Account be printed.

Charitable Endowments (London). No. 999.

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.

Post Office (Telephone Exchanges).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving the Names of all Telephone Exchanges which the Post Office has at any time opened in the United Kingdom, with the Date on which each Exchange was opened; the Date on which each Exchange now without Subscribers, became so; 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 the said Paper do lie upon the Table;

[Further text not fully visible.]

Mr. Holley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Brook’s Park, Llondonderry, 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 Owen’s College, Manchester, Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

3. That, in the case of the Rebbel and Rodell Railway 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.

4. That, in the case of the West Metropolitain West Railway 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.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relating to all authorised Gas Undertakings in the United Kingdom other than those of Local Authorities, for the year ended the 31st day of December 1898 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 364, of Session 1898).—(Mr. Ritchie.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return relating to all authorised Gas Undertakings in the United Kingdom belonging to Local Authorities, for the year ended the 31st day of December 1898 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 365, of Session 1898).—(Mr. Ritchie.)
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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. Mellen reported from the Committee on Group 7 of Railway Bills: That, to meet the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Thursday, at Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Stolen Goods Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Merchandise Marks Act (1887) Amendment Bill, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Metropolis Management Acts Amendment (Bill) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant May; and to be printed.

The Select Committee on the Fire Brigades was nominated of Major Bowles, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Joss Collage, Mr. Dunscombe, Sir George Fardell, Mr. Heath, Mr. Howlett, Mr. Malcolm, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Pym, Mr. Harold Rockit, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Alfred Thomas, and Major Wyndham-Quin.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the Committee. — [Sir William Wedderburn.]

Manager 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 Vale of Glamorgan Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Waterhouse and Caernarvon Railway (Abandonment) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Barrow-in-Furness Urban District Water Bill, with Amendments; which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Navan and Clontibret Urban District Council Water Bill, without any Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Supreme Court (Appeals) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Wallasey Tramways and Improvements Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the Establishment of a Board of Education for England and Wales, and for matters connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Saint Neots Water Company Water Bill to extend their limits of Supply, 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 Corporation of bury to construct additional 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 make further provision with reference to the employment of Pilots in the Port of Liverpool, 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 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board to create Redeemable Stock, and to enable the Board to raise Money temporarily by Bills of Exchange or Promissory Notes, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the British Electric Traction Company (Limited) to construct Tramroads in the County of Sussex, 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 Mercantile Law, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the London Government Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No 14 (Appointment of Commissioners and preparation of Orders and Schemes).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 10, after the word "Board," to insert the words "(3) The Commissioners, before preparing any Order or Scheme under section one of this Act, or any other Order or Scheme for carrying this Act into effect when the subject-matter is which a local inquiry is applicable, shall cause to be made a local inquiry, of which due public notice shall be given, and as which any public body, church, or other local authority affected thereby shall be permitted to tender evidence and make representations which the Commissioners shall consider."—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 11, to leave out Sub-section (3).—(Mr. Lough.)

Question proposed, That Sub-section (3) stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 23, to leave out Sub-section (2).—(Mr. Higgar.)

Question, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 23, to leave out the words "comprises the larger part in population as estimated by the Registrar General," in order to insert the words "wholly or for the greater part."—(Mr. Lough.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 14, to leave out the word "may," in order to insert the words "shall, as the circumstances of each case may require,"—(Mr. Stephens),—instead thereof.

Question, That the words "may" stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 20, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "(a) for the apportionment and transfer of property and liabilities as may be clone under section sixty-eight of the Local Government Act, 1894,"—(Mr. Stephens.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 9, l. 30, after the word "scheme," to insert the words "(2) A scheme or order may be made for amending any scheme or order previously made in pursuance of this Act, and may be made by the same authority and after the same procedure as the original scheme or order."—(Mr. Lough.)

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 9, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided that nothing in this Act, and no order or scheme under this Act, shall abridge, alter, or affect the powers, rights, duties, or jurisdiction of the School Board for London over the area which for the time being shall constitute the Administrative County of London."—(Mr. Flower.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last added, to add the words "(4) The Council shall be entitled to make representations to the Commissioners and to the Committee of the Privy Council in respect of any of the matters referred to them by this Act, and shall be entitled to be heard in support of such representations."—(Mr. Lough.)

Question, That those words be there added,—put, and negatived.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 16 (Rules as to boroughs and parishes).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 6, to leave out Sub-section 1.—(Mr. Lough.)

Question, That Sub-section 1 stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 19, l. 11, to leave out from the word "parts" to the word "and," in l. 12.—(Mr. Herbert Robertson.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 17 (Detached parts of boroughs).

Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 15, to leave out Sub-section (1)—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Question, That Sub-section (1) stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 29, to leave out Sub-section (2).—(Mr. Higgar.)

Question, That the words "where the County of London surrounds" stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 53, after the word "surrounds," to insert the words "wholly or for the greater part."—(Mr. Lough.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 10, l. 29, to leave out the words "comprises the larger part in population as estimated by the Registrar General," in order to insert the words "whole or for the greater part,"—(Mr. James Stuart),—instead thereof.

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause,—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment made.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 18 (Application of Act to Woolwich).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 10, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "(3) Nothing in this Act shall prevent the council of any borough from continuing to make any contribution for the purpose of technical education hitherto made by any local authority."—(Colonel Hughes.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 19, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 20 (Exception as respects affairs of the Church).

Amendment proposed, in p. 11, l. 37, after the word "ball" to insert the words "or mortuary."—(Mr. Thornton.)

Question, That the words "or mortuary" be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Clauses, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 21 (Provisions as to names, first elections, &c.).

Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 6, after the word "shall," to insert the words "direct that the area of Westminster as constituted by this Act shall be called the City of Westminster and."—(Mr. Burnett-Coutts.)

Question, That those words be there inserted,—put, and negatived.

Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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CLAUSE, No 22, amended, and agreed to.

An Amendment made.

An Amendment proposed, in p. 12, l. 41, to leave out the words from the word "council" to the second word "the," in p. 13, l. 1.—(Mr. Cohen.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond]: 172.

Tellers for the [Mr. Aston]: 96.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 7, after the word "officer," to insert the words "of whose office they may deem unnecessary; but any officer required to perform duties such as are not the same or analogous, or which are in addition to those which he is at present required to perform, may relinquish his office, and any officer so relinquishing his office, or whose office is abolished, shall be entitled to compensation under this Act."—(Colonel Hughes.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment amended, by leaving out, in l. 3, the words "the same or," and by leaving out the word "in," and inserting the words "an unreasonable," instead thereof.

Question put, That the words "of whose office they may deem unnecessary; but any officer required to perform duties such as are not the same or analogous, or which are in addition to those which he is at present required to perform, may relinquish his office, and any officer so relinquishing his office, or whose office is abolished, shall be entitled to compensation under this Act," be there inserted.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond]: 139.

Tellers for the [Mr. J. Burns]: 61.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "the borough council may distribute the business to be performed by the existing officers in such manner as the councils may think just, and every existing officer shall perform such duties in relation to that business as may be directed by the council."—(Sir George Fardell.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendments, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 7, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "(2) If any officer is transferred by or under this Act to the service of a borough council, and within five years from the date of transfer, is removed from his office for any cause other than misconduct or incapacity, his office shall be deemed to have been abolished within the meaning of this Act and of the enactments supplied by this section."—(Colonel Hughes.)

Question, That those words be there inserted.—Amendments, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 7, after the words last inserted, to insert the words "(3.) All service by an officer under any authority or authority to whom this Act applies shall be aggregated and reckoned for the purposes of this Act, whether the service has been continuous or not, and whether his whole time has been devoted to the service or not."—(Colonel Hughes.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendments, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 11, to leave out from the second word "council" to the end of Sub-section (2), in order to insert the words "If any person to whom a compensation was awarded, and if the remuneration of that employment is equal to or greater than such salary or emoluments the annuity shall be suspended so long as he receives that remuneration."—(Sir George Fardell.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 13, l. 18, to leave out the first word "may," in order to insert the word "shall."—(Colonel Hughes.)

Question, That the word "may" stand part of the Clause, put, and agreed to.

Clause, No 22, amended, and agreed to.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 24, disagreed to.

CLAUSE, No 25 (Construction of Acts and savings).

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 8, at the end of the Clause, to add the words "Provided that any sanitary district existing at the time of the passing of this Act shall not gain or lose under the London Squatting of Rates Act, 1894, in consequence of it being absorbed into a municipal borough; but continue to pay and receive their compensation for the same basis of rateable value and population as if this Act had not been passed."—(Colonel Hughes.)

Question proposed, That those words be there added.—Amendments, by leave, withdrawn.

An Amendment made. Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 26 (Appointed day and transitory provisions).

Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 11 and 12, to leave out the words "or more other days not being more than six months earlier or later."—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 27 (Definitions).

An Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 26, after "1885," to insert the words "The expression "county council" means the London County Council."—(Colonel Hughes.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendments, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 14, l. 31, after "1885," to insert the words "The Public Health (Interments) Act, 1879."—(Mr. Corrill Williams.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.—Amendments, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No 28, agreed to.

Postponed Clause, No 11 (Appointment and duties of overseers and collection of rates), amended, and agreed to.

A Clause (Audit of accounts) added.

Another Clause (Alteration of Wards)—(Mr. Solicitor General) brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time; The Committee divided.

Tellers
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of March last, That the Old Age Pensions 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 Old Age Pensions (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (Friendly Societies) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the (Old Age) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Committee on the Colonial Loans Fund Bill; Ordered, That this House will, upon Thursday this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Deposits 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 Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificates) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Mr. Hangover presented,—Return to an Order, Post Office Return relative to Post Office (Telephone Exchanges) No. 801.

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

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

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The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Uxbridge and Rickmansworth Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Friends' Provident Institution Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday the 8th day of June next.
The Infant Orphan Asylum Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Renfrew Burgh and Harbour Extension Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 13) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Bournemouth, Bradford (Yorks), and Country (two): And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chaplin do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. T. W. Russell presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Worthing, Bradford (Yorks), and Country (two): And the same was read the first time.

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

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Patents, Designs, and Trade Marks, which was presented upon the 16th day of this instant May, be printed.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rating of Machinery Bill;

And Notice being taken at half-past Twelve that Forty Members were not present, the House was told by Mr. Speaker, and Twenty-four Members only being present, Mr. Speaker retired from the Chair until Four of the clock, when the House was again told by Mr. Speaker, and Thirty-four Members only being present, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker without a Question first put till To-morrow.

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

The Infant Orphan Asylum Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Renfrew Burgh and Harbour Extension Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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Asylum Bill (No. 13) was read the first time; and committed.

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Further amendments made by the Lords to the

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

The Infant Orphan Asylum Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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Asylum Bill (No. 13) was read the first time; and committed.
Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth :—

An Act to empower the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company to widen their existing Railways, and to purchase additional Lands, and for other purposes.

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

The London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Manchester Corporation (General Powers) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments:

An Act to confer further Powers upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Manchester for the construction of Wharfs, and the acquisition of Lands, and with respect to the regulation of Street Cries, Sale of Ice Creams, and with reference to Milk and other matters affecting the Health and good Government of the City, and to enlarge their Powers in connection with the Supply of Electricity, and for other purposes.

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

The West Highland Railway Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments:

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords ; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments ; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Bill, Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Faucit.)

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 Uxbridge and Rickmansworth Railway Bill, Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Faucit.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with a New Title, as followeth :

An Act to authorize the Uxbridge and Rickmansworth Railway Company to abandon portions of their Undertaking, and to construct a new or substituted Railway in lieu thereof, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Secretary of State under the Military Lands Act, 1892 : And that Mr. Wyndham and Mr. Penfold-Williams do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order of the Secretary of State under the Military Lands Act, 1892 : And the same was read the first time.

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

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

Ordered, That the Return relating to Public Paper Revenue (Aggregate Receipts), which was postponed upon the 17th day of this instant May, be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Minutes of the Committee of Council on Education in Scotland providing for the distribution of the Sum available for Secondary Education under Section 2 (1) (b) of the Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1899.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Table.

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Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government 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 tomorrow.

Sir Henry Fletcher reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the Provisional Order relating to Frodsham (Marryat) ought not to be confirmed; that the other Orders ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Mr. James William Lowther further reported from the Committee; That they had amended the Title, as followeth:—
A Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade, under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Aylesbury, Highpoynton, Milesfield, Wilton, Urca, Brinsford, and Westmoreland.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lowther further 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, 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 tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, 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 tomorrow.

A Bill for the incorporation of parties opposing the Airdrie and Coatbridge and Water Bill had stated that the evidence of James Cottagebridge Wilson, Chairman of the Airdrie and Coatbridge Water Company, 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 Wilson do attend the Committee upon Wednesday the 7th day of June next, at Twelve of the clock.
Ordered, That James Wilson do attend the Committee on Group J of Private Bills upon Wednesday the 7th day of June next, at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.
Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Board of Education Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Superannuation Tuesday the 30th day of this instant May, the (Metropolis) Superannuation (Metropolis) Bill was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 15th day of June next.

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 followeth:—
The Lords have agreed to a Bill, An Act for an Amendment in the Public Libraries Act (Scotland) 1899, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Tenterden Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Bridge Urban District Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Salford to reconstruct their existing and to construct additional Tramways; to make Street Improvements, and to raise additional Money by Mortgages and by the creation and issue of Stock; and to make further provision for the good Government of the Borough; 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 Loughborough to purchase the Undertaking of the Loughborough Gas Company, and to supply Gas and Electricity; to extend the Water Limits of the said Corporation, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Colonial and Foreign Banks Guarantee Fund, and to extend the powers given to such Trustees, 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 Port Talbot to construct new Railway and Docks Works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Loughborough to construct new Tramways; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Salford to construct new Railway and Docks Works, 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 Port Talbot to construct new Railway and Docks Works, 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 Salford to construct new Railway and Docks Works, 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 Loughborough to construct new Railway and Docks Works, 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 Salford to construct new Railway and Docks Works, 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 Loughborough to construct new Railway and Docks Works, 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 Salford to construct new Railway and Docks Works, 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 Loughborough to construct new Railway and Docks Works, 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 Salford to construct new Railway and Docks Works, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
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East, and the Districts of Limehouse and Whitechapel.—(Mr. Balfour.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, at the end to add the words “and Poplar.”—(Mr. Henry Samuel.)

Question, That the words “and Poplar” be there added—put, and negatived.

Words inserted. Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, col. 2, after the words last inserted, to insert the word “Neasden.”—(Captain Norton.)

Question proposed, That the word “Neasden” be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 12 of the Schedule, to leave out the words “and Wandsworth.”—(Mr. Robert Wallace, Perth.)

Question put, That the words “and Wandsworth” stand part of the Schedule;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sirs William Walrond,] Yea, [Mr. Austruther:] 118.

Tellers for the [Mr. Robert Wallace] No, [Mr. John Burns:] 54.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 15, l. 13, leave out from the words “area of” to the end of the Schedule, and insert the words “Parishes of Saint Margaret and Saint John, of Westminster, and the Parish of Saint George, Hanover Square,” the area of the Parish of Saint James, Westminster, the Parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields, and the District of the Strand Board of Works.”—(Mr. James Stuart.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] Yea, [Mr. Austruther:] 120.

Tellers for the [Mr. Robert Wallace] No, [Mr. John Burns:] 49.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, to leave out ls. 6–11, both inclusive.—(Captain Norton.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule—put, and negatived.

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, col. 2, l. 20, before the word “subject” to insert the words “subject to by-laws and regulations to be made by the County Council, and.”—(Captain Sinclair.)

Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 28, to leave out ls. 28 to 22, both inclusive.—(Captain Sinclair.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule—put, and agreed to.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 16, col. 2, l. 20, before the word “subject” to insert the words “subject to by-laws and regulations to be made by the County Council, and.”—(Captain Sinclair.)

Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 17, l. 28, to leave out ls. 28 to 22, both inclusive.—(Captain Sinclair.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule—put, and agreed to.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule 2.

Amendment proposed, in p. 16, to leave out whole Schedule 2, both inclusive.—(Captain Norton.)

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 Lovett reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday the 5th day of June next; and be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 8th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Colonial Loans Fund Bill; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday the 1st day of June next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trout Fishing Annual Close Time (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham Bill; 
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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of Wales (Graduates) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 6th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Incest (Punishment) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 15th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Amendment Bill (Rating Certificates) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Seals for Shop Assistants (England and Ireland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificates) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of June next;
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Factories and Workshops; and that Mr. Cade, Sir Charles Cameron, Mr. Pirrie, Mr. Selfe, and Mr. Colville do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Cade, accordingly presented a Bill to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Factories and Workshops; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday the 1st day of June next; and to be printed.

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

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The House met at Three of the clock.

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 are applicable, viz.:—

Widow Rate 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.:—

Dundee Gas, Street Improvements, and Tramways Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Housing of the Working Classes Provisional Order Bills.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of this instant May.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Housing of the Working Classes Provisional Order Bills.

Ordered, That 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 Northampton and Chatterton Urban District Council 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 Leith Harbour and Docks Bill be now read the third time;
Sir Charles Dible, 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 Belfast Corporation Bill, as amended in Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Cambridge University and Town 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 Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Queen's Ferry Bridge 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 South Eastern and London, Chatham and Dover Railway Companies (New Lines) Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 39, 129, and Private Bills, 220 be suspended, and that the time for depositing Petitions and Memorials against Private Bills,
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill.

The Local Government Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant May.

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 upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant May.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 8) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Wednesday the 31st day of this instant May.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Waterford and ThAMES: And that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to Isle of Thanet (Rural), Ramsgate, Broadstairs, and Thanet: And that Mr. T. W. Russell and Mr. Chalpin do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland presented a Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to Waterford and 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 Isle of Thanet (Rural), Ramsgate, Broadstairs, and Thanet: 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.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of General Report to the Department of the South Western Division for the year 1898.

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

Mr. Bradock presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Session, No. 2932 and 2994.

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

Mr. Hauay presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 2nd day of March last, for a Return relative to Inland Revenue (Prosecutions under the Game Laws) (Ireland).

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

The following Paper, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament, was laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of a Schedule containing a List and Particulars of Claims of Documents which have been removed from the Office of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and deposited in the Public Record Office, but which are not considered of sufficient value to justify their preservation therein.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill be now taken into consideration:—The bill, according to Order, was read the third time, and passed.

Resolved, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill be now taken into consideration:—The bill, according to Order, was read the third time, and passed.

Resolved, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill be now taken into consideration:—The bill, according to Order, was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing all Suspensions and Cancellations of Certificates of Masters, mates, or Engineers, under Clause 242 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, or Clause 699 of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1894, ordered by the Board of Trade since the year 1887, showing in each case (1) the nature of the Offence of which such person had been convicted, and (2) whether the Certificate was cancelled or suspended, and, if suspended, for how long.—(Mr. G. Bonar.)

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Metropolitan Water Companies Bill be now taken into consideration:—The bill, according to Order, was read the third time, and passed.

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 1899-1900, and of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of the Governor General thereon.—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

Resolved, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—The bill, according to Order, was read the third time, and passed.

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Resolved, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—The bill, according to Order, was read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the provision of Secondary Education, and for other purposes connected with Education: And that Mr. Evelyn Cecil, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Cripps, Viscount Cranborne, and Mr. Griffith-Bevan, do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Charles McArthur presented a Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, with respect to the limitation of the Liability of Shipowners: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of June next; and to be printed.

Mr. Evelyn Cecil presented a Bill for the provision of Secondary Education, and for other purposes connected with Education: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 11th day of June next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

(The Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1899-1900.

Revenue Departments.
1. £1,316,232, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Inland Revenue Department.

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2. £6,446, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners in Lunacy in England.

3. £27, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Mint, including the Expenses of Coinage.

4. £4,274, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Debt Office.

5. £14,300, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office.

6. £13,000, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Works Loan Commissioners.

7. £20,844, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c. in England.

8. £9,638, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

Resolutions to be reported.

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 arise in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1896, for Her Majesty's Foreign and other Secret Services —Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair: and Mr. Wodehouse reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be agreed to, and a Message to be prepared, and sent to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Staffordshire Stipendiary Justice South Staffordshire Stipendiary Justice Bill; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be committed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Belfast and Northern Counties 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 Bank of England Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Barton-on-Sea Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Glasgow Corporation (Gas and Water) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

Ordered, That the Judson Bank Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

The London Hospital Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Mid-Kent Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The South Hants Water Bill was read a second time; and committed.
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Water Bills
Middlesbrough
Waterford and
[Lords.]

Provisional
Orders (No. 6) Bill was, according to Order, read the
third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders
Bill was, according to Order, read the
third time, and passed.
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third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Housing of the Working Classes Pro­
visional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and
endorsed.

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

The following Papers, presented by Command
of Her Majesty during the Whitsuntide Recess,
were delivered to the Librarian of the House  of
Commons during the Recess, pursuant to the
Standing Order of the 14th August 1899.—
Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports,
Annual Series, Nos. 2265 to 2271.

Copy of Seventeenth Annual Report of the
Fishery Board for Scotland, being for the year
1898, Part II., Report on Salmon Fisheries.

Copy of Minutes of Evidence taken before the
Royal Commission on Local Taxation,
Vol. III.

Copy of Correspondence with the Colonial
Office respecting the increase in the Wine
Duties.

Copy of Correspondence with Mr. C. J.
Rhodes relating to the proposed Extension of the
Northwoodland Railway.

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

Inland Revenue
Returns under the
Customs Law
(Ireland), which was presented upon the 16th day
of this instant May, was printed.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Com-
mand, —Copy of Order made by the Light Rail­
way Commissioners, under the Light Railways
Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the
Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a
Light Railway in the County of Glamorgan and
Brecknock, between Pymoor Dulais and Mytrhy
Tydfil (Mytrhy Tydfil Light Railway Order,
1899).

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Tydfil (Mytrhy Tydfil Light Railway Order,
1899).

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

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the
directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy
of Report by the Board of Trade, in compliance
with Section 4 of the Gas and Water Works
Facilities Act, 1870, as to dispensing with the
requirements of the Commissioners for in­
dustrial Districts, for the purpose of giving
employment to off岸边 inhabitants of the
Parish of Billesdon; and also a Return compris­ing,
(1) the Reports made to No. 227. the Charity Commis­sioners, in the result of an
Inquiry into the charity of the
Harwich Harbour Com­
cern, for the period of the
year 1898; and (2) a
Digest

The following Papers were laid upon the Table:
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missioners, in the result of an
Inquiry into the charity of the
Harwich Harbour Com­
cern, for the period of the
year 1898; and (2) a
Digest

Mr. Brand with presented, by Her Majesty's Trade
Orders, to lie upon the Table.

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

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the Table.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon
the Table.
Question proposed. That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, at the end of the Clause, to add the words,—

"Provided also that the local authority for any rural district, by bye-law for any parish within their district, fix thirteen years as the minimum age for exemption from school attendance in the case of children to be employed in agriculture, and that in such parish such children over eleven and under thirteen years of age who have passed the standard fixed for partial exemption from school attendance by the bye-laws of the local authority shall not be required to attend school more than two hundred and fifty times in any year.

"Such bye-law shall have effect as a bye-law made under section seventy-four of the Elementary Education Act, 1876, and all Acts amending the same."

"The local authority shall be the local authority fixed by section seven of the Elementary Education Act, 1876."

Question proposed, That those words be there added;

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in 1. 1, to leave out the words "local authority for any rural district," in order to insert the words "county council of any county."—(Commander Bethell), instead thereof.

Question proposed. That local authority for stand part of the proposed Amendment—Amendment to the proposed Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in 1. 1, to leave out the word "rural."—(Mr. George Whiteley.)

Question. That the word "rural" stand part of the proposed Amendment—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in 3. and 4. to leave out the words "to be employed in agriculture," in order to insert the words "not employed in any factory or workshop."—(Mr. George Whiteley), instead thereof.

Question put, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Words, as amended, added.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, after the words last added, to add the words "Provided also, that if it is shown to the satisfaction of the local educational authority that the earnings of any child above the age of eleven years are necessary, by reason of the poverty of the parents, to the maintenance of the said child, the said educational authority may in such cases grant a certificate exempting such child from the operation of this Act."—(Colonel Meller.)

Question put, That those words be there added—put, and negatived.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Robson), Yeas, (Colonel Lockwood) 245.

Tellers for the (Mr. George Whiteley), Noes, (Sir William Coddington) 26.

Another Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in 1, 4. after the word "agriculture," to insert the words "or in operations connected therewith."—(Mr. Galloway.)

Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Words, as amended, added.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Fine or Imprisonment (Scotland and Ireland) Bill (re-committed) Bill.

Ordered. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had passed the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Coal Mines Regulation 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 Boards (Grants to Voluntary Schools) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Libel Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Men's Dwellings Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Courts of Criminal Appeal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Track Acts Amendment (No. 3) 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 Track Acts Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Highways and Bridges Amendment Act (1891) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the University Degrees Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 12th day of June next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of March last, was proposed to Bill, be read 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 Holy Goods Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Management Acts Amendment (Bye-laws) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Midwives Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of April last, That the Midwives 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 Parliamentary Secretaries Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Acts for Shop Assistants, Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Midwives Bill, the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of April last, That the Midwives 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 Supply Committee 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 Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means;

Ordered, Received,
### Thursday, 1st June, 1899.

**PROCEEDINGS.**

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, not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

- Islehill and Saint Leonard's Tramroads Bill.
- Bury Corporation Water Bill.
- Church Streeton Water Bill.
- Furness Railway Bill.
- Gainsborough Urban District Council (Gas) Bill.
- Great Yarmouth Water Bill.
- Humber Conservancy Bill.
- Leigh-on-Sea Urban District Council Bill.
- Langborough Corporation Bill.
- Poole and Dorset District Railway Bill.
- Put Talbot Railway and Docks Bill.
- Stafford Corporation Bill.
- Wadfield Corporation 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.:—

- Colonial and Foreign Banks Guarantee Fund Bill.
- Demesne Church (Emmanuel, West End) Bill.
- Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Finances) Bill.
- Saint Anne's Water Bill.
- Stretford Gas Bill.
- Widnes and Holyhead Harbours 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 Order (Housing of Working Classes) Bill.
- Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill.
- Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill.
- Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill.
- Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.
- Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable, viz.:—

- Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill.
- Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill.
- Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill.

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

The Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have not been complied with, viz.:—

- Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Pilotage) Bill.

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

The Belfast Corporation Bill was read the Belfast Corporation Bill.

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

The Cambridge University and Town Gas Cambridge Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordsships.

The Glenburny Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Queen's Ferry Bridge 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 Bill for the Metropolitan Gas Companies, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Water (Purchase) Bill,

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

A Motion being made, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the imposition of certain Stamp Duties upon certain Memorials under any Act of the present Session relating to the Friends' Provident Institution;

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

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

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Dean's Grange Joint Burial Board District; and that Mr. Attorney General for Ireland and Mr. Solicitor General for Ireland do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. Attorney General for Ireland accordingly presented a Bill to confer a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board for Ireland relating to the Dean's Grange Joint Burial Board District; and the Are 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.

Sir John Gorst presented, Further Return to an Order, dated the 28th day of April in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return relative to Elementary Schools (Children Working for Wages).

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

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, — Copy of Regulations for Examinations for the Civil Service of India,

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the direct-Gas Com- missions of several Acts of Parliament,—Accounts of the Metropolitan Gas Companies, for the year 1898.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Pleading pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Council of Corporation, dividing into two parts the Preston Royalty District of the County.

Copy of Special Rules with regard to the employment and employment of Persons in White Lead Factories.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the foregoing directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Proclamations giving effect to Rules of Court under the Local Act, 1877, Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services and Revenue Departments

Estimates, 1899-1900.

Revenue Departments.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 5,653,385, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Services, the Expenses of Post Office Savings Banks, and Government Annuities and Insurances, and the Collection of the Post Office Revenue.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £. 100, in respect of the Salary of the Postmaster General.—(Mr. Steadman):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Steadman,
Year.—(Mr. Ayrton) 107.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Noes. (Mr. Ayrton) 158.
Original Question again proposed.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £. 50, in respect of the Salary of the Postmaster General.—(Mr. Loydlist):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £. 570,915, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Post Office Packet Service.


4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 486,690, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department.

Motion made, and Question put, That Item B (Port Establishments) be reduced by £. 100, in respect of Salaries, &c.—(Mr. Gray):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

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5. £. 287,628, to complete the Sum for Superannuation, Retired, Compensation, and Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities awarded under sundry Statutes, for Compassionate Allowances and Gratuities awarded by the Treasury, and for the Salaries of Medical Referees.

6. £. 2,130, to complete the Sum for certain Pensions to Masters and Seamen of the Merchant Service, and to their Widows and Children.

7. £. 785, to complete the Sum for Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leech reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

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

Resolved, That this House will, Tomorrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.
Friday, 2nd 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 not previously applied to, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:—

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Reigate Urban District Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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

The South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies (New Lines) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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

The Norfolk Estuary 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 Bill, without Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London and North Western Railway (New Railways) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (For the protection of the Cheltenham and Gloucester Urban District Council) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause (For the protection of the Midland Railway Company) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Friends' Provident Institution Bill [Stamp Duties].

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the imposition of the following Stamp Duties upon certain Memorial in under any Act of the present Session relating to the Friends' Provident Institution:

For and upon the first Memorial enrolled of the names of the persons who shall be deemed held and taken to be Trustees of the Institution, or of any special fund of the Institution, the Sum of Five Pounds, and upon every other such Memorial in which the name of any person shall for the first time be inserted as a Trustee of the Institution, the Sum of Five Pounds.

—Dr. Forzacher—

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Loiother reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Derby Committee on the Derby Corporation Water Bill, the Leicester Corporation Water Bill, and the Sheffield Corporation (Dramont Valley) Water Bill, that they have power, if they think fit, to consolidate the said Bills or any part or parts thereof respectively into one or more Bills.

—Sir John Browne—

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Local Orders (No. 1) 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 (Gas) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Poor Law) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The 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.

Mr. Hoskyns presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; showing the Amount received from the Exchequer in respect of the Old and New Sinking Funds, in the Financial Year ended 31st March 1899; also of the particular application thereof, pursuant to Section 7 of the Act 38 & 39 Vic. c. 45.

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 Bankers at the 20th November 1898.
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In the House of Commons, Thursday, June 2nd, 1899.

Mr. Speaker presented the Report of the Censure Committee on the Broughty Ferry Gas and Paving 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.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Broughty Ferry Gas and Paving Order Committee on the Broughty Ferry Gas and Paving Order Bill [Lords], that they had considered the said Order, and 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 Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (Aberdare, &c.) Committee on the Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (Aberdare, &c.) 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 the City and Brixton Railway Bill with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Arbroath Arbroath Corporation Gas Bill, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Dumbarton Borough Burgh Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Keen Keen Bridge Bill, without Amendment. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Broughty Ferry Gas and Paving Order Bill [Lords], that they had considered the said Order, and 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.

The Lunacy Bill was read the first time; and the Lunacy Bill ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next, the 12th day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Mr. Balfour, at the Bar, acquainted the LordLieutenant House, that he had a Message from Her Majesty to this House, signed by Her Majesty’s own hand, and he presented the same to the House; and it was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House being uncovered), and is as follows:—

Victoria R.

Her Majesty, taking into consideration the eminent services of Major General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, C.C.M., C.B., in planning and conducting the recent Expedition into the Soudan, and being desirous, in recognition of such services, to confer upon General Sir Herbert Kitchener, Victoria R., the Sum of Thirty thousand pounds.

Balmain, 1st June 1899.

Ordered, That Her Majesty’s Most Gracious Message be referred to the Committee of Supply.

—(Mr. Balfour.)

Mr.
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 Infectious Disease (Notification) Act (1889) Extension Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Croenborough District Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of the House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to dissolve the Marriage of Charlotte Jane Jones, the Wife of Robert Colvill Jones, with the said Robert Colvill Jones, and to enable her to marry again, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to enable the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Sunderland to construct additional Town Halls and adjacent to the Borough, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Great Northern Railway Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

The Sunderland Corporation Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Great Northern Railway Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Sunderland Corporation Bill was read the first time. Ordered, That the Place of Worship (Leasehold Enfranchisement) Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 31st day of March in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs and Excise Departments.

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

Mr. Speaker acquaints the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The House, accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Trustee Savings Banks Acts; Annuities and Insurances, and the Collection of Revenue Departments. 1. That a Sum, not exceeding £132,732, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intitled, An Act to construct Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leathart 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.

Mr. Henbury reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, and ordered to be printed.

Civil Services and Revenue Departments, Estimates, 1889-1900.

Revenue Department.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,555,885, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Services, the Expenses of Post Office Savings Banks and Government Annuities and Insurances, and the Collection of the Post Office Revenue.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £570,915, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Post Office Packet Service.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,383,836, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Customs Department.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £496,660, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Medical Department.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £287,618, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries of Medical Officers.
6. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,130, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding 785/., be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances.

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

Ways and Means.

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

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

Sale of Food and Drugs BILL.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee:

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon 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.

Parish Churches (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

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.

Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of March last, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

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

Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill:

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

Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) Bill:

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

Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Bill:

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

Metropolitan Streets Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets Act (1867) Amendment Bill:

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

Relief Rent-charges (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithes Rent-charges (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 Board of Education Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Monetary Reform Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Second Reading of 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 Colonial Loan Committee on the Colonial Loans Fund Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Small House Tenancy Bill;  Second Reading of the Small House Tenancy Bill (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Schedules to the Colonial Loans Fund Bill;  Second Reading of the Schedules to the Colonial Loans Fund Bill (Ireland) Bill [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Loans Committee on the Colonial Loans Bill;  Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Bill (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Charges Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill [Lords.]

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 Charitable Loans Second Reading of the Charitable Loans Bill [Lords.]

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Municipal Reform Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 23rd day of February last. That the Bill be read a second time upon the 23rd day of February last. That the Bill be read a second time upon the 23rd day of February last. That the Bill be read a second time upon the 23rd day of February last. That the Bill be read a second time upon the 23rd day of February last. That the Bill be read a second time upon

The Order of the day being read, for the Termination Management Amendment (Repeal of Certain Acts) Bill:

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Temperance Reform Amendment Bill (Scotland) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday the 7th day of July next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Imbeciles (Training Institutions) 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 Shops (Early Closing) 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 Factories and Workshops 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 Second Reading of the Merchants (Rating Certificates) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

Monday, 5th June, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. 
Ordered, That the Bills referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 17) Bill.
Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 18) Bill.
Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 19) Bill.
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Housing of Working Classes) Bill.
Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report of the Examiners of Petitions for Order Bills. 
Ordered, That the Bills referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill.
Military Lands Provisional Order Bill.
Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time tomorrow.

A. Motion being made, That the Belfast Bill and the Northern Counties Railway Bill be now read the third time; 
Mr. James Campbell, 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 Boats 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 Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Junction Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with an Amendment; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Saint Alban's 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.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birkenhead Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the West Gloucestershire Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Woking Water and Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Dr. Farquharson reported from the Committee on the Friends' Provident Institution 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 Friends' Provident Institution:

For and upon the first Memorial enrolled of the name of any person who shall be deemed, held, and taken to be Trustees of the Institution, or of any special fund of the Institution, the sum of Five Pounds; and upon every other such Memorial in which the name of any person shall for the first time be inserted as a Trustee of the Institution, 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 Friends' Provident Institution Bill, That they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That Standing Orders 204 and 235 be suspended, and that the Dundee Gas, Street Improvements, and Tramways Bill be now read a second time.—(Dr. Farquharson) — The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 204 and 235 be suspended, and that the Wisbech Water Bill be now read a second time.—(Dr. Farquharson) — The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order (made upon the 14th day of March last) that all Petitions of County Councils under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, against the Great Southern and Western Railway Companies, Anamalgamation, Great Southern and Western Railway Bills, be presented Seven clear days before the meeting of the Select Committee on the said Bills, be referred to the Committee, and that the Petitioners praying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, or Witnesses be heard against the Bills, be suspended in the case of the Petition of the County Council of the County of Cork against the Great Southern and Western Railway Companies Anamalgamation Bill, and that the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee on the said Bills, and that the Petitioners be heard by their Counsel, Agents, or Witnesses against the said Bill.—(Mr. James F. O'Brien.)

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 Education Department Provisional Orders Confirmation (Aberdeen, &c.) 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. 16) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence between 1898; Her Majesty's Government and the Government in the Province of the Bermudas of Railway Interests in China.

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

The Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Complaint made by the Right Honourable Mr. MacNeill, Member for South Down, of the form of the Message from Her Majesty delivered to the House of Lords by the Lord Chancellor on Friday the 2nd day of this instant June, that it having been represented to this House that the Duke of Devonshire and the Lord Bishop of Liverpool had concerned themselves in the Election of a Member to the House of Commons for the County of Lancaster (Southport Division).

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, it having been represented to this House that the Duke of Devonshire and the Lord Bishop of Liverpool did severally infringe the liberties and privileges of this House by concerning themselves in the Election of a Member to represent the County of Lancaster (Southport Division) in the Commons, a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the said alleged breaches of privilege.—(Mr. James Lowther);

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the Yeas: Sir Wilfrid Lawson; 231.

Tellers for the Noes: Sir William Walrond, 86.

So it passed in the Negative.

Complaint made to the House by Mr. Swift, Privilege and Procedure, that, having been the message from Her Majesty delivered to the House of Lords by the Lord Chancellor on Friday the 2nd day of this instant June, that it having been represented to this House that the Duke of Devonshire and the Lord Bishop of Liverpool did severally infringe the liberties and privileges of this House by concerning themselves in the Election of a Member to represent the County of Lancaster (Southport Division) in the Commons, a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the said alleged breaches of privilege.—(Mr. James Lowther);

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Tellers for the Yeas: Sir Wilfrid Lawson; 231.

Tellers for the Noes: Sir William Walrond, 86.

So it passed in the Negative.

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Westminster to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Withington to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Aldershot to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Stretford to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Eccles to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Coalville to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Glastonbury to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Whitehaven to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Weston-super-Mare to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Portishead to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of All Saints to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Bournville to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Swindon to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Stratford to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Birmingham to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Westminster to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Withington to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Aldershot to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Urban District Council for the District of Stretford to work any Tramway for the time being belonging to or leased by them, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(Committee.)

Queen's Message (2nd June) read:

Motions made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £30,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to be issued to Major General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., for acknowledgment of his eminent services in planning and conducting the recent Expedition in the Sudan.

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Aiskin rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;" but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined them to put that Question —Debate resumed.

Question put;

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Tuesday, 6th June, 1899:

Tellers for the Yeas, (Mr. Aistruther; Mr. Henry Joseph Wise); 302.

Tellers for the Nays: (Mr. Scott; Mr. A. J. Cross); 51.

Resolution to be reported.

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 a Resolution.

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, upon Wednesday, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Colonial Loans Fund Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Colonial Loans Fund Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Insurers Act (1900) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Insurers Act (1898) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Trout Fishing Annual Chlorine Time (Scotland) Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trout Fishing Annual Chlorine Time (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Palatine Court of Durham Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Telegraph (Channel Islands) Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Channel Islands) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Bodies Corporate Joint Tenancy Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Land Charges Bill (Lords).

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 upon Thursday next.

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 Electric Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (Cessation) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 3rd day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraphs Second Reading of the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Board of Education Second Reading of the Board of Education Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Money-Lending Second Reading of the Money-Lending 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 9th day of March last, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday the 3rd day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Lighting (Cessation) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Trustees Savings Banks Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Holdings 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 on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificates) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Then and after the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 6th June, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Private Bills 1863.

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 Northern Railway Bill.

Sunderland Corporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Royal Assent.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Biddulph, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission for declaring Her Royal Assent to 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, as the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follows:

1. Solicitors Act, 1899.
2. Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1899.
5. Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Seasone) Act, 1899.
6. Metropolitan Police Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1899.
7. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1899.
8. Saint Andrew's Burgh Order Provisional Confirmation Act, 1899.
10. Ilford Urban District Council (Rates) Act, 1899.

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Leigh-on-Sea The Urban District Council Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Finance) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Port Talbot Railway and Docks Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Saint Neots Water Bill was, according to Order, read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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

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

Wakefield Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Wick and Pulteney Harbours Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Strood Bank Bill;

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

Great Southern and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation and Great Southern and Western Railway Bills, presented seven clear days before the meeting of the Select Committee on the said Bills referred to the Committee, and that the Petitioners proying to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, or Witnesses be heard against the Bills, be suspended in the case of the Petition of the County Council of Queen's County against the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill, and that the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee on the said Bills, and that the Petitioners be heard by their Counsel, Agent, or Witnesses against the said Bill.—Mr. James F. X. O'Brien.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Bradford, praying that provision may be made in the Bradford Tramways and Improvements Bill authorizing the Urban Districts of Baildon and Shipley, if they so elect, within three months after the passing of the said Bill into an Act, to have a Share in the representation of the regulating body to be constituted under the said Bill for the purpose of preserving improving, and regulating the use of certain Moorlands and Open Spaces existing in the said Urban Districts, was presented, and read; and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 17) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 18) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 19) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (Housing of Working Classes) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) 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 Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

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

Mr. Gerald Balfour, presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return according to Provinces and Counties of Judicial Rents fixed by Sub-Commission and Civil Bill Courts, for First and Second Statutory Terms, together with a Return prepared in a similar manner of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Irish Land Commission on Appeal, as notified during the month of November 1898; also, Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

Mr. Gerald Balfour also presented, pursuant to a Resolution of the House of Commons, the Copy of Rule made by the Intermediate Education Board, for Ireland appointing the Places at which Examinations for 1899 shall be held.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie, presented, by Her Majesty's Railway and Canals Command.—Copy of Sixth Report by the Board of Canal Traffic, including Proceedings upon Complaints made under Section Thirty of the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1894.

Ordered, That the said Paper be laid upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented,—Return voluntary Order, dated the 24th day of March last, for a Return relative to Voluntary Schools Associations, as directed by several Acts of Parliament.
Copy of Order in Council of the 19th May 1899, applying the provisions of the Colonial Probates Act, 1892, to the Colony of Queensland.

Copy of Order in Council of the 19th May 1899, authorizing an increase in the Clerical Establishment of the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and in the Salary of Mr. William Coote, Accountant and Cashier to the Commissioners.

Copy of Order in Council of the 19th May 1899, amending the Order in Council of the 28th July 1895, so as it relates to the South Eastern Circuit.

Copy of Order in Council of the 19th May 1899, authorizing the grant of a Special Gratuity to Mrs. Lynch.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Voluntary Schools Associations be printed.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of Statement exhibiting the Mental and Material Progress and Condition of India, during the year 1897-98. Thirty-fourth Number.

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

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Accession of Her Majesty Queen Victoria to the Throne, the 21st July 1893, so far as it relates to the South American States.

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

Six Henry Fletcher reported from the Committee on Group J of Private Bills; That the parties promoting the Water Bill had stated that the evidence of John Matherwell Aitken, Town Clerk, Coatbridge, was essential to their case; and that 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 Matherwell Aitken do attend the said Committee To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That John Matherwell Aitken do attend the Committee on Group J of Private Bills To-morrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 20th day of this instant June.

Six Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in the case of the Blackburn Improvement 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; and be printed.

Six Stafford Northcote reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in the case of the Darwen 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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Amendment of s. 4 of the Finance Act, 1894, restricting the exemptions thereby given to non-incumders from the principle of aggregation, and extending certain exemptions to persons taking benefits under separate dispositions) (Lord Alverstone) — 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 (Extension of special method of Valuation of Agricultural Property to other Landed Property) (Mr. Gibson Bowles) — 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.

An Amendment was proposed to be made in new Clause 3 (inserted in Committee), by inserting in line 6, after the word "enumerated," the words "and tested."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the London Government Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Extension of special method of Valuation of Agricultural Property to other Landed Property) (Mr. Moon) 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 (Proceedings in case of doubts as to transfer of Powers) (Mr. Pickersgill) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 2, by inserting, after the word "councillors" the words "And no person shall be disqualified by sex or marriage for being elected, or being an Alderman or a Councillor,"—(Mr. Courtney.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Yea, Mr. Cohen: 156.

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the [Mr. Heywood Johnstone, 196; Mr. Coll: 101.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 5 and 6, by leaving out the words "that number being divisible by three."—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

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And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Mr. Anstruther;] 245. Yeas, [Mr. Sidney Hussey.] Noes, [Mr. Steelman;] 89. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 33, by leaving out the words from the word “purpose,” to the word “make,” in l. 34.—(Mr. Sydney Hussey.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 37, by inserting, at the end of Clause 5, the words “(c) At the first election of aldermen after the passing of this Act, any six councillors may agree in nominating one person as alderman, and thereupon such person shall be declared elected as alderman, and the six councillors nominating him shall have no further part in such election; and that at every subsequent triennial election of aldermen any twelve councillors may agree in nominating one person as alderman, and thereupon each person shall be declared elected as alderman, and the twelve councillors nominating him shall have no further part in such election.”—(Mr. Courtney.)

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 37, by inserting, at the end of Clause 5, the words “(d) A person shall be qualified to be elected as alderman in any metropolitan borough who is qualified to be elected as councillor in the same or any other metropolitan borough.”—(Mr. Courtney.)

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. 6, l. 28, by leaving out the word “report” and inserting the word “submits”—(Mr. Pickersgill;—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word “report” 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. 7, l. 11, by inserting, after the word “parish,” the words “it shall be constituted a parish for the purposes of the Act, and for the making, levy, and collection of rates, and.”—(Mr. Cripps.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn. Then another Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 23, by inserting after the word “borough,” the words “wardens of every parish within their borough and of churchwardens of every parish within their borough except in so far as these relate to ecclesiastical purposes”—(Mr. James Stuart.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was passed in the Negative. Then other Amendments were made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 6, by inserting, after the word “clerk” the words “upon such date or within such period as the Local Government Board may prescribe, so that all the rates collected in a metropolitan borough from any person may be included in one demand note.”—(Mr. Pickersgill.)

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. 8, l. 33, by leaving out the words “where the whole of a poor law union is within one borough”—(Mr. Cripps.)

And the Question being proposed, That those 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. 5, l. 32, by leaving out sub-section (b) of Clause 6.—(Mr. Pickersgill.)
Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 93, at the end of Clause 17, by inserting the words—

"If, under or by virtue of the provisions of this Act, or of any Order in Council made in pursuance thereof, any parish or place maintaining its own poor shall be divided into two or more parishes or portions of parishes, such division shall not destroy the settlements which poor persons may have thereon at the date of such division, but every person who has at the date of such division a settlement in any parish or place divided as aforesaid shall be deemed to be settled in the new parish which shall contain the house or other place or places in which the settlement was acquired or derived by such person, shall have the same gained. Provided always, that no such settlement as aforesaid shall be retained if it was gained under or by virtue of a residence partly in one of the new parishes and partly in another."

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 11, l. 93, at the end of Clause 17, by inserting the words—

"If, under or by virtue of the provisions of this Act, or of any Order in Council made in pursuance thereof, any parish or place maintaining its own poor shall be divided into two or more parishes or portions of parishes, such division shall not destroy a status of irremovability acquired by virtue of a residence in the union of which the divided parish shall have formed part or consisted, but such status of irremovability shall be deemed to have been acquired in the parish which shall contain the house or other place in which the person having such status of irremovability shall be resident at the time when such division shall take place, or if he shall then be in receipt of relief in the parish which shall contain the house or other place in which he was resident at the time of becoming chargeable."—(Captain Chaloner.)

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. 10, l. 40, by inserting, after the word "borough," the words "notwithstanding the inclusion of the parish in the First Schedule to this Act."—(Mr. Beafield.)

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

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 14, by leaving out paragraph (e), of sub-section (1), of Clause 15—(Mr. James Stuart.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted—It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 30, by leaving out the words "the inhabitants of the parish," in order to insert the words "such inhabitants of the parish as shall have obeyed the rubric of the Book of Common Prayer which is printed at the end of the Order of the Administration of the Holy Communion, and which requires that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one."—(Lord Hugh Cecil.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "the inhabitants of" stand part of the Bill—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 next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen. The Question being proposed, That the words "the inhabitants of" stand part of the Bill—And a Debate arising thereupon—And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Confirmation Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 14th day of this instant June.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 8, l. 38, by inserting, after the word "unions," the words "and the town clerk shall be the clerk to each assessment committee."—(Colonel Hughes.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "or sidesman" be there inserted—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 12, l. 39, by leaving out the words "the inhabitants of the parish," in order to insert the words "such inhabitants of the parish as shall have obeyed the rubric of the Book of Common Prayer which is printed at the end of the Order of the Administration of the Holy Communion, and which requires that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one."—(Lord Hugh Cecil.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words "the inhabitants of" stand part of the Bill—And a Debate arising thereupon—And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Cases Bill:

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Report from the Committee of Supply upon the Agricultural Holdings Bill — Ordered, That the Report be received upon Thursday next.

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Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 14, by leaving out paragraph (e), of sub-section (1), of Clause 15. 

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 Agitation 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 Thursday next.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 10, l. 40, by inserting, after the word "churchwarden," the words "or sidesman."—(Mr. Tomlinson.)

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The House met at Twelve o'clock. The Speaker proceeded to take into consideration the City and Brixton Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Godalming Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the London Improvements Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Stockport Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Brighton Marine Palace and Pier Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

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

Ordered, That so much of the Standing Order, No. 91, as fixes Five as the Quorum of the Select Committee on Standing Orders, be read, and suspended.

Ordered, That, for the remainder of the Session, the Order of the House be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. John Edward Ellis.)

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

Ordered, That the Paper relative to East India (Progress and Condition), which was presented upon the 6th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of the Second Annual Report of the Trustees of the National Portrait Gallery to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, being for 1899.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, a Copy of the Treasury Minute, dated 30th May 1899, declaring that James Muzzupat, Auxiliary Postman, London, Post Office Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, a Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 23rd day of February last, for a Return relative to Public Worship Regulation and Church Disciplines.

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

Ordered, That the Coal Mines Regulation and Mines Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of July next.

Ordered, That the Factories and Workshops Regulations and Mines Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 4th day of July next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Service Franchise Bill. (In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Amendment of Law as to Service Franchise qualification).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out the words "employment," as inserted by the amendments in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out the word "he," as inserted by the amendments in p. 1, l. 6.

(Mr. M'Kenna.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes: Mr. Harry Samuel; 40.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. M'Kenna; 58.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSES, No. 2 and No. 5, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Education of Children Bill. (In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Short Title and construction).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14 and 15, to leave out the words "employment," as inserted by the amendments in p. 1, l. 14 and 15.

"Elementary Education Acts, 1870 to 1887."—(Mr. James Lowther.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause 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 to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bills for Shop Assistants (England and Ireland) Bill; for the Intoxicating Liquors (Sunday Closing) Bill; and for the Return to an Address relative to Public Worship Regulation and Church Disciplines. (In the Committee.)

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committees.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bills for Shop Assistants (England and Ireland) Bill; for the Intoxicating Liquors (Sunday Closing) Bill; and for the Return to an Address relative to Public Worship Regulation and Church Disciplines. (In the Committee.)

Ordered, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committees.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bills for Shop Assistants (England and Ireland) Bill; for the Intoxicating Liquors (Sunday Closing) Bill; and for the Return to an Address relative to Public Worship Regulation and Church Disciplines.
An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the words "That," at the end of the Question, in order to add the words "so Bill to restrict the Sale of "Intoxicating Liquors on Sunday is satisfactory unless it embodies the principle of Local Option"—(Mr. Nussey), and thereto. And the Question being proposed, the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr. Galloway).

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right:—The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas:—Tellers for the Noes:—

Mr. Galloway, 135. Mr. Tomlinson, 183.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wine and Beerhouse Acts Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. Richards moved, "That this House do now adjourn;" but Mr. Speaker, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereon to the House.

Then the House resumed the 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. Tomlinson).

And the Question being proposed, 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:—Tellers for the Noes:—

Mr. Herbert Lewis, 138. Mr. William Holdsworth, 183.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "upon this day three months" be added at the end of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Succession (Scotland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now" and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(The Lord Advocate).

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 the 21st day of this instant June.

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 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Crofters' Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Second Reading of the Workmen's House Trust Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Conservators Second Reading of the Conservators (Rating) (Rating) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Mines (Waste) Second Reading of the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill; House Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June.

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 Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Summary Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (No. 2) Bill upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Highways and Second Reading of the Highways and Bridges (Rivers Pollution) Act (1881) Amendment Bill; Amendment

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Summary Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Amendment

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (No. 2) Bill upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rivers Pollution Second Reading of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill; Prevention Bill

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Board Second Reading of the School Board Electorate Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stolen Goods Second Reading of the Stolen Goods Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Summary Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Amendment

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (No. 2) Bill upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rivers Pollution Second Reading of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill; Prevention Bill

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Workmen's Second Reading of the Workmen's House Trust Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Crofters' Second Reading of the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Mines (Waste) Second Reading of the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill; House Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June.

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 Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Summary Second Reading of the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1876) Amendment (No. 2) Bill; Amendment

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time (No. 2) Bill upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Rivers Pollution Second Reading of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill; Prevention Bill

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stolen Goods Second Reading of the Stolen Goods Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Board Second Reading of the School Board Electorate Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon the 21st day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Stolen Goods Second Reading of the Stolen Goods Bill;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday next.

Parliamentary Deposits Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Deposits Bill;

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

Instruction (Training Institutions) Bill.

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

Local Authorities' Superannuation Bill.

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

Permissive Licensing Powers (Scotland) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Permissive Licensing Powers (Scotland) Bill;

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

Factories and Workshops Amendment and Consolidation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Factories and Workshops Amendment and Consolidation Bill;

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

Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificate) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificate) Bill;

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

Supply.

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

Ways and Means.

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

Sir Robert Ponsonby-Fitzgerald reported from the Select Committee on the Great Southern and Western Railway Companies' Amalgamation and the Great Southern and Western Railway Bills that the parties promoting the Great Southern and Western Railway Companies' Amalgamation and the Great Southern and Western Railway Bills had stated that the evidence of Mr. Henry Plows, General Manager of the Great Northern Railway (Ireland), Amiens Street Terminus, 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 Mr. Henry Plows do attend the Committee To-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That Mr. Henry Plows do attend the Committee on the Great Southern and Western Railway Companies' Amalgamation and the Great Southern and Western Railway Bills Tomorrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Mr. Reddell reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 31st days of May last, and the 1st and 2nd days of this instant June, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

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

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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Thursday, 6th June, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions (Lords.) for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and previously referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz:—

Toomshill Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The West Gloucestershire Water Bill was read a third time, and passed.

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

The Woking and Gas Bill was read a 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 Dumbarton Burgh Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into considera- tion the Sheffield Corporation Markets Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Saint Neots Second Reading of the Saint Neots Water Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time Tomorrow.

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, to whom the All Saints Church (Cardiff) Bill is referred, do inquire and report as to whether Standing Order No. 3 (Notices by Advertisement) has or has not been complied with—(Mr. David Thomas)—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command, Copies of several Orders-in-Council on the Proceedings of the Charity Commissioners for England and Ireland, respecting the Claim of the South African Republic for Damages on accounts of the Jamieson Hotel.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report to the Committee of Council on Education of the Proceedings of the Charity Commissioners for England and Ireland, relative to the Education of the Children of the Workers in the Metropolis.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Men serving with the Colours in each of the Royal newly-formed Batteries or Companies of the Royal Artillery, with the Age and Length of Service of the Men.—(Mr. Arnold-Foster."

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Copy of a Despatch addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies by Sir Arthur Lynd F remedre, Governor of Malta, dated 29th December 1898, on the Political Condition of Malta; and of all recent Correspondence relative to the same.—(Mr. MacIver.)

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the Parish Councils (Tenure of Management Office) Bill be now taken into consideration. (Office Bill.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the said Amendment; which was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Mr. de Tottin Egerton reported from the Railway Bills Committee on Group 8 of Railway Bills; That, (Group 8.) for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned till Monday the 19th day of this instant June, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which Order was read, as follows:—

Resolved, That in the case of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Pilotage) Bill, the Standing Order, that Parties ought to be permitted to proceed with their Bills, be dispensed with; that the said Bill be now taken into consideration.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations a Resolution; That the parties opposing the Warrington Corporations Bill had stated that the Evidence of Mr. J. H. Pirie, Civil Engineer, of Liverpool, under the Act 39 & 40 Vic. c. 77, distinguishing Painfulness from Painful Experiments, (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 215, of Session 1898.—(Mr. Jesse Collings.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Number of Men in each Battalion, to which one or more Battalions have been added; the Return also to show the Number of Men of the First Class Army Reserve recalled to, and serving with, the Colours in each Battalion of such Regiments (in continuation of Return [C. 8757].)—(Mr. Arnold-Foster.)

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 comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners, in the Result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly within the County Borough of Bradford into Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1891, and appropriated in whole or in part for the Benefit of that City, 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 Report; III., the 15th day of May 1896, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County Boroughs, including County Borough of Bradford) ; IV., the 9th day of January 1897, for a Return comprising (1) the Report made to the Charity Commissioners, in the Result of an Inquiry held in the City of Shefield, into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the Benefit of that City, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (2) a Digest showing whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Report; V., the 8th day of April 1897, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County Boroughs, including County Borough of Sheffield) ; VI., the 29th day of July 1897, for a Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners, in the Result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly within the County Borough of Huddersfield into Endowments, subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1891, and appropriated in whole or in part for the Benefit of that Town, 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 Report; II., the 10th day of August 1894, for a Return comprising (1) the Reports made to the Charity Commissioners, in the Result of an Inquiry held in every Parish wholly or partly within the County Borough of Halifax, including County Borough of Halifax ; IV., the 8th day of February 1897, for a Return comprising (1) the Report made to the Charity Commissioners, in the Result of an Inquiry held in the City of York, into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the Benefit of that City, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (2) a Digest showing whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Report; VII., the 25th day of December 1897, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (Parish of Holywood, including County Borough of Holywood) ; IX., the 26th day of January 1898, for a Return comprising (1) the Report made to the Charity Commissioners, in the Result of an Inquiry held in the City of London, into Endowments subject to the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Acts, 1853 to 1894, and appropriated in whole or in part for the Benefit of that City, or of any part thereof, together with the Reports on those Endowments of the Commissioners for inquiring concerning Charities, 1818 to 1837; (2) a Digest showing whether any, and, if any, what such Endowments are recorded in the Books of the Charity Commissioners in the Parish; and (3) an Index, alphabetically arranged, of Names and Places mentioned in the Report; I., the 19th day of January 1898, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County Borough of Carmarthen).
not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Joseph Perry and John James Lackland do not attend the said Committee to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Ordered, That Joseph Perry and John James Lackland do not attend the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

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 provisions of the Bill, without any Amendment.

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

Lords.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the North Eastern Railway Company and the Hull, Barnsley, and Act for enabling the North Eastern Railway Company to make Joint Dock Railway and Dock Company to make Joint Dock Railway and Dock Company Bills to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

Liverpool School Board for Education in connection with the Mersey, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the North Eastern Railway Company to make Joint Dock Railway and Dock Company Bills to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the North Eastern Railway Company and the Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Railways to make Joint Dock Railway and Dock Company Bills to-morrow, at Twelve of the clock.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the Lowestoft Water and Gas Company in connection with their Water Undertaking, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer additional Powers on the North Eastern Railway Company for the construction of new Railways and other Works and the acquisition of additional Lands, and for transferring to the Company the powers of the North Holderness Light Railway Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords do communicate Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings taken upon the Second Reading of James Divorce Bill, as desired by this House, with a request that the same may be returned.

The Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Ipersand) Bill was read the first time.

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

The Lowestoft Water and Gas Bill was read the first time.

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The North Eastern Railway Bill was read the first time.

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

1899.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide against the destruction of Undersized Fish; and that Mr. Ritchie and the Lord Advocate do prepare, and bring in such Bill.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented a Bill to provide against the destruction of Undersized Fish, and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Thanks of this House be given to Major General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, for the distinguished skill and ability with which he planned and conducted the Campaign on the Nile of 1896-7-8, which culminated in the Battle of Omdurman, the Capture of Khartoum, and the Overthrow of the Power of the Khalif—(Mr. Balfour); The House divided.

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

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther; Noes, Mr. Jones O'Connor; 321. 20.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

1. Resolved, That the Thanks of this House be given to Major General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, for the distinguished skill and ability with which he planned and conducted the Campaign on the Nile of 1896-7-8, which culminated in the Battle of Omdurman, the Capture of Khartoum, and the Overthrow of the Power of the Khalif.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Thanks of this House be given to—

Major General Sir Archibald Hunter, K.C.B., D.S.O.;
Major General the Hon. Neville Gerald Jellicoe, C.B.;
Major General A. G. Wauchope, C.B., C.M.G.;
Lieutenant Colonel and Brevet Colonel C. J. Lowy, R.A.;
Major and Brevet Colonel J. G. Maxwell, D.S.O.;
Major and Brevet Colonel H. A. MacDonald, D.S.O.;
Lieutenant Colonel D. F. Lewis, C.B.;
Major and Brevet Lieutenant Colonel J. Collinson, C.B.;
Captain C. R. Kemp, C.B., D.S.O., R.N.;
and to the other Officers and Warrant Officers of the Navy, the British and Egyptian Army, and the Royal Marines, for the energy and gallantry with which they executed the services which they were called upon to perform—(Mr. Balfour); The House divided.

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

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Austruther; Noes, Mr. Jones O'Connor; 347.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

2. Resolved, That the Thanks of this House be given to—

Major General Sir Archibald Hunter, K.C.B., D.S.O.;
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The House divided.

3. Resolved, That this House doth acknowledge and highly approve the gallantry, discipline, and good conduct displayed by the Petty Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men of the Navy, the British and the Egyptian Army, and the Royal Marines during the Campaign. (Mr. Balfour.)

4. Resolved, That the Thans of this House be given to Lieutenant General Sir Francis Grenfell, C.B., D.S.O., for the support and assistance which he afforded to the forces employed in the operations in the Sudan. (Mr. Balfour.)

5. Resolved, That this House doth acknowledge, with admiration, the distinguished valour, devotion, and conduct of those other Officers and Men who have participated in the Campaign in the Sudan in the service of their Country, and feels deep sympathy with their relatives and friends. (Mr. Balfour.)

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be transmitted to Mr. Speaker to Major General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., and that he be requested to communicate the same to the several Officers and Men referred to therein. (Mr. Balfour.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 6th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made on consideration of the London Government Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And which Amendment was, in p. 12, l. 32 and 33, to leave out the words "the inhabitants of "the parish," in order to insert the words "such inhabitants of the parish as shall have obeyed that Rubric of the Book of Common Prayer which is printed at the end of the Order of Administration of the Holy Communion, and which requires that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one."—(Lord Hugh Cecil.)

And the Question being again proposed, That the words "the inhabitants of," stand part of the Bill:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, 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. 12, l. 33, by inserting, after the words last inserted, the words "who shall declare themselves bond fide members of the Church of England."—(Mr. Talbot.)

And the Question being put, That those words be proposed to be left out to the word "Lieutenant," in l. 11, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

3. Resolved, That this House doth acknowledge and highly approve the gallantry, discipline, and good conduct displayed by the Petty Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men of the Navy, the British and the Egyptian Army, and the Royal Marines during the Campaign. (Mr. Balfour.)

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The House divided.

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And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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The House divided.

3. Resolved, That this House doth acknowledge and highly approve the gallantry, discipline, and good conduct displayed by the Petty Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Men of the Navy, the British and the Egyptian Army, and the Royal Marines during the Campaign. (Mr. Balfour.)

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The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 6th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made on consideration of the London Government Bill, as amended in the Committee;

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And the Question being again proposed, That the words "the inhabitants of," stand part of the Bill:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

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And the Question being put, That those words be proposed to be left out to the word "Lieutenant," in l. 11, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.
Finance Bill.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 6th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Finance Bill, as amended in the Committee;

And which Amendment was, in p. 2, l. 27, after the word "enumerated," to insert the words "and tested"—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 27, by inserting after the word "form," the words "but does not include any county council or municipal corporation bills repayable not later than twelve months from their date, or any overdraft at the bank, or other loan raised for a merely temporary purpose for a period not exceeding twelve months."—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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 "funds," the words "of exchange or promissory notes."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

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.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by leaving out the words "for a merely temporary purpose."—(Sir Charles Cameron.)

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 "exercise by them of borrowing powers, and the duty under this section shall be paid by a local authority only once in respect of the services in planning and conducting the recent Expedition in the Sudan."—(Sir K.C.M.G., as an acknowledgment of his eminent services in planning and conducting the recent Expedition in the Sudan.)

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) 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 Charitable Loans 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 Close Time (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 Sale of Food and Drugs Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, 

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Colonial Loans Fund Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1.
Question proposed. That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill:—Debate arising;

Friday, 9th June, 1899:

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawsson 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 Parish Church Loans 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 Inhabitants Act Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Trout Fishing Second Reading of the Trout Fishing Annual Close Time (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Second Reading of the Telegraph (Channel Islands) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (Chesapeake) 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 Monday next.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee of Supply, Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That a Sum, not exceeding £30,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to be issued to Major General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., as an acknowledgment of his eminent services in planning and conducting the recent Expedition in the Sudan.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) 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 Charitable Loans 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 taking into consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
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The Order of the day being read, for the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill.

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

Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Bill;

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

Metropolitan Police Act (1867) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Police Act (1867) Amendment Bill;

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

Trinity Rent-Charge (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trinity Rent-Charge (Ireland) Bill;

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

Palatine Court of Durham Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham Bill;

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

Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Bill;

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

Land Charges Bill [Lords.]

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

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

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

Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) Bill;

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

Board of Education Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Board of Education Bill;

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

Money-Lending Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money-Lending Bill;

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

Improvement of Land Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Improvement of Land Bill;

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

Education of Children Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Education of Children Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

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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 Monday next.

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

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

Trocader's Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trocader's Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Agricultural Holdings Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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

Permissive Licensing Powers (Scotland) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Permissive Licensing Powers (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificates) Bill. The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificates) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Secretaries Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, — Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 8th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Experiments on Living Animals. Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and 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, 9th June, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report Private Bills from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Whitehaven Corporation Bill. Willesden Urban District Council (Tramways) 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 previously the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Greenacre Chapel (London) 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, no Standing Orders are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on previously the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Bradford Tramways and Improvements 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 Crowborough District Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration—Bruton and the Brompton and Pimlico Circus Railways Joint Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Jones' Divorce Bill was read a second time; Jones' Divorce and committed.

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

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Board of Command, —Copy of Report, by the Labour Department of the Board of Trade, on the Money Wages of Indoor Domestic Servants. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the direction of the Committee, —Copy of Twenty—fourth Report.

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

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Mr. Rodrick, presented by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Withdrawal of Montenegro from the International Union for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.

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

Arundel Fort.
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 the Annual Report and General Account of the Commissioners of Arundel Fort, for the Period from 25th March 1898 to 25th March 1899.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Warrant for a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Burgh of Edinborough (South Division), in the room of Robert Orr, Esquire, deceased.—(Sir William Walrond.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorizing the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any remuneration, allowances, and expenses that may become payable under any Act of the present Session to provide for improving and extending the Procedure for obtaining Parliament Powers by way of Provisional Orders in matters relating to Scotland—(Sir William Walrond):

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

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the extent to which, and the manner in which, Local Authorities in England, Wales, and Ireland have applied, or are applying, Funds to the purposes of Technical Education (including Science, Art, Technical and Manual Instruction) during the years 1897-98 and 1898-99, under the following Acts: Local Taxation (Customs and Excises) Act, 1890; Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891; Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889; and Public Libraries and Museums Acts.—(Sir John Geraghty.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Accounts, as they are respectively made up, of the Metropolitan Water Companies and of the sewerage Reservoirs Joint Committee, at the 30th day of September and the 31st day of December 1898 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 346, of Session 1898).

—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

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 Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed, and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the 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 Local Government Committee on the Local Government Provisional Order (Housing of Working Classes) 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.

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Mr. James William Lowther reported the Hastings and Saint Leonards Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Stockton and Middlesbrough Water Bill, without Amendment.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Derby Corporation Tramways, Pier, and Fisheries Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Friends' Provident Institution Bill, that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 7) Bill; that they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, 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.

Sir John Brunner reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills, that, for the convenience of the Parties, the Committee had adjourned till Wednesday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Parties appearing before the Select Committee on the Great Southern and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation and the Great Southern and Western Railway Bills have leave to print the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Committee day by day from the Clerk's Copy, if they think fit.—(Sir Robert Penrose, Filek-Gerald.)

Ordered, That the Education (School Attendance) (Scotland) Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Bill, to extend their Tramways, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill was read the first time.

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

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

Civil Services and Revenue Department Estimates, 1899-1900. Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £49,482, be granted to...
Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- All Saints Church (Cardiff) Bill.
- Lowestoft Water and Gas Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

The Birkenhead Corporation Bill was read the Birkenhead third time, and passed, with Amendments, and with a new Title, as follows:

An Act to confer further Powers on the Corporation of the County Borough of Birkenhead, in relation to Tramways, and for other purposes.

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 City and Brixton 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 Dumbarton Burgh 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 Improvements 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.

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

The Sheffield Corporation Markets Bill was now read the third time;

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

The Stockport Corporation Bill was read the Stockport 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 Blackpool Improvement Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Dublin Corporation Bill, as Dublin amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Glasgow Corporation Telephones Bill;

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

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

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The House of the Working Classes Provisional Order (Barnswootneys) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Order (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.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 8) 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 Fire and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) (No. 3) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) (No. 4) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 30) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

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The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Pilotage) 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.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Special Reports by the Board of Trade under Section (1) of the Electric Lighting Act, 1888:
(1.) City of London Electric Lighting.
(2.) Gateshead Electric Lighting.
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 ended 31st December 1898.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Local Government (Scotland) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant June.

Ordered, That the Tynedale (Scotland) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 22nd day of this instant June.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Revenues drawn from the Crown Rights in the Channel Islands in each year during the last five years, distinguishing for each Island separately the Amounts received from Tithes, from Fines on Transfer of Property, from Sequestrated Dues, and from other sources; and stating the Cost of Collection, the several Payments made for Local Purposes, and the Net Amount paid into the Exchequer.—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

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 Farnley Tye Marriage Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to constitute the Divisions of Lincolnshire and separate Counties for all the purposes of the Corners Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) (Exemptions).

(Motion made, and Question proposed, That the motion is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of any remuneration, allowances, and expenses that may become payable under any Act of the present Session to provide for improving and extending the Procedure for obtaining Parliamentary Powers by way of Provisional Orders in matters relating to Scotland.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "remuneration."—(Mr. Thomas Shaw.) Question proposed. That the word "remunera
tion" stand part of the Question.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.
Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament,
The Order of the day being read, for the Bill. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that the Committee had come to a Resolution. The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yes, [Mr. Asquith]: 146. Tellers for the [Captain Sinclair], Noes, [Mr. Dillon]: 56.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 12, to leave out the words "a Provisional" in order to insert the word "an."—(Mr. Parker Smith), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words "a Provisional" stand part of the Clause.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 21, after the word "advertisement," to insert the words "in at least two newspapers circulating in the locality interested,"—(Mr. Dulcie), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 25, to leave out the word "proceeded," and add the words "required by Standing Orders"—(Mr. Caldwell), instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "prescribed" stand part of the Clause;

Tellers for the [Mr. Caldwell]: 175. Tellers for the [Mr. Asquith]: 62.

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Representation that procedure should be by Private Bill).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, after the word "of Parliament."—(Mr. Cripps), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 2, to leave out the words "of Parliament," and add the words "Manner provided by Standing Orders shall be appointed at the beginning of each Session in manner provided by Standing Orders"—(Mr. Clark).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the word "shall," in order to insert the word "may."—(Mr. Parker Smith), instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "shall" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yes, [Mr. Asquith]: 150. Tellers for the [Mr. Parker Smith], Noes, [Mr. Asquith]: 80.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 11, to leave out from the word "by" to the end of the Clause, in order to add the words "Private Bill, according to the existing practice of Parliament, unless and until there is opposition to the Bill, in which case only the procedure established by this Act shall apply"—(Mr. Edward Robertson), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted to the words "a Provisional," in l. 12, stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Veto. 154.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Undersized Fish Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (Class A) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electric Lighting (Class A) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Lunacy Bill (Lords).

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

Licensing (Homes of Parliament) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill he now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Inebriates Act (1894) Amendment Bill; (clauses) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Act (1894) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Telegraph (Clausal Resolutions) Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Clausal Resolutions) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon 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 Tuesday next.

Sale of Food and Drugs Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Metropolitan General Act (1897) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets Act (1897) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Palatine Court of Durham Bill (Lords).

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham 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 Bodies Corporate (Joint or Personal Tenancy) 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 Board of Education (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 Improvement of Land Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Supply; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 the Second Reading of the Coroner's Inquests (Railway Fatalities) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 27th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for the Merchant Shipping (Limitation of 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 Bodies Corporate (Joint or Personal Tenancy) 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 University Degrees 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 Conferences (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 Shops (Early Closing) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen (Training Institutions) 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 National Monuments in Churches 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 Brompton 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 Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection 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 Limitations 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 Tavener's Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (School Attendance) Bill in Scotland;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

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

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law (Rating Certificates) 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 Permissive Licensing Powers (Scotland) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant June.

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The Yeas to the Right; 

The Yeas to the Left. 

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to Tellers for the; Mr. Secretary 

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into con- 

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order for the consideration of the Bill, as amended, be deferred till Thursday next. (Mr. E. P. Harrison) ; 

The House divided. The Noes to the Left. 

The Yeas to the Right; 

The Noes to the Left. 

Tellers for the Mr. Passey; 

Tellers for the Mr. Onslow, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative. 

Ordered, That, the Bill be read the third time. 

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into 

Several Public Petitions were presented, and 

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

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Army (Special Command,—Copy of Return, for the year ended 31st March 1899, of Pensions specially granted under Articles 726, 1170, and 1207 of the Army Pay Warrant. 

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

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her South Africa. 

Majesty's Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the Complaints of British Subjects in the South African Republic. 

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

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Explosives, by Her Majesty's Inspector of Explosives, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, on the circumstances attending an explosion of carb-gelatine in course of manufacture, which occurred at the Factory of the Cotton Powder Company, at Dudley Marshes, near Wolverhampton, on the 2nd May 1899. 

Copy of Report by Colonel A. Ford, C.B., Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives, to the (Police Station, 

Birmingham.) 

Copy of Report by Major A. Cooper-Key, L.A., Explosions and Mines, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules, made with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Home Department, for the Domestic Management of the
the certified Inebriate Reformatory at Harfield, in the County of Gloucester.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Merchant Shipping Provisional Orders, No. 217.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Table showing the Progress of British Mercantile Marine during 1896.
Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders, No. 218.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposed Order included in the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 20) Bill.
Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Easburgh Burgh (East Division) 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 Edinburgh (East Division), in the room of Robert Wallace, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr. Herbert Gladstone.)

Companies (Winding-up).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Names of all the Companies registered in England which were ordered to be wound up by the Court, or which passed Resolutions for winding-up voluntarily, during the year 1896, showing the Names and Addresses of the Liquidators, and giving the following particulars, 1st (1) the Amount of Paid-up Capital, distinguishing the Amount paid up in Cash and the Amount issued as paid up otherwise than in Cash; (2) the estimated Amount of probable Loss arising on each of the above-named Classes of Shares respectively; (3) the estimated Amount of probable Loss to unsecured or partially-secured Creditors; (4) the Names of Companies going into Liquidation during the year 1896 on which no Losses to Shareholders or Creditors are estimated as probable.—(Mr. Charles Morley.)

Bankruptcy Act (1889) Amendment Bill.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Thursday next, the Bankruptcy Act (1889) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 1st day of this instant June.
Ordered, That the University of Wales (Graduates) Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June.
Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution which was read, as followeth:
That, in the case of the Bradford Tramways and Improvement Bill, Proposition 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 Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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 Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the West Highland Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Electric Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Board of Trade under the Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 and 1888, relating to Clusters, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 and 1888, relating to East Retford, (Nos. 14 and 15) Bill, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Universal Mortgage, Loan, and Finance Company Bill, 1896, relating to Transvaal Mortgage, Loan, and Finance Company, Limited, to arrange with the Holders of their Founders' Shares, for subdividing Shares, and creating certain Preferences, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Order Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 9) Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and the Title of the Bill be printed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill was read the first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills; and the Title of the Bill be printed.

The Transvaal Mortgage, Loan, and Finance Transvaal Mortgage, Loan, and Finance 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 Drainage Bill to enable Local Authorities to deal separately with the Sewage and Drainage of their Districts: And that Mr. Stephens, Sir John Lubbock, Sir Walter Foster, Sir William Pierpont, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Bigwood, Mr. Cripps, Mr. Lawren Walton, Dr. Arbuckle, and Mr. Heyward Jones do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Registration Bill to amend the Law regarding the Registration of Electors in England: And that Mr. Robert Grant Webster, Sir Edward Gourley, Major Rasch, Mr. Vanhoux Dunse, and Mr. Pierpoint do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Stephens presented a Bill to enable Local Drainage Authorities to deal separately with the Sewage and Drainage of their Districts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 21st day of this instant June; and to be printed.

Mr. Robert Grant Webster presented a Bill to Registration of Electors in England: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the third day of July next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lords' Third Reading of the London Government Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;
The House met at Twelve of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ilford Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

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

Notice being taken that Forty Members were not present:—The House was told by Mr. Speaker; and Forty Members not being present, and it being then after Four of the clock:—The House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, at Eight of the clock, without a Question first put, till To­morrow.

Wednesday, 14th June, 1899.

PRAYERS.

T he House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Lowestoft Urban District Gas Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordsships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Fifold Provident Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lowestoft Promenade Pier Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Mid-Kent Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Skipton Urban District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Skipton Urban District Gas Bill was read a second time; and committed.

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

The Greatmore Chapel (London) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Moss Side Urban District Council (Tramways) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Stretford Urban District Council (Tramways) Bill was read a second time; and committed.
to move that the said William Jeffery do attend the said Committee this day.

Ordered, That William Jeffery do attend the Committee on Group B of Private Bills this day.

Ordered, That the Leasehold Enfranchisement (England and Wales) (No. 2) Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Leicestershire Coopers Bill 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 Third Reading of the Education of Children 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. Seton-Kerr.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon:

Mr. Dasey 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 its debate.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Service Franchise Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Application of Orders, No. under Registration Acts)—(Sir Charles Dilke); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir John Blundell Maple],

Noes, [Mr. Scott];

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the further proceeding on consideration of the Bill, as amended, be adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Ecclesiastical Assessments (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Amendment (Ireland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Management Act Amendment (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 Sea Fisheries Regulation (Scotland) Act (1893) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 5th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Libel Law Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of this instant June.

The Order of the day being read, for re-Issuing the adjourned Debate on the Question:—That the Intoxicating Liquors (Sunday Closing) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 28th day of this instant June.

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 28th day of this instant June.

And it being after half-past Five of the clock, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the reading of the Business.

Whereupon Sir John Blundell Maple 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 John Blundell Maple],

Yea., [Mr. Jonathan Samuel];

Noes, [Mr. Scott];

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the House do sit again on Wednesday the 28th day of the month next, at Six of the clock.

And it being Six of the clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, pursuant to the Standing Order, without Question put, till To-morrow.
Thursday, 15th June, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with,viz.:

Cloth Navigation 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 Orders applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Fishery Board.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments contained 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 Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from Her Majesty's Government, dated the 9th May, the Committee had considered the Clauses of the Bill authorising the enclosure of the moor to the Corporation or to a joint board, to certain limited areas to be reserved for special purposes should be allowed.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments introduced in pursuance of the Resolution of the Standing Orders Committee of the 12th day of June 1899, the Committee have inserted the necessary Clauses to carry their decision into effect.

Mr. Molloy 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.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to give effect to a compromise of opposing Claims affecting certain Estates of the late Sir James Cockburn, 7th Baronet, deceased, situate in the Counties of Hambleton, Cardigan, and Carmarthen, and in the City and County of London; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill was read the first time.

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

The Buenos Ayres and Pacific Railway Company Bill was read the first time.

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

The York Estate Bill was read the first time.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to the Queen, praying that she will be pleased to disallow the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill.

The Yeas to the Right; Noes, 

Yeas, 1 Mr. Anstruther; 293. Noes, 

The Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; was taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the adjourned Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 22nd day of March last, That the adjourned Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant June, That the Bill be now read a second time; 

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

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any remuneration, allowances, and expenses that may become payable under any Act of the present Session to provide for improving and extending the Procedure for obtaining Parliamentary Powers by way of Provisional Orders in matters relating to Scotland.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the further Proceeding on consideration of the Service Franchise Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the further Proceeding be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Liability of Shipowners) 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 Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificates) 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 Franchise Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the further Proceeding on consideration of the Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the further Proceeding on consideration of the Buildings Bill.

Ordered, That the further Proceeding be resumed upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Superannuation (Metro-politan Police) 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 Shops (Early Closing) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the further Proceeding on consideration of the River Protection Bill.

Ordered, That the second Time be read upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection 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 Shops 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 Agricultural Holdings Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificates) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
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Orderd, That there shall be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum respecting the method adopted in determining the Amounts of Poor Rate and County Cess to be taken as having been raised during the Standard Financial Year under Section Forty-nine of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1888.

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented the said Paper.

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

Mr. James William Lowther informed the House that the Committee on Group 8 of Railway and Tramway Bills having adjourned, the parties promoting the Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways Bill, which was comprised in the Group, had appeared before him, and proved that the evidence of Robert Cook, of 9, Orange-Field Place, Greenock, John Daniel Clink, of 33, Octavia Terrace, Greenock, John Cameron, of 46, Linnaei Street, Greenock, Daniel M'Arthur Erskine, of Linnaei Green, Greenock, and Hugh M'Master, of Port Glasgow, was essential to their case; and that their attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House.

Ordered, That Robert Cook, John Daniel Clink, John Cameron, Daniel M'Arthur Erskine, and Hugh M'Master do attend the Committee on Group 8 of Railway and Tramway Bills upon Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the Clock.

Mr. James William Lowther.

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 Order relating to Twickenham was not proceeded with, but the remaining Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Mr. James William Lowther further reported from the Committee: That they had amended the Title as followeth:

A Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill amended of the Local Government Board relating to Brentford, Bromley (Kent), Chelmsford, Heston and Isleworth, Ongar (Rural), Reigate (Rural), and Weyford (Rural).

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 Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, 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 Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.
Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the 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 Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the portions referring to running powers over portions of railways of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company and to working agreements with that Company, which had been withdrawn by the Promoters, and had found the Preamble, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther further reported from the Committee; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same by striking out the portions referring to running powers over portions of railways of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company and to working agreements with that Company, which had been withdrawn by the Promoters, and had found the Preamble, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Inverness Harbour Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Waverley Water Bill, without Amendment.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Barton-on-the-Sea Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Colonial and Foreign Banks Guarantee Fund Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Glasgow Corporation (Gas and Water) Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Gainsborough Urban District Council Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Dundee Gas, Street Improvements, and Tramways 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 Lanarkshire (Middle Ward) District) 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 thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill, with Amendments.

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

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 13) Bill, that they had considered the said Order therein contained; that the said Order ought not to be confirmed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
Worcestershire. 

Colonel Gunter reported the Worcestershire County Council Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. Solicitor General reported from the Select Committee on Divorce Bills; That they had examined the allegations of Jones's Divorce Bill, as to the Marriage of the Parties, the Adultery charged as the ground for dissolving the Marriage, the sentence of Divorce, a woman of age, in the Probate and Matrimonial Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland; and, upon evidence satisfactory to the Committee, had found the same and the other allegations to be true; and saw no reason to suspect collusion between the Parties; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Sir John Brunner reported from the Committee on Group B of Private Bills; That, in the case of the Derby Corporation Water Bill, the Leicester Corporation Water Bill, and the Sheffield Corporation (Derwent Valley) Water Bill; they had, pursuant to the Instruction of the House of the 2nd day of this instant June, consolidated the said Bills into one Bill; "To authorise the construction of Works for impounding and distributing the Waters of the River Derwent and Ashby and their Tributaries, and to constitute a Joint Board, representative of the Corporations of Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, and Sheffield, and of the County Council of Derbyshire, for the purposes of such construction, and to confer further Powers in relation to the supply of Water on the said Corporations and the County Council, and for other purposes."

Sir John Brunner further reported from the Committee; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preambles of the three Bills, and consolidated these Preambles, and amended the same so as to make them consistent with the provisions of the consolidated Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the Preambles, so consolidated and 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 Mr. Solicitor General, to request the House to assent to the Finance Bill, so amended as to make them consistent with the provisions of the consolidated Bill (Scotland); and that the Message had been referred to the Select Committee on Finance Bills, and the Select Committee had reported from the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Vote do lie upon the Table.

Lymington; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Shop Hours Bill to amend the Shop Hours Act, 1892; and the Act (1892) be amended so as to render the provision of Shops and Houses of Westminster also applicable to the House of Commons; and that Mr. Harmsworth be Committee on this Bill.

Mr. Sandham accordingly presented a Bill to the House, to make certain Amendments in the Shop Hours Act, 1892; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Order, That Mr. Alfred Thomas be the Fire Brigades Committee on Fire Brigades.

Ordered, That Mr. William Jones be added to the Committee.—(Mr. Munro Ferguson.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into Supply Committee;

Civil Services and Revenue Departments Estimates, 1899-1900.

Class IV.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum not exceeding £ 701,881, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete 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.

Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 704,211, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Charles Cameron);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Noes, —[Mr. Colville] —46,


Original Question again proposed.—Debate arising:

Saturday, 17th June, 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 Leatham acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

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

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

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

Vice-Chairman and the Members 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 School Board Education Holdings Bill (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Holdings Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday 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, 19th June, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

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 York, West Riding (Osgoldcross Division), in the room of Sir John Austin, Baronet, who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Children. Hundreds of Stade, Driffield, and Beningbrough, in the County of Yorkshire.—(Mr. William M'Arthur.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords; and acquiesced, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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.:—

Buenos Ayres and Pacific Railway Company Bill.

Transvaal Mortgage, Loan, and Finance Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:—

Yorkshire Estate 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 not been complied with, viz.:—

Yorkshire, West Riding (Osgoldcross Division) 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 not been complied with, viz.:—


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

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (Pension) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the 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 Aberdeen Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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

The Skipton Urban District 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 Godalming Corporation Water Bill was Godalming Corporation Water Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The Mid-Kent Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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The Great Grimsby Docks and Harbour Board (Philips) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That 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 Lisburn 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.

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The Mid-Kent Gas Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Aberdeen Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. And Amendments were made to the Bill.

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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.
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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 Henry Fletcher reported the Bristol Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

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 Rifle Ranges which have been closed to the firing of Full-bore Ammunition since the issue of the Law-Meaford Rifle, and of new Ranges approved during the same period.—(Mr. Frederick Wilson.)

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 Birkenhead Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to AWON (Hants) Gas, Hadsworth Gas, Elstree and Boreham Wood Gas, Lowbury Gas, and Wellesborough Gas; 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 Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Bortham and District Water, Harpenden Water, Maidstone Water, Stourbridge Water, and Tilbury, Penge, Coulsdon, and District Water; 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 Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Herne Bay Gas, Hayle and West Kirby Gas and Water, Tonbridge Gas, and York Town and Blackwater Gas; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for conferring Powers upon the Trustees of the Will of the late James Hood Brooke to acquire Gwyn's Grounds, Londonderry, and endow them as a Public Park, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm the Consents of the Trustees of the Will of the late James Hood Brooke to lay out the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Gwyn's Grounds, Londonderry, and to endow them as a Public Park, and to carry out the provisions of the Will as amended by the Board of Trade.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Birkenhead Corporation, without any Amendment.

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The House divided.

Noes, Mr. Scott, 119.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the (Mr. William Walrond,)

Yea, 220.

Tellers for the (Mr. Scott,)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 2 (Representation that procedure should be by Private Bill).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 12, after the word "Commons," to insert the words "and two Members of each House of Parliament."—(Mr. Moulton.)

Question, That the words "or mainly" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, after the word "Scotland," to insert the words "or effect a change in the general law."—(Dr. Clark.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted.

Debate resumed.

The Question again proposed, That those words be there inserted—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, to leave out the words "or mainly."—(Mr. Moulton.)

Question, That the words "or mainly" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 13, after the word "Scotland," to insert the words "or effect a change in the general law."—(Mr. Parker Smith.)

Question, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Another Amendment made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 26, to leave out from the word "Parliament" to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. O'Keefe.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Cameron,

Yea, 206.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond,

Noes, 72.

The Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Scott,

Yea, 306.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,

Noes, 72.

The Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Scott,

Yea, 306.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,

Noes, 72.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause, No. 3 (When inquiry by Commissioners to be directed).

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 31, to leave out from the word "and" to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. Orsage.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Scott,

Yea, 206.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,

Noes, 72.

The Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Mr. Scott,

Yea, 306.

Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther,

Noes, 72.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 37, to leave out from the word "shall" to the word "direct," in l. 39.—(Mr. Thomas Shaw.)

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. 19, to leave out the words "Commissioners" in order to insert the words "a Joint Committee of the two Houses of Parliament,"—(Mr. Clerm.,) instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "Commissioners" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 4 (Formation of Commissioners' Panel).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 13, to leave out the words "a panel," and insert the words "panels,"—(Sir Charles Cameron),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words "a panel" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond),—(Mr. Austruther): Yeas, 135.

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Cameron),—(Mr. Caldwell): Noses, 40.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 15, to leave out the words "The Chairman acting jointly with the Secretary for Scotland,"—(Mr. Caldwell).

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. 3, l. 19, after the word "shall," to insert the words "if they consider it necessary,"—(Sir Charles Cameron).

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 20, to leave out the words "twenty-five," in order to insert the word "ten,"—(Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words "twenty-five" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments made.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 22, to leave out the word "five," in order to insert the word "two,"—(Mr. Thomas Shaw),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "five" stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond),—(Mr. Austruther): Yeas, 149.

Tellers for the (Sir John Leng),—(Mr. Caldwell): Noses, 69.

Other Amendments made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 5 (Appointment of Commissioners).

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 31, to leave out all the words from the beginning of the Clause to the word "shall," in order to insert the words "Secretary for Scotland acting jointly with the Chairman," in order to insert the words "Committees of Selection of the Houses of Lords and Commons respectively"—(Sir Charles Cameron),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Cameron),—(Mr. Caldwell): Yeas, 107.

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Cameron),—(Mr. Austruther): Noses, 82.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 33, to leave out the word "three Members," in order to insert the words "three Members acting jointly as Commissioners,"—(Mr. Austruther),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Cameron),—(Mr. Austruther): Yeas, 97.

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Cameron),—(Mr. Caldwell): Noses, 92.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 34, to leave out the word "one," in order to insert the words "one or more Members of each House of Parliament," in order to insert the words "such Members or Member willing to serve being persons or a person whose names are on the panel,"—(The Lord Advocate),—instead thereof.

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 Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Board of Education Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Improvement of Land Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Channel Islands) 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 Board of Education Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Re-amending the Alpine Sports Act (1898) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection 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 Limitations Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Deposits 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 Merchant Seamen Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Highways and Bridges Act (1891) 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 Shops (Early Closing) 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 Conferences (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the issue out of the Consolidated Fund of such Sums as may be required for the purpose of Military Works and Services—[Mr. Woodhouse]:
Sir William Walrond, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment (No. 2) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of this instant June.

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Military Lands 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 Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 20) 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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order for the committal of the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill be committed to the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills—(Mr. Lloyd-George)—

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the Yeas—Mr. Lloyd-George; Mr. Carved Williams.

Tellers for the Noes—Colonel Meller.

So it was passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Walker and Wallamet Union Gas (Electric Lighting) Bill, Standing Order 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be read now read the third time—(Dr. Farrer)—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 Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 16) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 2) Bill.
Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill. [Provisional Orders confirmed.]

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) 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 and noted in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

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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 London, Westminster, and Epping Forest Railway (No. 2) Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the London, Westminster, and Epping Forest Railway (No. 2) 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 thereof.

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.

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Mr. Alexander Hargreaves Brown reported from the Committee on the London County Council (General Powers) (amended) Bill; that they had considered the Reference to them by the House of the 13th June, and had agreed to the following Report:-

Clause 10 (Acquisition of Site of Spitalfields Market by agreement). The Committee have inserted in that Clause a proviso to the effect that the London County Council shall not under the powers contained in the Bill purchase the freehold interest in certain lands in the Parish of Christchurch, Spitalfields, and the Corporation of the City of London.

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 1886, relating to Hoywood, Longton, Ludlow, Mirfield, Newcastle-under-Lyme, and Rawtenstall; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to declare further powers on the Caledonian Railway Company in relation to their undertaking; to authorise them to devise certain railways of the North British Railway Company and the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Company at Stirling; to empower the Callander and Oban and Lochardil, Saint Fillans, and Comrie Railway Companies to widen and deviate portions of their railways; to enable the Caledonian Railway Company to subscribe to the undertaking of the last-named 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 Caledonian Railway Company and the Great North of Scotland Railway Company to alter and enlarge their Aberdeen Bill (Lords); 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 South Staffordshire Tramways Company, with respect to the leasing of Tramways, 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; and be printed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill was read the first time.

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

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill was read the first time.

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

The Caledonian Railway (General Powers) Bill was read the first time.

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

The Aberdeen Joint Passenger Station Bill was read the first time.

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

The South Staffordshire Tramways Bill was read the first time.

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

Ordered, That the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 16th 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 28th day of this instant June.

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The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant June.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 28th day of this instant June.

Ordered, That the Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Education (School Attendance) (Scotland) Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 3rd day of July next.

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The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill,

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A Clause (Buildings and objects of historical interest) — (Mr. Bryce) — brought up, and read the first and second time, amended, and added. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Pedder reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.

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

The Electric Lighting (Chains) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) Bill; And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;—And a Debate arising thereupon; And it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

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Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

Palatine Court of Durham Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.
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And, it being after Midnight, and Objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Baths and Washhouses 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 Metropolis Management Acts Amendment ( Bye-laws) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolis Management Acts Amendment ( Bye-laws) 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 Roman Catholic Disabilities Removal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen ( Rating Certificates) Bill;

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

Mr. Hanbury presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 20th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to County Court Officers in Ireland ( Clerical Assistance). Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

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

Wednesday, 21st June, 1899.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Wishaw Water Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Colonial and Foreign Banks (Rating Certificates) Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Colonial and Foreign Banks Guarantee Fund Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Inverness Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Clyde Navigation Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government ( Ireland) Provisional Orders (Housing of Working Classes) (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (6th) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.
Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time :—The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;—(Mr. Balfour);—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Bill;

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

Supply.

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

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, 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.

Improvement of Land Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Improvement of Land Bill;

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

Telegraph (Channel Islands) Bill;

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Channel Islands) Bill;

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

Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time :—And a Debate arising thereupon; And it being half an hour after Five of the clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed To-morrow.

Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificates) Bill ;

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

Service Franchise Bill.

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 Wednesday the 6th day of July next.

Electoral Act (1898) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Electoral Assessments (Scotland) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday the 12th day of July next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 12th day of July next.

Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the University of Wales (Graduates) 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 Merchant Shipowners (Limitation of Liability) Bill;—(Mr. Sadleir);

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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 Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificates) Bill ;—(Mr. Sadleir);

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 Factories and Workshops (Rating Certificates) Bill ;—(Mr. Sadleir);

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.
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THE House sat 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.:

Order.—Oystermouth Railway or Tramroad Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

A Motion being made, That the Aberdeen Corporation 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 report of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do that 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 All Saints Church (Cardiff) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (Gas) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed. Ordered.—That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

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Ordered.—That the Bill do be read the third time to-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and printed.

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 1899, during the past year. Ordered.—That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, 58th Day of the Session, relative to the Army (Militia); and of the Office of the Lord Advocate, relative to the Army (Militia), relative to the Office of the Lord Advocate, as respects the Office of the Lord Advocate, 58th Day of the Session, 1899.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command, the Visitum of Her Majesty to Montrose, dated the 8th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Army (Length of Service and Ages of Men in each Unit). Return to an Address to Her Majesty, 58th Day of the Session, relative to the Army (Length of Service and Ages of Men in each Unit), dated 8th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to the Army (Length of Service and Ages of Men in each Unit). Ordered.—That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and printed.

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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relating to Education (Fees for Pauper Children) be printed.

Mr. Gaskell, presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Report of List of Exceptions to the Queen's Regulations as to Pay, Non-Effective Pay, and Allowances sanctioned by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, pursuant to the Order in Council, dated at Greenwich, the 30th December 1888, during the year 1888–99.

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

Mr. Brodrick, presented, by Her Majesty's Command, a Copy of Despatch from Her Majesty's Agent and Consul General at Cairo, enclosing a Report of the Astronomer Royal to Greenwich, read at the Annual Visitations of the Royal Observatory, June 1899.

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

Sir William Holdsworth reported from the Committee on Group L of Private Bills; That, the parties opposing the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill had stated that the evidence of Frederick Steevens, Acting Town Clerk of Bradford, was essential to their case; and, having been proved that his attendance could not be procured without the intervention of the House, he had been instructed to move that the said Frederick Steevens do attend the said Committee upon Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and do produce all correspondence between him and the Local Government Board, or any inspector or officer of that Board, since the local inquiry held in the month of March last before an inspector of the said Board, in the case of the Bradford (Yorkshire) Sewage Lands Order proposed to be confirmed by the Bill, and especially all letters relating or referring to an amendment of the Schedule to the said Order of the Lands with reference to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement.

Ordered, That Frederick Steevens do attend the Committee on Group L of Private Bills upon Monday next, at half-past Eleven of the clock, and produce the said documents.

Sir Stafford Northcote further reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; That, in the case of the Warrington 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 thereunto.

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 Largs Harbour Company 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 thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report and Special Report Vide Supplement do lie upon the Table, and be printed.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on Monetaries on the Money Water Bill; That they had Water Bill, examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from this House to the Friends' Provident Institution Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Friends' Provident Institution Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Shipboa Urban District Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Tramways Construction Act, 1870, relating to Aberdeen Corporation Tramways, Gladstone Railway Company, Heavy Horse Tramways, Mootoh Urban District Tramways, Perth and District Tramways, and Reading Corporation Tramways, 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; for vesting in them the Undertakings of the Large Harbour Company and the Edinburgh and Troon Railway Company; for making provision with reference to the election of Railway Company of certain of their Tramways, and to work the same by mechanical power, and for other purposes; to which this Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Walsington Tramways Company, Limited, to alter the Gauge of certain of their Tramways, and to work the same by mechanical power, 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 Constitution of the Owens College, Manchester; for conferring further Powers on the President and Governors, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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 be printed.

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 Walworth Tramways Bill was read the first time.

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

Owens College, Manchester, 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 proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Payment of Rates on Tithe Rent-charge attached to a Benefice—(Mr. Long);

Mr. Speaker, in pursuance of Standing Orders, permitting a brief explanatory statement from the Member who moved and a Member who opposed the Motion respectively, put the Question, "That the Debate be now adjourned?"

The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone], Yeas, 162.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Noes, 245.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the original Question being put; The House divided.

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

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Yeas, 247.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone], Noes, 169.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to consider the Bill, and bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Payment of Rates on Tithe Rent-charge attached to a Benefice: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

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

(In the Committee.)

Civil Service Estimates, 1899-1900.

Class III.

Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £27,479, be granted for the said Service.-(Mr. Davitt.)

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Davitt], Yeas, 123.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond], Noes, 147.

Original Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £27,479, 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 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board in Ireland—Debate arising; Thursday, 23rd June, 1899.

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House. Resolution to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

Mr. James William Leatham also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that they were 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 Under-sized Second Reading of the Under-sized Fish Bill; Fish Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Palatine Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham Bill; Durham Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Bodies Second Reading of the Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Bill; Joint Tenancy Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Undersized Second Reading of the Undersized Fish Bill; Fish Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Palatine Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham Bill; Durham Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Undersized Second Reading of the Undersized Fish Bill; Fish Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax the Land Tax the Land Tax the Land Tax Committee, Commissioners' Names Bill; Commissioners' Names Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Civil Service Estimates, 1899-1900.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Committee on the Colonial Loans Fund Bill; Colon Lows 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 Government Board in Ireland.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Agricultural Annual Close Time (Scotland) Bill.

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Railway Bill Second Reading of the Locality Bill; Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (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 Agriculture Holdings 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 National Monuments in Churches Bill;

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

Mr. Wyndham reported from the Committee on Military Works [Money], a Resolution which was read, as follows:—It is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, in addition to the sums authorised by the Military Works Act, 1897, of such further sums, not exceeding in the whole £4,000,000, as may be required for defraying the cost of certain Military Works and Services, such sums to be raised in such manner provided by the said Act.

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. Wyndham and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring in.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, and to be printed.

Mr. Wyndham accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for defraying the expenses of certain Military Works and other Military Services; and, the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Electric Lighting (Clauses) 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 21st day of this instant June, That the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Executors (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Bills and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government (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 Terriads (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 Agricultural Holdings 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 National Monuments in Churches 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 Terriads Clarified Scheme Confirmation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (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 Wild Birds Protection 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 Parliamentary Deposits 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 Merchant Seamen Rating Certificates Bill;

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

The Lincolnshire Coroners Bill was, according to the instruction given by the Lords, to read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen Rating Certificates Bill;

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

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

Friday, 23rd June, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, no Standing Orders not previously inquired into are applicable, viz.:

Brooke's Park (Londonderry) 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 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Rhondda 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.

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 Tenants Clarified Scheme Confirmation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Wild Birds Protection 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 Parliamentary Deposits 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 Merchant Seamen Rating Certificates Bill;

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

The House 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Rhondda 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.

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 Tenants Clarified Scheme Confirmation Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government (Scotland) Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Wild Birds Protection 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 Parliamentary Deposits 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 Merchant Seamen Rating Certificates Bill;

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

And then the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.
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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 Barton-on-Sea, &c., Water Bill, Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The House accordingly acccording to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That the King's Road, Kidney, and Armagh Railway Bill be re-committed to the former Committee—(Mr. Timothy M. Healy).—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, was according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question was proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Local Government Committee to whom the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, is committed, to take the evidence tendered by or on behalf of residents in the District of Kilgurthe question of the powers proposed by the Bill to be given to the Kilgur District Council to make bye-laws in respect of the Borough and Sandes—(Mr. Lloyd-George).—And the said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Abstract of Returns relating to Fowlers and Flotage in the United Kingdom (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 284 of Session 1898) as furnished by the various Pilotage Authorities), for the year ended 31st December 1898. No. 924.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Army (Length of Service and Ages of Men in Each, Unit), which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant June, be printed.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Army (Length of Service and Ages of Men in New Batteries of Royal Artillery), which was presented upon the 22nd day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of General Reports to the Education Department by the Chief Inspectors of the Eastern and North Eastern Divisions for the year 1898. No. 925.

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

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of General Reports to the Education Department by the Chief Inspectors of the Eastern and North Eastern Divisions for the year 1898. No. 925.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
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 1898.

Copy of Forty-first Report of the Board of Superintendence of Dublin Hospitals, with Appendices.

Copy of Return by Province of Agrarian Offences throughout Ireland reported to the Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary between 1st January, 1899 and 31st December, 1898, 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.

Provisional Orders (Liverpool).

Provisional Government Orders (Liverpool).

Trade Reports (Annual Series).

Local Administration in Scotland (Technical Education).

Local Government Order (Ireland) Act, 1899 (Second).

Mr. Balfour also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Two Orders in Council made on the 17th June 1899, under the Peace Preservation Acts, Scotland.

Mr. Balfour reported from the Committee on the Provisional Government Orders (Ireland) Act, 1899, with respect to the importation of Arms and Ammunition into Ireland.

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

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the extent to which, and the manner in which, Local Authorities in Scotland have allocated and applied Funds to the purposes of Technical Education during the year ended 31st December 1898, under the following Acts:—Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890; Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1890; Technical Schools (Scotland) Act, 1897; Technical Instruction Amendment of Acts.-(The Lord Advocate.)

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 4) Bill; That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the 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 Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (No. 12) Bill; That they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the 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 Lowther reported from the Committee on the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Liverpool) 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.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Church Stretton Water Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Hampstead Hampstead Church (Emmanuel, West End) Bill, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Chesham Chesham Gas Bill, with Amendments.

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

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Cobham Cobham 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 Great Yarmouth Corporation Bill; That they had examined the Bill; That the allegations contained 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 Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and that had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

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

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:—The Lords have agreed to the Brynmawr and Brynmawr Western Valley Railway Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords intimate the concurrence of the House. The Lords have agreed to the Amendments Mid-East Gas Bill, made by this House to the Mid-East Gas Bill, Bill [Lords], without any Amendment.
The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable Courts to suspend the Certificates of Trawlers convicted of Illegal Trawling; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Law with regard to Reformatory Schools; 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, 1888, and 1890, relating to Aberdare, Hengoed, Kirkintilloch, and Luxemborough; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 13) 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 constitute Chairmen of Boards of Guardians ex-officio Justices of the Peace: And Sir James Fortune Flavell, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Lloyd-Grey, Mr. V'O'Reilly Wynell, Mr. Walter Rothschild, Sir Walter Foster, and Sir Charles Dilke to prepare, and bring it in.

Sir James Fortune Flavell accordingly presented a Bill to constitute Chairmen of Boards of Guardians ex-officio Justices of the Peace: 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.

Supply (26th altered day).

Civil Service Estimates, 1899-1900.

Class IV.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £9,250, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will arise in the course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for Criminal Prosecutions and other Law Charges in Ireland.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Lincolnshire Counties Bill.

(Ordered, 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 Agricultural Holdings Bill;

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

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Seamen (Rating Certificates) 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.
Colonial and Foreign Banks Guarantee Fund 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 Airdrie and Coatbridge Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bristol Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Dundee Gas, Street Improvements, and Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Gainsborough Urban District Council (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 County Council (General Powers) (re-committed) 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 Menstone Menstone Water Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That, in the case of the London London United United 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 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 London London United United United Tramways Bill and the Clyde Navigation Bill of the present Session.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken Private Bills (Group IV.) on the Clyde Bill, in the Session of 1898, be referred to the Committee on the Clyde Bill and the Clyde Navigation Bill of the present Session.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Education Department Provisional 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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Ordered, That, in the case of the London London United United Trinity Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

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 Menstone Menstone Water Bill, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration, provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken on the Clyde Bill and the Clyde Navigation Bill of the present Session.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Education Department Provisional 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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence taken on the Clyde Bill and the Clyde Navigation Bill of the present Session.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Education Department Provisional 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.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.
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other comprising the Order relating to Rhyl, and to report them separately to the House. —Mr. T. W. Russell.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copy of Sixtieth Annual Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Command, —Copy of Schedules showing the Expenditure on Services to be undertaken under the Military Works Bill of the present Session, and the complete War Office Scheme.

Mr. Wyndham also presented, —Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of this instant June, for a Return relative to Army Rites Ranges.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Order dated 20th June 1899, No. 5952, revoking Order No. 5912, which prohibited the conveyance of Animals by the Steamship "J. W. Taylor."

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Handasy presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account of all Deposits received and paid under the authority of the Act 24 Vict. c. 14, during the year ended 31st December 1898, and of the Expenses incurred from the commencement of the Business on 16th September 1891 to 31st December 1898, together with a Statement of the Total Amount due at the close of the year 1898 to all Depositors; and Account of the Sums received and paid by the National Debt Commissioners on account of the Fund for the Post Office Savings Banks per Act 24 Vict. c. 14, from 31st December 1897 to 31st December 1898, inclusive.

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 Lombe reported from the Committee on the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill; that they had reconsidered the said Order; and that in accordance with the Instruction of the House of the 28th day of this instant June, they had divided the two Bills, one comprising the Orders relating to Isle of Thanet (Rural), Romsey, and Reading (Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill), and the other comprising the Order relating to Rhyl (Local Government Provisional Order (No. 15) Bill).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, dated the 19th day of June, had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

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 in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return relative to Inquiry into Charities (County of Carnarvon).

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Mr. James William Lombe reported from the Committee on the Millwall Dock Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lombe reported the Select Joint Committee's Report; vide Supplement to the Votes.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lombe reported from the Select Committee on the Glasgow Corporation (Tramways, &c.) Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

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The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Waverley District Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Edinburgh Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the North Staffordshire Railway Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the North Edinburgh Railway Company; 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 Great Eastern Railway Company; to authorize them to execute further Works; to acquire additional Lands, and to raise Money, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed the Bill, intituled, An Act to confer further Powers on the North Staffordshire Railway Company; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House. The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, The Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill was read the first time.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, The Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill was read the first time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Board of Education Bill; and a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Lord Elmdon Fitzmaurice.)

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.

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:

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Yes, William Walrond, Mr. Anstruther; 182.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Yorrell; 80.

"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 Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant June, That the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures;—

And the Question being again proposed:—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures," and adding the words "a 'Select Committee'"—(Mr. Cohen)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "the Standing Committee on Trade, (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures" stand part of the Question:—And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Committee on the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Underwriters' Second Reading of the Underwriters' Fish Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Private Legislation into consideration the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Church of Ownership) 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Small Houses into consideration the Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charitable Loans Act (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking Food into consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs and Drugs 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 Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets Act (1867) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, The Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money-Lending 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 Improvement of Land Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Channel Islands) 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 Palatine Court of Durham 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 Bodlins Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Fund 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 Trout Fishing Annual Close Time (Scotland) Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Commissioners' Names Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Rent-charge (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 Military Works 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 Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply; 
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham 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 National Monuments in Churches 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 Act Order; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 this day.

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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money-Lending Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

A Motion being made, That this House will, Board of this day, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider
the Order of the day being read, for the Merchant 
Seamen Rating Certificates Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, having continued to

The Order for reading a second time, this day, Water Supply 
the Water Supply Bill was read, and dies Bill, 
charged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time 
upon Thursday the 27th day of July next.

And then the House, having continued to 
sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve 
of the clock on Tuesday morning, 
adjourned till this day.
Tuesday, 27th June, 1899.

THE House met at Three of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

THE Barton-on-Sea 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 Gr anxious Chapel (London) 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 Hampstead Church (Emmanuel, West End) 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 Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Acts (No. 14) 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 Oysterseath Railway or Turnroad Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 9) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Order made upon the 26th day of this instant June, That the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 15) Bill be re-committed, was read, and disengaged. Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Select Committee of Five Members; Three to be nominated by the House, and Two by the Committee of Selection.

Ordered, That all Petitions against the Bill presented not later than five clear days before the meeting of the Committee be referred to the Committee. Ordered, That such of the Petitioners as pray to be heard by themselves, their Counsel, Agents, or Attorneys, be heard on their Petitions against the Bill, if they think fit, and Counsel heard in support of the Bill. Ordered, That the Committee have Power to send for persons, papers, and records. Ordered, That Three be the Quorum of the Committee.—(Mr. T. W. Russell.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and Public Petition.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Right Honourable Sir Herbert Maxwell, Baronet, M.P., for the Convocation of the Church of England, held at Gibraltar on the 24th to the 27th May 1899. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Tramways Orders Confirmation Bill (No. 1) Bill. Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Gas Orders Confirmation Bill (No. 1) Bill. Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Memorandum stating the nature of the Proposals contained in the Provisional Orders included in the Gas Orders Confirmation Bill (No. 2) Bill. Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Mr. de Tuttie Esq. further reported from the Committee: That they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the said 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.

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill.

Sir William Houldsworth reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 17) 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 Tomorrow.

Stolen Goods Bill.

Ordered, That the Stolen Goods Bill be read a second time Tomorrow.

Highways and Bridges Act (1891) Amendment Bill.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Housing of the Working Classes Provisional Order (Barracks-stations) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 6) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Saint James's and Pall Mall Electric Light Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Hastings and Saint Leonards Gas Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize the Corporation of Hastings to enter into Agreements with the Hastings Harbour Commissioners to guarantee the payment by the Corporation of interest upon capital for the completion of Hastings Harbour; to provide for the transfer of the Harbour Undertaking to the Corporation, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Hastings Harbour Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Rent-charge (Rates) 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. Asquith.)

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 Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 26th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant June, That the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures; and which Amendment was, to leave out the words to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufacturers," and add the words "a Select Committee"—(Mr. Colon)—indeed thereof; And the Question being again proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (Clause) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1.

Wednesday, 28th June, 1899.

And, it being Midnight, the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great L weapon 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 Agriculture and Technical Instruction (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 Undersized Fish Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking private consideration the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parish Churches (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 Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Licensing Exception (Houses of Parliament) 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 Charitable 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 Sale of Food and Drugs 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 Streets Act (1867) 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 Metropolitan Streets Act; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' (Joint Tenancy) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissions' (Tenant) 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 Colonial Loans 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 Tithe Rent-charges (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 Tithe Rent-charges (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 Revenue Act (1868) 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 Wild Birds Protection Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Deputies 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 National Monuments in Churches 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 Agricultural Holdings Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Then, the House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1899.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Deposits 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 Bury 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.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bury Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bury Corporation Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Brooke’s Park (London-derry) Bill be read a second time upon Thursday the 8th day of July next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting (Provisional Orders) Bill (No. 17). Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin, Mr. McKenna, and Mr. Tomlinson were nominated Members of the Select Committee on Local Government (Provisional Order) Bill.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Army Rifle Ranges, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant June, be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules and Programme of Examinations for 1899, made by the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, and approved by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bredrick presented, by Her Majesty’s Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2290 to 2301.

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports Miscellaneous Series, No. 506.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. T. W. Russell reported from the Select Committee on the Public Health Acts Amendment Bill; that they had agreed to the following Special Report, which they had directed him to make to the House:—

Your Committee have taken evidence on the Special subject-matter of the Bill referred to them. They have examined the Assistant Secretary of the Local Government Board in charge of the Public Health and Local Acts Departments, and they have also taken the evidence of a Witness conversant with the objects which the promoters of the Bill had in view. It has been established before your Committee in the course of their inquiry that many of the powers of the Bill might with advantage be given by a general Statute which might be adopted by local authorities, and that other clauses further amending the Public Health Acts might with equal advantage be embodied in such Statutes.

Your Committee are, however, of opinion that the proposals of the Bill are of such magnitude and complexity that they should only be accepted in a measure more complete than that referred to your Committee. They are, therefore, not prepared to advise Parliamentary sanction being given to it, and have, in accordance with this opinion, agreed to report the Bill without Amendment.

Your Committee recommend that the subject, considering its great importance, should have the consideration of Her Majesty’s Government, with the view to the introduction by them of a Bill at the earliest possible date in the next Session of Parliament.

In conclusion, your Committee are of opinion that the provisions of the law relating to public health ought to be specially consolidated. Mr. T. W. Russell further reported from the Select Committee on the Public Health Acts Amendment Bill; that they had agreed to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Special Report and Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 26th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made to the Question proposed upon the 21st day of this instant June, that the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufacturers, and which Amendment was, to leave out the words "the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and "Manufacturers," and add the words "a Select Committee"—(Mr. Colman),—instead thereof; and the Question being again proposed, that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into further consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charity Loans Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Com-Supply Committee of Supply;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lincolnshire Coroners Committee Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Coroners Committee on the Metropolitan Management Act Amendments Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Old Age Pensions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Out-door Provident Societies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of August 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 26th day of July next.

The Order of the day being read, for the School Board Second Reading of the School Boards (Grants to Voluntary Schools) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 20th day of July next.

Sir John Long rose in his place, and claimed to move: "That the Question be now put;" but Mr. Speaker withheld his assent, because it appeared to him that the House was prepared simply to come to a decision without that Motion.—Then the House resumed the Debate.

And the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures.

Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) Bill

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (List of advances to be kept by local authority)—(Mr. Secretary Chamberlain)—And the said Clause was withdrawn, 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 (Life insurance policies by friendly societies)—(Mr. Drage)—And the said Clause was withdrawn, 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 (Advances to two or more persons jointly)—(Sir Alfred Hickman)—And the said Clause was withdrawn, 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.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 10, by leaving out the words "four-fifths" and inserting the words "nine-tenths"—(Mr. Lowes),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "four-fifths" stand part of the Bill;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Anstruther: 160. Bainbridge: J. Lowles, Noes, (Mr. Anstruther: 140.) Sir William Walrond, 240. Yeas, 

Sir William Walrond,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 19, by leaving out the words from the word "any" to the end of sub-section (1) of Clause 9, and inserting the words "urban or rural district"—(Mr. Hobhouse),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words from the word "any" to the word "urban," in l. 40, stand part of the Bill;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Anstruther: 126. Mr. Bill: 126. Noes, Mr. Bill: 126. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And, it being after half-past Five of the clock, the further Proceeding on consideration of the Bill, as amended, stood adjourned.

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Working Men’s Dwelling Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Working Men’s Dwelling Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 8th day of August next.

Ground Values (Taxation) (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Ground Values (Taxation) (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 12th day of July next.

Permissive Licensing Powers (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Permissive Licensing Powers (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 26th day of July next.

Intoxicating Liquors (Sunday Closing) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 7th day of this instant June, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Intoxicating Liquors (Sunday Closing) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Wednesday the 19th day of July next.

Steam Engines and Boilers (Persons in Charge) Bill.

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 12th day of July next.

Cemeteries (Rating) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cemeteries (Rating) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Drainage Separation Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Drainage Separation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

School Board Electors (Scotland) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electors (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Creditors’ Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Creditor’s Holdings (Scotland) Act (1886) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

University of Wales (Graduates) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the University of Wales (Graduates) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Jail (Punishment) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Jail (Punishment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Liability of Shipowners) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Liability of Shipowners) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 8th day of March last, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Rivers Pollution Prevention Bill be now read a second time;
Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Committee of Public Accounts, that they had made further Progress in the matters to them referred, and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House, together with Minutes of Evidence and an Appendix.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Six of the clock, adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 29th June, 1859.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.—

Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.—

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) 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 Edinburgh Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Wetherby District Water Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Airdrie and Coatbridge 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 Bristol 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 Duart Gas, Street Improvements, and Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to

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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.

The Graysborough Urban District Council (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.

A Motion being made, That the Wick and Pulteney Harbours Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Hanbury, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Third Reading of the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 17) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 6) 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, in pursuance of Standing Orders, a Copy of Report by the Board of Trade respecting the Clyde Navigation Bill [Lords] and the objects thereof.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee on the Bill.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of A.D. (Railways) administration Report on the Railways in India, for the year 1898-99; by A. Bridson, Esquire, Director of Railway Traffic and Statistics.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 19th day of May last, for a Return relative to East India (Financial Statement, 1898-1900). No. 254.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to East India (Financial Statement, 1898-1900) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Cayla. Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to Recent Land Legislation in Ceylon. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.
Mr. Holley reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Law, Law, &c. and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure: Mr. Mount; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Tablet.

Mr. Holley further reported from the Committee: That they had added to the Standing Committee on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Law, &c. and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure the following Fifteen Members in respect of the Board of Education Bill: Sir Robert William Anson, Mr. Berrell, Mr. Bryce, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. John Gorst, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jebb, Mr. Brynmor Jones, Sir Lightfoot Kay-Shuttleworth, Mr. Great Lawman, Mr. Herbert Lewis, Colonel Lockhead, Colonel Williams, and Mr. Yorull.

Mr. Holley further reported from the Committee: That they had added the following Member to the Standing Committee on Trade, &c. (including Agriculture and Trade, &c. Fishing, Shipping, and Manufactures): Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of the Fifty-third Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy to the Lord Chancellor, with Appendix.

Copy of the Fifty-third Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy to the Lord Chancellor, with Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Return and the Paper relative to Lunacy be printed.

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills; that, in the case of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Tramways and Improvement Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same, 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.

Standing Orders.

Standing Orders.

Mr. Holley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, in the case of the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Clause 24 be struck out of the Bill, unless it be proved to the satisfaction of the Committee on the Bill, that the said Clause has been submitted to a meeting of the proprietors of the Great Western Railway Company held in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 64; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Chairman of the Select Committee, that they had appointed Sir James Fraser 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 Mr. Stuart-Wortley.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hankey presented by Her Majesty's Command:—Copy of Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Deputy Master of the Mint, 1898.

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 2nd day of August 1894, for a Return relative to Charitable Endowments (London).

The following Papers, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, were also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:—Copy of the Fifty-third Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy to the Lord Chancellor, with Appendix.

Copy of the Fifty-third Report of the Commissioners in Lunacy to the Lord Chancellor, with Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Return and the Paper relative to Lunacy be printed.

Police and Sanitary Regulations Bills.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne Tramways and Improvement Bill.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Private Bills (Group E).

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on Group E of Private Bills: That, in order to meet the convenience of Parties, they had adjourned till Monday next, at half-past Eleven o'clock.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Holley reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That, in the case of the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill, the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with; that the Parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill, provided that Clause 24 be struck out of the Bill, unless it be proved to the satisfaction of the Committee on the Bill, that the said Clause has been submitted to a meeting of the proprietors of the Great Western Railway Company held in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 64; that the Committee on the Bill do report how far such Order has been complied with.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported from the Chairman of the Select Committee, that they had appointed Sir James Fraser 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 Mr. Stuart-Wortley.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.
The Order of the day being read, for the Parish 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) 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 Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets Act (Scotland) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Money-Second Reading of the Money-Lending Bill; Lending Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Improvement Second Reading of the Improvement of Land of Land Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Second Reading of the Telegraph (Channel Islands) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bodleian Second Reading of the Bodleian Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Charges Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill; Land Charges Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Second Reading of the Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Loans Committee on the Colonial Loans Fund Bill; Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of this instant June, That the Land Tax Treaties (Annual Close Time) (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lottery Bill Second Reading of the Lottery Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Militia Second Reading of the Military Works 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 21st day of this instant June, That the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Board of Education [Salaries];

Readed, 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 Pensions (Old Age) 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 Baths and Washhouses 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 Charitable Loans (Ireland) 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Old Age Pensions (No. 3) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 9th day of August next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Agricultural Holdings Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

And then the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 30th June, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, 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 Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill
North Staffordshire Railway Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Eastern Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the South Eastern Railway, Light Bill, be taken into consideration upon Tuesday next.

A Motion being made, That the Inverness 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 purpose of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may proceed therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, 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 Cobham Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Streford Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Glasgow Corporation Telegraphs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, upon Friday the 14th day of July next.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 229 be suspended, and that the Millwall Dock Bill be now taken into consideration provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Dr. Farquharson):—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson):—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 229 be suspended, and that the West Metropolitan Railway Bill be now taken into consideration provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Dr. Farquharson):—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson):—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 17) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

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The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Electric Light Bill (No. 10) was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Order made upon the Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Order (House of Lords) for the Reading of the Working Classes Bill be committed, be read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Mr. Attorney General for Ireland.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, Finance Accounts, and Civil List Pensions, be printed.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir William Holdsworth reported from the Local Government Provisional Orders Committee, the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill; that they had considered the Orders therein contained; that the Provisional Order relating to Bradford (York.) ought not to be confirmed; that the other Orders therein contained ought not to be confirmed; and that they had directed Bradford to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Sir William Holdsworth further reported from the Committee, that they had amended the Title, as followeth:—A Bill to confirm certain Provisional Orders [the Orders to the Employment of Women Overtime, containing or relative to Mills and Factories and Workshops in which the washing of bottles for use in the preserving of fruit is carried on the Special Exception with respect to the Employment of Women overtime, contained in Section 53 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1878, as amended by Sections 14 and 37 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1895, not to be confirmed; that the other Orders therein contained ought not to be confirmed; that the other Orders therein contained ought not to be confirmed; and that they had directed Bradford to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the
Lowestoft Water and Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the
Great Grimsby Tramways Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the All
Salts Church (Cardiff) Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the
Kirkdale Corporation and Tramways 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
Peelcy and Barrook District Railway Bill; That they had examined
the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone
through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of sums to be paid in connection with the revocation of the Charter of the Royal Niger Company—(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.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she would be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Commissions granted during each of the years 1885 to 1889, inclusive, specifying the Numbers granted from the ranks (a) as Secret Lieutenants; (b) as Quartermasters and Riding Masters; and also the Number granted from other sources in (1) Engineers and Artillery; (2) Cavalry; (3) Infantry; showing per-centages of those given under (a) to those granted from other sources.

—(Mr. Pirie.)

The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Birningham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill, might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

—(Dr. Fawceth.)

Mr. Wedghouse 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. Words; and had appointed in substitution Mr. Hampden-Duquesne.

Mr. Wedghouse further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Trade, Inc., Shipping, and Manufacturers, Mr. Bryer; and had appointed in substitution Mr. James Stuart.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought in by the Lords, one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Fine or Imprisonment (Scotland and Ireland) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 19) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 19) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 2) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Kensington and East London Electric Lighting Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Hoo Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (New Railways) Bills, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers) Bills, 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 Berton-on-Sen Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Lancashire (Middle and West Districts) Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend Section Twenty of the Parish of the Manchester Division Act, 1859; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Electric Waterworks Company and the Fyfield Water Board Bill, for the sale and purchase of the Company's Undertaking, to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Company, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Fyfield Water Board Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the provision for the future Government of Scotland: And that Mr. Pirie, Mr. Birrell, Sir Charles Cameron, Dr. Clark, Dr. Farquharson, Mr. M'Crae, Mr. Edmond Henderson, Mr. Thomas Shaw, Sir Thomas Esmont, Mr. Lloyd-George, and Mr. Fletcher Moulton do prepare, and bring in.

Mr. Pirie accordingly presented a Bill to amend the provision for the future Government of Scotland: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday the 29th day of July next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Service Estimates, 1899-1900.

Class I.

1. £ 29,506, to complete the Sum for payments under the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883, the Light Railways (Ireland) Acts, 1889 and 1893, the Tramways (Ireland) Act, 1895, and the Railways (Ireland) Act, 1896.

Class II.

2. £ 2,797, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Household of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

3. £ 1,229, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

4. £ 9,300, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office in Ireland, and of the Keeper of State Papers in Dublin.

5. £ 12,113, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses in the Department of the Register General of Births, &c., and the Expenses of Collecting Agricultural and other Statistics in Ireland.

6. £ 7,071, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland.

7. £ 24,759, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in Ireland.

Class IV.

8. £ 21,794, to complete the Sum for sundry Grants in Aid of Scientific Investigation, &c., and other Grants.

Resolutions to be reported.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 27,479, 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 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board in Ireland:—

Debate arising:—

Saturday, 1st July, 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 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 Vol. 134.

be he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Baths and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Government Bill 254.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Committee on the Lincolnsire Coroners 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 Highways and Bridges Act (1881) 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 Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Wild Birds Protection 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 Agricultural Holdings Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Quarter Bill.

Monday, 3rd July, 1899.

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 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.:—

Hastings Harbour Bill.

Wolverhampton Corporation 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 Orderings 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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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill. Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill. Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill. Water Orders Confirmation Bill. Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time tomorrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Fylde and Water and 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 Bury 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 Bury Corporation Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Church Streeton Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Yarmouth Pier Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Liverpool Overhead 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 Joint North's Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. And an Amendment was made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Warrington Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Aberdeen Joint Passenger Station Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Caledonian Railway (General Powers) Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Manchester Corporation Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The South Staffordshire Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Owens College, Manchester, Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Walsingham Tramways Bill was read a second time; and committed.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorising the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board to enter into Agreements with the Inland Revenue for the Composition of Transfers of their Stocks—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Mr. Hanbury, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of all the matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That the House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the House of the 14th day of April last, That, in the case of Bills reported from the Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations, three 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 Newcastle-upon-Tyne Tramways and Improvement Bill.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That Standing Orders 24, 214, 215, and 239 be suspended, and that the Bill be now taken into consideration provided amended prints shall have been previously deposited.—(Dr. Farquharson.)—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Mr. James Lumley, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of all the matter of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 1) Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 17) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 11) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.
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3rd July.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's
Command.—Copy of Minutes of the Committee of
Education on Education, dated 29th June 1899,
modifying Articles 37, 42, and 130 (6) of the
Day School Code, 1879.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walter Long presented, by Her Majesty's
Command.—Copy of Report on the Results of
Investigations into Cheddar Cheese Making,
carried out on behalf of the Bath and West
and Southern Counties Society, in the years
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Compton Committee!)

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Eighth Report on the Results of Investigations into Cheddar Cheese Making, 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Sydney Bickerstil presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Computed District Board on Ireland, for the Period from 1st April 1898 to 31st March 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Real Estates (Committee of Imperial Government, 1893.)

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Index and Appendices to the Evidence taken before the Committee appointed to inquire into the Indian Currency.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Trade Reports (Annual Series.)

Mr. Broadrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2326 to 2324.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Land Transfer Rules.

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 Rules made in pursuance of the Land Transfer Acts, 1872 and 1897, June 1899.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Saint Pancras (East Division), in the room of Robert Grosvenor Esquire, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough, and Hounslow, in the County of Buckingham.—(Sir William Waterton.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Transcript of Copy of Correspondence recently passed between the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Portrait Gallery, relative to the acquisition of Historical Portraits by the National Portrait Gallery.—(Mr. Lecky.)

Sir William Holdsworth reported the Oldham Corporation Bill, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Halley 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: Six George Farrel, Mr. Syms, Mr. Cook, Mr. Norton; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Edwin Cecil, Mr. William Jones, and Mr. Morton (Deptford), Vol. 154.

Mr. Halley further reported from the Trade, &c. Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing, Shipping, and Manufactures: Sir Edward Hill and Sir James Rossin; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Galloway and Mr. Sydney Bickerstil.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords contained a Bill for making further and better provision in regard to the Water Supply thereof; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the St. Andrews and St. Andrews District Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Nottingham Nottingham Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the West Middlesex Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Central London Electric Supply Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Apprentice and Craftsmen Working Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Water Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Harbours Bill, without any Amendment.

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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.

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The Portsmouth Corporation Bill was read the first time. 
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Kenton Corporation Bill was read the first time. 
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Royal Niger Company (Consolidated Fund) Bill was read the first time. 
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Committee divided.*

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), Yeas, (Mr. Austruther):— 103.
Tellers for the (Mr. T. P. O'Connor), Noes, (Mr. Austruther):— 192.

Original Question again proposed—After Debate thereon:—Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;"—Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), Yeas, (Mr. Austruther):— 116.
Tellers for the (Mr. Thomas Bagley), Noes, (Mr. Loom):— 101.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of Sums not exceeding £655,000, and, for the purpose of providing Money for such issue, the borrowing, by means of Terminable Annuities charged on and paid out of the Moneys annually provided by Parliament for Foreign and Colonial Services, and, if those Moneys are insufficient, out of the Consolidated Fund, of a Sum not exceeding £200,000, for making payments to the Royal Niger Company, in consideration of the transfer to the Crown of the Administrative Powers of the said Company, together with their Treaty and other Rights and Property, and for meeting Expenditure rendered necessary by such Transfer.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lessher reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, That the Report be received tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 40, by leaving out the words "or of any rural district containing"—(Colonel Milward)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "or containing" stand part of the Bill;—The House divided.

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Dilke), Yeas, (Lord Edmond Fitzjames):— 96.
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), Noes, (Mr. Austruther):— 188.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "or of any rural district containing respectively"—be inserted after the word "Borough," in p. 5, l. 40, of the Bill,—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 1, by leaving out the word "seven," and inserting the word "five"—(Mr. Streatrey)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "seven" stand part of the Bill;—The House divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond), Yeas, (Mr. Austruther):— 165.
Tellers for the (Mr. Streathey), Noes, (Mr. Courtney Warner):— 90.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 6, by inserting, after the first word "county," the words "as a special purpose."—(Sir Edward Sassoon.) And
The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Works Bill; Works Bill.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And, it being Midnight, the Debate stood adjourned.

Tuesday, 4th July, 1899.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, this day, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Loans Fund Bill;

Resolved, That the House will, this day, receive itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of March last, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Agriculture and Technical Education and Instruction (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Undersized Fish Fishery Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Council (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 Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Licensing Exemption (Houses of Parliament) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of June last, That the Trout Fishing Annual Close Time (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy 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 21st day of June last, That the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Board of Education (Salaries) Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Rent-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 Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

Civil Service Estimates, 1899-1900.

Class I.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £29,236, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the House of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,229, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,229, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £8,900, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Public Record Office in Ireland, and of the Keeper of State Papers in Dublin.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £12,113, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £12,340, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Public Works in Ireland.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £24,729, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Public Record Office in Ireland.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £21,748, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for sundry Grants in Aid of Scientific Investigation, &c., and other Grants.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee of Ways and Means; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 29th day of June last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Service Franchise Bill, as amended in the Committee; and which Amendment was, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out from the word "tenant" to the word "notwithstanding," in l. 11.—(Sir Charles Dilke); Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Management Acts Amendment (Bye-laws) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1. To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr.
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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Limitations 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 Educational (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 School Board Conferences (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 Parliamentary Deposits 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 Limitations 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 Highways and Bridges Act (1891) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.
Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Railway Command,—Returns of Accidents and Casualties, as reported by the Board of Trade upon certain Accidents which were inquired into.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Account and Report of the Royal Commission on the Licensing Laws, with Index.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the 

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Saint James's and Pall Mall Electric Light Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the "Saint James's and Pall Mall Electric Light Bill;" 

Ordered, That the said Amendment be taken into consideration upon Thursday next.

The Cobham Gas Bill [Lords.] 

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Stretford Gas Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Yorks Estate Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Glasgow and South Western Railway Bill was read the third time; and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Gas and Water Orders Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) 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 read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of List of (1) Associations constituted under the Voluntary Schools Acts, 1897; (2) Associated Schools and Amounts of Aid Grant paid; (3) Unassociated Schools and Amounts of Aid Grant paid, 1898-99.

Sir John Gorst also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Representations, dated 1st July 1899, of the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, that it is expedient that certain properties held in trust for the defence of the Colony of New South Wales should be transferred to the Government of that Colony, and Draft of an Order in Council for giving effect to above Representations.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Final Report of the Royal Commission on the Licensing Law, with Index.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection:—That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on the Voluntary Schools Acts, 1897 (Associate Committees):—Mr. Attorney General and Sir Albert Rollit.

Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee:—That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures:—Mr. Solicitor General; and had appointed in substitution:—Mr. Attorney General.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.
The Trawlers' Certificates Suspension Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 16) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 7) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Cork Corporation (Finance) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the London Government Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Scunthorpe Urban District Gas and Water Bill, with Amendments; to which 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 Amendments made by this House to the Dundee Gas, Street Improvements, and Tramways Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made by the Board of Trade under the Gas and Water Works Facilities Act, 1870, relating to Farnham, Gas, Freshwater, Gas, Merseyside, Gas, and Newcastle and Llandudno Gas; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Isolation Hospitals Act, 1858; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the London Government Bill be taken into consideration upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Estimates Committee for Private Bills; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Formation of Parliamentary Panels) — (The Lord Advocate); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first and second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 8, by inserting, after the word "Commissioners," the words "being alternately, or as nearly as may be alternately, a Member of the House of Lords and a Member of the House of Commons."—(Sir Charles Cameron.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 20, by leaving out the words "Secretary for Scotland," and inserting the word "Chairmen" — (Sir Charles Cameron.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words "Secretary for Scotland" stand part of the said proposed Clause:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the proposed Clause, in l. 29, by leaving out the words "the extra-Parliamentary Panel," and inserting the words "any of the panels"—(The Lord Advocate).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the proposed Clause:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affective.

And the said Clause, so amended, was made part of the Bill.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 20, by leaving out Sub-section (3) of Clause 1.—(Mr. Caldecott.)

And the Question being proposed, That the words of the sub-section to the word "give," in l. 21, stand part of the Bill.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 16, by inserting, after the word "Order," the words "or relate to any matter which had already been refused by the "Secretary for Scotland in any previous application for a Provisional Order under this Act."—(Sir Charles Cameron.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 29, by leaving out Sub-section (5) of Clause 2.—(Mr. O'Byrne.)

And the Question being proposed, That Sub-section (5) of Clause 2 stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 17, by inserting, after the word "related," the words "or they may hold such inquiry elsewhere as the Commissioners may, with the consent of the parties promoting and opposing the Order, choose."—(Sir Charles Cameron.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 34, by inserting, after the word "shall," the words "(c) or amendments have been made on the Order since it was originally submitted."—(Sir Charles Cameron.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 11, by inserting, after the
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. 23, by inserting, after the word "agent," the words "any notary public."—(Mr. Caldwell.)

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. 94, by inserting, after the word "prescribed," the words "(a) If the Secretary for Scotland shall refuse to issue any Order under either of the two preceding sections of this Act the Promoters may, within ten clear days after the date of such refusal, present a Petition to either House of Parliament, praying that the Order so refused may be referred to the Joint Committee provided for in the next succeeding section in the same way as is provided with respect to a Commission Bill under the said section."—(Sir Charles Cameron.)

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted.—It was passed in the Negative.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time.-(The Lord Advocate)—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Board of Education [Salaries].

(In the Committee.)

Question again proposed, That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of Moneys to be provided by Parliament, of a Salary, not exceeding £ 2,000, to the President of the Board of Education, and of Salaries and Remuneration to the Secretaries, Officers, and Servants of the Board, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to provide for the Establishment of a Board of Education for England and Wales—(Sir John Gorst)—Debate resumed.

Amendment proposed, to leave out "£ 2,000," and insert "£ 1,000."—(Mr. Yorwoll.)

Question put, That "£ 2,000" stand part of the Question;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond; 
Yea, Mr. Anstruther: 
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Loans Fund Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Small Houses (Acquisition of Owner-ship) Bill was, according to Order, read the (Amendment of Ownership) Bill.

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 Electric Lighting (Clause) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No 1 and No 2, amended, and agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Improvement of Land 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. Samuel Evans.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yeas were:
The Yes to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yes, Mr. Anstruther:)
Tellers for the (Mr. Samuel Evans, Noes, Mr. Hedderwick:)
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.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to the Standing Committees on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.—(Mr. Walter Long)
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yes, Mr. Anstruther:)
Tellers for the (Mr. Samuel Evans, Noes, Mr. Hedderwick:)
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
The Bill was accordingly committed to the Standing Committees on Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure.

The Order of the day being read, for the SECOND Reading of the Palatine Court of Durham 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. Channing.)

And the Question being proposed, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;
The House divided.
The Yes to the Right; The Noes to the Left; Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yes, Mr. Anstruther:)
Tellers for the (Mr. Samuel Evans, Noes, Mr. Hedderwick:)
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Resolution being read a second time:
An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, in L 6, by leaving out "£ 820,000," and inserting "£ 620,000."—(Mr. T. F. O'Connor)—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That "£ 620,000" stand part of the Resolution:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then the Resolution was agreed to.
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Royal Niger Company Bill 280.
Revocation of the Charter of the Royal Niger Company; and the same was read the first time; and to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Streets Act (1867) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Money-Lending Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Charges Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill; [Lords.]
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Tax Second Reading of the Local Tax Commissioners' Names Bill; [Lords.
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 9th day of March last, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee on Royal Niger Company [Consolidated Fund], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth; Vol. 155.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming Treatment of the Aged and Deserving Poor Bill. Upon the 21st day of June last, that the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Executors (Scotland) Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Inebriates Act (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Edicts (Scotland) Amendment Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Edicts (Scotland) Amendment Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Management Acts Amendment (By-laws) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Metropolitan Management Acts Amendment (By-laws) Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Lancashire Coroners Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Lancashire Coroners Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolitan Management Acts Amendment (By-laws) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Lancashire Coroners Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Liability of Shipowners) Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Liability of Shipowners) Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Liability of Shipowners) Bill; Resolved, That the House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Liability of Shipowners) Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tangent's Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Tangent's Charities Scheme Confirmation 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 Monday next.

National Monuments in Churches Bill [Lords.]

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 Monday next.

School Board Conferences (Scotland) Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Local Government Act (1888) Amendment Bill

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Wild Birds Protection Bill

Mr. T. W. Russell reported from the Select Committee on the Cottage Homes Bill; That they had agreed to the following Special Report:— Your Committee have taken evidence from four constables of the Local Government Board and representatives of the county councils and boards of guardians in England and Wales, and have unanimously resolved to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Cottage Homes Bill No. 201.

Special Report.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed under the existing Law. Amend-
Your Committee have no reason to suppose that Article 88 has not been generally complied with. As to Article 99, the arrangements for the sick in many workhouses are too little to be desired; but the evidence which your Committee have received seems to show that at least in the smaller workhouses much might yet be done towards sub-dividing the classes of paupers, "with reference to the moral character of the inmate, or the previous habits of the inmates."

These regulations leave a wide discretion to the guardians in the matter of sub-division, and your Committee have received evidence that in several large unions the guardians have made special arrangements for paupers sub-classified with reference to conduct. Thus at Liverpool a house has been set apart for well-behaved old women. At West Derby, Portsmouth, and Sheffield, cottages have been erected, in connection with the workhouse, for married couples and the aged deserving poor. At Fulham a wing, entirely separated from the rest of the workhouse, has just been provided for the aged deserving poor, and provision of a similar character has been made at Grimsby, Hull, and Kingston. No doubt there are other places where measures having a similar tendency have been adopted, but your Committee believe that in many workhouses, owing to lack of accommodation or other reasons, no effectual means have been taken to separate the aged deserving poor from undesirable associates.

Your Committee are of opinion that it is desirable to classify the inmates of workhouses in connection with the provision in Section 8 of the Poor Law Act, 1879, to which we have referred. Every effort should be made to keep apart those whose conduct makes them unfit as companions for the well-conducted inmates. Opportunities for privacy and for forming their own companionship should, we consider, be given to the aged inmates generally; but we feel that any system of classification by past character would present great difficulties, and we are not prepared to recommend the issue at present of any regulations enforcing such classification. As we have already said, the matter is one in which the observant sympathy of the guardians themselves and their officers must be of more importance than any rules."

So far as your Committee are aware the negative recommendation of the Commission has been accepted, and no regulations enforcing classification according to past character have as yet been issued. It appears, however, that in 1881 the Local Government Board addressed a circular letter to boards of guardians in which they expressed the desire that special attention should be given to the matter, "in order that, as far as possible, these persons whose circumstances have compelled them to enter the workhouse but who are known to be of good conduct, and to have previously led moral and respectable lives, should be separated from those who from their habits of speech or from other reasons are likely to cause some discomfort."

Your Committee have received evidence as to the great difficulty in arriving at an accurate judgment of the character of applicants for relief and inmates of workhouses. They fully appreciate the difficulties to which the Royal Commission referred, but they think the time has come for guardians universally to undertake the separation from the other inmates of the workhouse of the aged poor "who are known to be of good conduct and to have previously led moral and respectable lives."

Your Committee have considered the suggestion adverted to by the Royal Commission, that classification might be effected by the grouping of workhouses under Section 8 of the Poor Law Act, 1879. Your Committee are impressed with the argument that the adoption of this course might involve the removal of the aged and deserving poor to a workhouse situated a long distance from their former homes, friends, and associations.

The evidence which your Committee have received points to the fact that the number of aged inmates of any workhouse who can be described as deserving is not very large, and though their separation from the other inmates of the workhouse would necessarily involve some re-arrangement and possibly structural alteration of the workhouse, your Committee believe that in very many cases the necessary space could be found without additional building if two reforms which seem to them desirable on other grounds were universally enforced. These reforms consist in providing being made for all children except infants outside the workhouse, and the removal of all imbeciles and epileptics to institutions other than the workhouse.

Your Committee would not be prepared to recommend classification by grouping of workhouses unless it should be found that classification in the workhouse is impossible, even if their suggestions are carried out.

Children.

Your Committee understand that for many years the Local Government Board have urged the desirability of entirely removing children who are above the age of nurture from the workhouse. Very many boards of guardians have adopted this course, and made provision for the children chargeable to their union.

The Royal Commission referred, but they think the time has come for guardians universally to make provision outside the workhouse for children (other than infants) chargeable to their union.

Imbeciles and Epileptics.

Your Committee are of opinion that all pauper imbeciles and epileptics should be provided for outside the workhouse. Not only would the removal of this class of pauper leave further room for a better system of classification, but it would obviate what would appear to be a great source of discomfort to the aged poor in many of the smaller workhouses.

In London, pauper imbeciles have been removed from the workhouse, special institutions having been established for them. The classification of the aged male and female inmates which is prescribed by the regulations should, in our opinion, be always carried out; if it is not otherwise possible it should be effected by the grouping of workhouses in connection with the provision in Section 8 of the Poor Law Act, 1879, to which your Committee have referred. Your Committee are of opinion that it is desirable to classify the inmates of workhouses in connection with the provision in Section 8 of the Poor Law Act, 1879, to which we have referred. Every effort should be made to keep apart those whose language or behaviour makes them undesirable associates. Opportunities for privacy and for forming their own companionship should, we consider, be given to the aged inmates generally; but we feel that any system of classification by past character would present great difficulties, and we are not prepared to recommend the issue at present of any regulations enforcing such classification. As we have already said, the matter is one in which the observant sympathy of the guardians themselves and their officers must be of more importance than any rules."

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provided for their accommodation by the Metropolitan Asylums Board. Your Committee think that the principle should be extended to the rest of England and Wales, and that throughout the country pauper imbeciles should be provided for in institutions separate from the workhouses. They think that pauper epileptics should also be maintained in separate institutions and not in workhouses. If this were done the suffering would be diminished which is now endured by many who resist entering a workhouse at the time when in their own interest indoor relief should be sought, owing to the feeling of repulsion entertained at the idea of living with such associates.

Your Committee consider that these separate institutions should be provided by the councils of counties and county boroughs. These councils now are charged with the provision of asylums at which pauper lunatics are maintained, the guardians paying the cost of maintenance. Your Committee do not suggest that pauper imbeciles and epileptics should be admitted to the lunatic asylums, but that separate institutions should be provided expressly for their accommodation. Such institutions need not be so costly as lunatic asylums, as the inmates would not require the elaborate accommodation and attention which is essential for lunatics.

The general scheme for these institutions would presumably be similar to that provided by the Lunacy Acts for the management of asylums, but your Committee are disposed to think that the central authority should be the Local Government Board rather than the Lunacy Commissioners and the Home Office. Such details as the mode of admission of inmates should be regulated by the Local Government Board, who should have powers, as regards those institutions, similar to those which they possess as regards the asylums for lunatics provided by the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

Where the net amount payable by a board of guardians in respect of the maintenance of a pauper lunatic in an asylum exceeds four shillings a week the guardians receive from the Local Taxation Account through the county council a sum equal to four shillings a week in respect of such lunatic, but your Committee do not contem• plate that the charge for the maintenance of imbeciles and epileptics would be nearly so great as it is for the maintenance of lunatics. It may be expected, however, that it would exceed the cost which would fall upon the guardians if such persons were retained in the workhouse. Your Committee think that a payment calculated to meet the excess should be made to the guardians from the Exchequer through the county council a privilege should be dependent on a certificate to be granted by the Local Government Board that the separate accommodation for imbeciles and epileptics in the workhouse is adequate in every way, and that there is adequate accommodation in the rest of the workhouse for the proper classification of the inmates.

Outdoor Relief.
Your Committee have indicated the means which they would propose for rendering available further accommodation in smaller workhouses in order that a wider system of classification may be adopted in the interests of the aged and deserving poor. Your Committee do not, however, contemplate that the aged and deserving poor, to whom poor-law relief is a necessity, should as a master of course receive such relief in the workhouse. The evidence would seem to show that as a general rule boards of guardians are in the habit of granting outdoor relief to the aged and deserving poor, and that it is the exception to relieve them in the workhouse. The exceptional cases are those where the infirmity of the applicant for relief or other circumstances render it practically impossible for him to live elsewhere than in an institution. Your Committee have no desire to discourage the granting of outdoor relief to the aged and deserving poor, though they trust that the alterations they advocate may have the effect of rendering the workhouse a place to which a poor person of deserving character, to whom the cure that can only be supplied in an institution is a necessity, need not hesitate to resort.

While your Committee approve of outdoor relief being granted to the deserving aged poor who can properly live outside the workhouse, they cannot approve of the scale of payment which they fear is too commonly considered sufficient by boards of guardians. They are of opinion that whenever outdoor relief is granted it should be of such an amount as is sufficient to supply the person relieved with the necessities of life. What this amount may be cannot of course be laid down by a general rule, as it must vary according to the circumstances of the district, in urban areas the necessary provision must be made by a combination of the poor-law authorities in the neighbourhood. Your Committee think that it would be preferable to avoid duplication of the authorities entrusted with the charge of the class of pauper, and they think that any hardship to a board of guardians which has incurred the expense of providing a separate establishment might be met by requiring the county council to take over the establishment on terms to be agreed upon or settled by arbitration.

Where, however, adequate provision has been made on the workhouse premises it would seem inexpedient that the ratespayers of the union for which the board of guardians have made the provision should be called upon at once to lose the advantage of this provision and to contribute to the expense of providing adequate accommodation for the imbeciles and epileptics chargeable to other unions in their county. Your Committee think that however preferable uniformity of administration may be it will be necessary to make exceptions in cases of this kind, and they suggest that it might be practicable in such a case to permit the guardians to retain the imbeciles and epileptics in their charge, receiving from the county council for each imbecile and epileptic so retained the payment which your Committee have recommended should be made to boards of guardians in respect of the maintenance of imbeciles in the county institution. Such a privilege should be dependent on a certificate to be granted by the Local Government Board that the separate accommodation for imbeciles and epileptics in the workhouse is adequate in every way, and that there is adequate accommodation in the rest of the workhouse for the proper classification of the inmates.

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Your Committee are assured that, in adopting such a scale as this, guardians are actuated by the belief that whatever they give will be supplemented by donations from relatives and friends of the pauper, and by other charitable gifts. Your Committee see no reason to suppose that this is not the case; but they are of opinion that where outdoor relief is granted there should be no doubt of its adequacy to the support of life. If the guardians have reason to know that an applicant for relief can rely on obtaining a certain amount elsewhere insufficient by itself, they may be justified in supplementing this amount; but your Committee consider that they cannot be justified in granting inadequate relief in the expectation that it may be supplemented from other sources.

Relief of the Aged and Deserving Poor.

As your Committee have indicated, they are of opinion that however ready a board of guardians may be to grant outdoor relief to the aged and deserving poor, there are a certain number of cases, though a small number, for whom the workhouse is practically necessary. A large proportion of this number must spend much of their time in the workhouse infirmary. Your Committee believe that in many unions the lot of an inmate of the infirmary requires no further alleviation. In any case they would not feel justified in recommending that an inmate of the infirmary who happens to be aged and deserving should be treated with greater consideration than other inmates of the infirmary. Your Committee consider, however, that the aged and deserving inmates of the workhouse, while they are not in the infirmary, should constitute a special class and receive special treatment and privileges. What these privileges should be your Committee think should be left largely to the discretion of the guardians, but they agree in the view that the aged and deserving poor should, however, be at liberty to use the ordinary wards assigned to their class as well as the special day rooms.

1. Day rooms to be provided for the aged and deserving poor apart from the other inmates. These rooms preferably to be for the common use of both sexes, at any rate in the smaller workhouses, and to be furnished with greater comfort than is customary in workhouses. The aged and deserving poor should, however, be at liberty to use the ordinary wards assigned to their class as well as the special day rooms.

2. The aged and deserving poor to be allowed to have their meals in the special day rooms instead of in the common dining hall.

3. Separate sleeping wards partitioned off into cubicles to be provided for the aged and deserving poor.

4. A locker to be provided for the use of each aged and deserving inmate.

5. Greater liberty to be given to the aged and deserving inmates:
   (a) Leave of absence from the workhouse one whole day each week.
   (b) Two or three hours' absence every afternoon.

6. Visits of friends to be allowed at any reasonable time any day.

7. A later hour of rising to be allowed.

8. Tobacco, snuff, and dry tea and sugar, which now may be given, to be given as a matter of course to aged and deserving inmates.

9. Rations for tea to be served out weekly or bi-weekly, and the aged and deserving poor to be allowed to prepare tea for themselves in the special day rooms.

10. As an alternative plan to 1, 2, and 3 of the above, rows of single-room cottages to be provided on the workhouse premises, to be administered as regards stores, attendance, cooking, &c., as part of the workhouse.

The essential point seems to your Committee to be that such arrangements should be made that an aged and deserving person should not be obliged to associate in any way with inmates of the workhouse not belonging to the same class. Your Committee think that it is impossible to lay down by regulation definite attributes which should qualify or disqualify an aged person for the deserving class. Similarly, though it may be desirable to define the term "aged," probably, in many cases, some accurate definition, they think some latitude should be allowed to guardians, so that they may not be precluded from admitting to the class the deserving aged pauper who, though to all intents and purposes he has attained old age, has not reached the limit of 65 years.

Your Committee have already adverted to the difficulty of arriving at an accurate judgment as to the character of an applicant for relief in the infirmary. As your Committee have indicated, they are of opinion that however ready a board of guardians may obtain the necessary materials for the classification of the aged poor, it seems clear to your Committee that much closer investigation of the history and circumstances of the aged applicants for relief must be made, at least in the case of the aged poor.

In order that boards of guardians may obtain the necessary materials for the classification of the aged poor, your Committee think that much closer investigation of the history and circumstances of the aged applicants for relief must be made, at least in the case of the aged poor.

Your Committee recommend for this purpose, as also with a view to securing uniformity and continuity of action, that a special committee should be formed by each board of guardians for the express purpose of dealing with the aged poor chargeable to the union, and inquiring into the applications for relief made by the aged. Assistance in making the necessary inquiries could probably, in many cases, be obtained from properly constituted charitable agencies, which exist in various places. Your Committee believe that in some cases in large towns there is a large amount of co-operation between boards of guardians and those voluntary agencies, and that by these means much is done to prevent charity and the poor law encroaching on one another's spheres. So far as your Committee are aware, there is no legal impediment to a board of guardians availing themselves of the services of such voluntary agencies.

Cottage Homes in connection with Workhouses.

In their suggestions for the formation of a cottage home for the aged and deserving poor in workhouses, your Committee have had chiefly in mind the cases of the smaller workhouses in country districts, where it is desirable to obtain the essential separation with the minimum of structural alteration. Your Committee are, however, impressed with the advantages of providing separate cottage homes under the control of the guardians, which may be used for the accommodation of deserving aged poor persons, as has been done at Sheffield and elsewhere. Among the advantages which attach to this provision of such cottages may be mentioned that they afford ready means for the accommodation of married couples who cannot be compelled to live apart. As the law stands, where either of a married couple is infirm, sick, or disabled by injury, or above 60 years of age, the guardians may permit them to live together, and where both are above 60, they cannot be compelled to live apart. Your Committee believe
believe that there is still considerable misappre­
ception on this point, and they think it probable
that aged paupers are often not aware that
admitting to a workhouse does not involve
separation from their husband or wife. Your
Committee think it very desirable that the
necessary accommodation should be obviously
available, and should not merely take the form
of a room, which may, if a married couple are
imprisoned, be converted to the purpose of
providing accommodation for them.
Your Committee append the following sum­
mary of their recommendations:

I. That it is desirable so to classify the
inmates of workhouses that the aged and
respectable poor shall not be forced to mix
with those whose character or habits are bad
or disagreeable.
II. That in order to make room for proper
classification all children, other than infants,
be provided for outside and apart from the
workhouse premises.
III. That it should be the duty of the
county councils to provide suitable accommo­
dation in separate institutions for the proper
support of all pauper imbeciles and
epileptics.
IV. That the aged and deserving poor, so
far as it is possible, should receive adequate
outdoor relief, and that where they are in the
workhouse they should constitute a special
class and receive special treatment and
privileges.
V. That guardians should provide special
cottage homes within the unions, or other
accommodation for married couples
suitable to their own fortune.

Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon
the Table; and be printed.

And then the House, having continued to sit
till ten minutes before time of the clock
on Wednesday morning, adjourned till
this day.

Wednesday, 5th July, 1899.

The House met at Twelve o'clock.

Prayer.

The House proceeded to take into consi­
deration the Amendments made by the
Lords to the Kensington and Notting
Hill Electric Lighting Bill.

Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and
Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill was read a
second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Great Eastern Railway
(General Powers) Bill be read a second time
upon Monday next.

The North Staffordshire Railway Bill was read
a second time; and committed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself
into a Committee on Mersey Docks and Har­
bour Board (Finance) Bill (Stamp Duties).
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Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 9) Bill; That they had considered the said Order, and directed that it 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.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fisheries Regulations (Scotland) Act (1885) 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 Sea Fisheries Regulations (Scotland) Act (1885) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Establishment (Ireland) Bill, that the said Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to the Standing Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tithe Rent-charge (Ireland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

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Sir William Walrond reported from the Committee on Board of Education (Salaries), a Resolution, which was read, as follows: That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of a Salary of £2,000, to the President of the Board of Education, and of Salaries and Remuneration to the Secretaries, Officers, and Servants of the Board, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session to provide for the establishment of a Board of Education for England and Wales.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on 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 the Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 9) 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 Executors (Scotland) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Friday next; and to be printed.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the West Middlesex 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 take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Saint James's and Pall Mall Electric Light Bill; and the same was twice read, and, with an Amendment, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Cheer Stretton 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 Liverpool Overhead 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 Saint Neot's Water Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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The Brook's Park (Londonderry) Bill was read, and, with an Amendment, agreed to, and committed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Finance) Bill [Stamp Duties], a Resolution which was read, as follows:

"That the Board may from time to time enter into agreements with the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, if the Commissioners in their discretion think proper, for the payment of Inland Revenue, if the Commissioners in their discretion think proper, for the payment of

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Finance) Bill, that they have power to make provision therein pursuant to the said Resolution.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

The Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 9) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

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The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Seventeenth Annual Report of the Fishery Board for Scotland, being for the Year 1898, Part III. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lachlan reported from the South Hants Committee on the South Hants Water 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 that the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hardy reported from the Committee on Private Bills—Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Manchester Canners Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of Appointments to Class I. Clerkships in the Civil Services, from 1886 to 1898, inclusive, in the following form:

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(See Mr. Tritton.)

Mr. John Edward Ellis reported from the Trade, &c. Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, to whom the Telegraphs (Telephonic Telegraph Communication, &c.) Bill was referred; That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed. Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed. Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration on Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Royal Charter, "National African Company," 18th October 1887, now called "Royal Niger Company." The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 5) Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to East India (Loans raised in India) be printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Sixth 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 War 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; and to be printed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of—


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table. Yot, 154.
The Lords have agreed to the Local Government (Gas) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 2) 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 Local Government (Ireland) Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, without any Amendment.

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The Lords have agreed to the Anchor and Chain Cable Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Taff Vale Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Inverness Harbour Bill, with Amendments made by this House to the Inverness Harbour Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords request that this House will be pleased to give leave to Thomas Wallace Russell, Esquire, a Member of this House, to attend in order to be examined as a Witness before the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships in the present Session of Parliament on the Dublin Corporation Bill.

And Mr. Thomas Wallace Russell, being present in his place, declared that he was willing with leave of the House, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to acquaint them that this House hath given leave to Thomas Wallace Russell, Esquire, to go to the House of Lords, as desired by their Lordships, if he think fit: And that the Clerk do carry the said Message.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to amend the Law with respect to the Salaries and Allowances of the Commissioner, Receiver, and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police; 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 Law with respect to the Salaries and Allowances of the Commissioner, Receiver, and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 3rd day of this instant July, That the Military Works Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed,—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out from the word "That" to the end of the Question, in order to add the words "this House declines to proceed further with a Bill authorising the expenditure of public money upon Military Works unless full details of the purpose for which this outlay is to be made are contained therein."—(Captain Sinclair.)

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, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business.

Whereupon Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put":

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond.]

Yea, Mr. Austruther; Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone,]

Nees, Mr. William M'Arthur: 159.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond.]

Yea, Mr. Austruther; Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone,]

Nees, Mr. William M'Arthur: 64.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Balfour claimed, "That the Main Question be now put":

And the Main Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond.]

Yea, Mr. Austruther; Tellers for the [Mr. Dillon,]

Nees, Mr. Buchanan: 159.

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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant July, That the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Undersized Fish 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 Fisheries Bill (Scotland);

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Tobacco (Refined) Excise Duty (Scotland) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the taking into consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs Duty 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 Telegraph (Channel Islands) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets Act (1897) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time;
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Money-Lending 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' Names 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 March last, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time; 
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Bill, as amended in the Committee; 
Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Metropolis Management (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 Metropolis Management Acts Amendment (Bye-laws) Bill. 
(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No 1, agreed to. 
CLAUSE, No 2, amended, and agreed to. 
CLAUSE, No 3, agreed to. 
Schedule agreed to. 
Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill. 
Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Baths and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill. 
(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No 1, agreed to. 
A Clause (Extent of Act)————(Mr. Bigwood)—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 upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Quarries 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 Limitations 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 Tancred's Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill; 
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Money-Lending Bill [Lords.] 

Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill.

Acts Amendment Bill.

University (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill.

Coroners Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Lincolnshire Coroners Bill.

Great Central Railway Bill.

Baths and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill.

Quarries Bill.

Limitations Bill.

Tancred's Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill.
The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) 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, by Her Majesty’s Command, a Return of all Contrasts made in the United Kingdom (including the Colonies) Kingdom for manufactured Articles by the several Government Departments, either with Contractors outside the United Kingdom or with Contractors or Agents in the United Kingdom who obtain the Articles from Abroad (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 383, of Session 1897.). — [Mr. Logan.]

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Government a Return of the Work done in the Land Registry under the various Acts hereinafter mentioned, namely;—

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1. Under
1. Under the Land Transfer Act, 1875 (Lord Cairns’ Act):—

(a) The number, value, and acreage (where known) of Estates the titles to which were annually registered, on first registration, from the 1st day of January 1895 to the 31st day of December 1898, showing the numbers of Estates registered with absolute and possessory Title, and Leasehold, and the number of Estates registered under the Small Holdings Act,

(b) The total number of separate titles on the Register on the 31st day of December 1898, (i) by first registration, (ii) by subdivision of Estates already registered, and (iii) by transfer from the 1862 Register.

2. Under the Land Registry Act, 1862 (Lord Westmore’s Act):—

(a) The total number, value, and acreage (where known) of Estates the titles to which were registered on first registration;

(b) The total number of separate titles on the Register on the 31st day of December 1898, (i) by first registration, and (ii) by subdivision of Estates already registered;

(c) The total number of separate titles which had been removed from the Register on the 31st day of December 1898 otherwise than by transfer to the 1862 Register.

3. Under both the Acts of 1875 and 1882.—

(a) The total number of separate titles on the Register on the 31st day of December 1898;

(b) The total number of transactions annually registered from the 1st day of January 1895 to the 31st day of December 1898, showing the numbers of (i) first registrations under the Act of 1875, (ii) re-registrations, transfers, and transmissions of land, (iii) mortgages, charges, further charges, and transfers of mortgages and charges, (iv) re-transmissions of mortgages and cessation of charges, (v) leases and surrenders of leases, (vi) miscellaneous.


A statement, so far as may be practicable, of the nature and amount of the work done under these Acts from the 1st day of January 1895 to the 31st day of December 1898.

5. Under the Land Charges Registration and Searches Act, 1898:—

The number of registrations, official searches, and ordinary searches annually made from the 1st day of January 1895 to the 31st day of December 1898.

6. Under the Middlesex Registry Act, 1708, and the Land Registry (Middlesex Deeds) Act, 1891:

The number of registrations and searches annually made from the 1st day of January 1895 to the 31st day of December 1898.

—And showing the amount of fees received each year and the amount of salaries and expenses each year in the Land Registry from the 1st day of April 1895 to the 31st day of March 1898, distinguishing with respect to the periods since the Land Transfer Act, 1897, came into operation, for the purposes of Section 22 of that Act, the fees received and salaries and expenses paid under the Land Transfer Acts and the other Acts above referred to in (in continuation of Particulars Paper, No. 468, of Session 1898).

—(Mr. Henry David Greene.)
Mr. T. W. Russell reported from the Select Committee on the Cottage Homes Bill; that they had agreed to the following Second Special Report:

Your Committee have been engaged in inquiring into the premature publication of verbal extracts from the Chairman's Draft Report by the "Times" newspaper on Wednesday 28th June. Several witnesses have been examined, namely, Mr. A. B. Long, Private Secretary to the Chairman; Miss Charlesworth, Superintendent of the Typewriting Department at the Local Government Board; Mr. Nicholson, Clerk to the Committee; Mr. Williams, one of the Committee Clerks; Mr. Burt, Clerk of Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Limited, Printers to the House; Mr. Tizard, Foreman to the above Firm; and Charles Evans, Printers' Messenger.

The meeting of the Committee to consider the Chairman's Draft Report was convened for Thursday the 29th June. On the morning of Wednesday the 28th June, the recommendations of the Chairman, together with a verbal extract from the Report, appeared in the "Times." Your Committee being aware that the premature and unauthorised publication of confidential and privileged documents has become part of a regular system of the "Times" newspaper, desire to direct the attention of the House to this practice.

These documents can only be obtained by improper methods; their publication is often a cause of great embarrassment to Committees, and detrimental to the public interest.

In the case now under review your Committee, after hearing the evidence, see no reason to believe that the disclosure of the draft was due to any carelessness or irregularity of conduct on the part of any of the officers of the Local Government Board through whose hands the Chairman's Draft Report passed.

The wording of the paragraph in the "Times" shows that the writer had the information upon which it was based in his possession some time during the week prior to the distribution of the Draft Report to the Members of the Committee, none of whom received it until late on Tuesday night, the 27th. No Member of the Committee was therefore in a position to give to the "Times" the information published.

Having no reason to believe that anything improper took place whilst the Draft Report was in the custody of the Committee Clerks, your Committee desire to draw attention to the method of treating confidential and privileged documents by the Officers of the House.

It would appear that the document in question was handed by one of the Committee Clerks to a Printers' Messenger, open and without cover of any kind, and that this has been the regular method of dealing with all such documents. In this case the Draft Report was handed in this state to the Messenger in question between 5 and 5.30 p.m., and was not received by the Printer until 7 p.m. on Friday 30th June. The document was therefore at least an hour and a half in the custody of a Messenger who is not an officer of the House.

Your Committee think that this unbusiness-like procedure ought to be revised without delay, and that all documents should go from the Committee Rooms to the Printers in locked bags or boxes, responsible officers alone having the keys.

And in view of the repeated publication of such documents, your Committee recommend that the Lobby representative of any newspaper who publishes privileged documents should be excluded from the premises of the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir William Henselworth reported from the Private Bills Committee of Group 1 of Private Bills: That the House, according to Order, resolved Supply itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Estimates, 1899-1900.

Class III.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £33,262, 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 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Law Officers’ Department; the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty’s Treasury, Queen’s Proctor, and Director of Public Prosecutions; the Costs of Prosecutions, of other Legal Proceedings, and of Parliamentary Agency.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £ 435, in respect of the Allowance for Personal Clerks—(Mr. Weir):— Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

2. £ 32,700, to complete the Sum for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses, including a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Incorporated Law Society.

3. £ 206,227, 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.

4. £ 16,742, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Land Registry.

5. £ 29,714, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

6. £ 40,968, 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.

7. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 410,161, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Prisoners in Zululand, Waifs, and the Colonies.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 410,161, be granted for the said Service—(Sir Charles Cameron).—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

8. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 124,195, 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 1900, for the Expense of the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory, Industrial, and Day Industrial Schools in Great Britain, and of the Inspectors of Reformatory.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 123,685, be granted for the said service—(Sir Charles Cameron).—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

9. £ 21,042, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

Resolutions to be reported.

Class II.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 20,826, be granted to

Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Home Department and Subordinate Offices.

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 divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, (Mr. John Burns: 55.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Asquith: 115.

Original Question again proposed.—Debate arising;

Saturday, 8th July, 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 Lea reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lea also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Merchant Shipping (Limitation of 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 Isolation Hospitals (Amendment) 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, 10th July, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Nottingham Corporation Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon the Amendments made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Inverness Harbour 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 Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered,
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Taff Vale 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 Transvaal Mortgage Loan and Finance 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 Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow Corporation (Gas and Water) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Glasgow 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 Kirkcaldy Corporation and Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lowestoft Water and Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Tindall Water Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the Fylde Water Board Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Hastings Harbour Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Wolverhampton Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 20) 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 Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henley presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 3rd day of this instant July, for a Return relative to the National Portrait Gallery (Correspondence).

Mr. Henley also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of the Act, 1894, Treasury Minute under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 3rd July 1899, declaring that Henry Guillian, Artificer, Royal Small Arms Factory, Pay Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 13th day of March last, for a Return relative to Shop Hours Act Inspectors.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Lord Advocate presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing the Total Payments into and out of the Local Taxation Account, for the Financial Year 1898-99, under the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1890, Education and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1892, Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts and Burgh Local Tax Relief (Scotland) Act, 1896, and Local Taxation Account (Scotland) Act, 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return, according to the Act of Parliament, relative to Shop Hours Act Inspectors, of Judicial Rents that have been revised by the Land Commission on appeal as notified during the month of December 1898; also Rents fixed upon the Reports of Valuers appointed by the Irish Land Commission on the Joint Applications of Landlords and Tenants.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3212 to 3214.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Lawrence Hardy reported from the Committee that Group M of Private Bills; That the said Committee directed the parties promoting the Clyde Navigation Bill had stated
stated that the evidence of John T. Costigane 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 T. Costigane do attend the said Committee tomorrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Ordered, That John T. Costigane do attend the Committee on Group M of Private Bills tomorrow, at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Colonel Baxter reported from the Committee on Group K of Private Bills: That, to meet the convenience of parties, they had adjourned till Monday the 17th day of this instant July.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Chairman of Boards of Guardians Bill be read a second time upon Friday next.

Sir John Kemmaway reported from the Committee on the Bexhill and St Leonard's Tramroads 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.

Sir John Austin, Baronet, Member for the County of Yorick, West Riding (Osgoldcross Division), was sworn.

Walter Runciman, Junior, Esquire, Member for the Borough of Oldham, was sworn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by Sir John Austin, Member for the County of Yorick, West Riding (Osgoldcross Division), was sworn.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill to amend certain provisions of the Land (Ireland) Act, 1896, affecting the Conquested Districts Board, and to make further provision for the Expenses of that Board out of Money provided by Parliament: And that Mr. Gerald Balfour, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Attorney General for Ireland, do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Gerald Balfour accordingly presented a Bill to amend certain provisions of the Land (Ireland) Act, 1896, affecting the Conquested Districts Board, and to make further provision for the Expenses of that Board out of Money provided by Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, received itself into a Committee on the Tithe Rent-charge (Rates) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 1 (Exemption of owner of tithe-rent-charge attached to a benefice from one-half of rates to which the Act applies).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "rent-charge," to insert the words "under the value of two hundred pounds a year" and "be there inserted;"

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Mr. M. Arthur, 155.

Tellers for the Mr. William Welwood, Mr. A. Massilly, 221.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "rent-charge," to insert the words "derived from agricultural land."—(Mr. Nussey.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted.

Amendment amended, by inserting, after the word "the," the word "commuted."

Question put, That the words "under the commuted value of two hundred pounds a year" and "be there inserted;"

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. H. W. Gladstone, Mr. A. Massilly, 155.

Tellers for the Mr. William Welwood, Mr. A. Massilly, 221.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "rent-charge," to insert the words "derived from agricultural land."—(Mr. Nussey.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. A. Massilly, 98.

Tellers for the Mr. William Welwood, 181.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "rent-charge," to insert the words "which had no addition at the time of commutation as an equivalent of rates and taxes."—(Mr. Lambert.)

Question put, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Lambert, 151.

Tellers for the Mr. Samuel Evans, Noes, 264.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the words "attached to," and insert the words "not seved from;"—(Mr. David Thomas.)

Question proposed, That the words "attached to" be inserted in the Clause;

After Debate thereon;

Mr. Walter Long rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put;"

Question put, "That the Question be now put;"

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

TUESDAY, 11th July, 1899: Tellers
Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond]: 249.
Yea, [Mr. Anstruther]: 134.
Noo, [Mr. William M'Arthur]: 134.

Question put accordingly. That the words "attached to" stand part of the Clause; The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond]: 243.
Yea, [Mr. Anstruther]: 135.
Noo, [Mr. William M'Arthur]: 134.

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 Leakey reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant July, That the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill be now read the third time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till 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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

Royal Niger Company Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Royal Niger Company Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

Telegraphs (Telephone Communication, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

Military Works Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Works Bill; Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Palatine Court of Durham Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 4th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Palatine Court of Durham Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

Revenue Act (1868) Amendment Bill.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of June last, That the Inland Revenue Act (1868) Amendment Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Bill; Noes, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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Parliament, of a salary not exceeding £1,200, together with a residential allowance not exceeding £300, to the Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, and of the salaries and remuneration to the secretary, assistant secretaries, inspectors, officers, and servants of the Department, and of all expenses incurred by the Department, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session for establishing a Department of Agriculture and other Industries and Technical Instruction in Ireland.—(Mr. Gerald Balfour.) Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Board of Education 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 of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Under sized Fish Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Metropolitan Management Acts Amendment (Bye-laws) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House has agreed to the same, with Amendments; in which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordsships.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Baths and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 20th day of June last, was proposed to be made on consideration of the Service Franchise Bill, as amended in the Committee; and which Amendment was, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out from the word "tense" to the word "net"—writing—"in l. 11.—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Executors (Scotland) Amendment Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors (Ireland) Bill.
Tuesday, 11th July, 1899.

THE HOUSE met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, and referred on the First Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, and which are applicable thereto, have been complied with, viz.:

- London and South Western Railway Bill.
- Rochdale Canal 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 which are applicable thereto have been complied with, viz.:

- Fylde Water Board Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the direct provisions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Second Report by the Board of Trade of Proceedings under the Conciliation Act, 1896. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by Her Majesty's Commissioner, and Correspondence on the Subject of the Insurrection in the Sierra Leone Protectorate, 1898. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, pursuant to the Army directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of (Volunteers) proposed Amendment of the Scheme relative to the efficiency of Volunteers under Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated 31st July 1880, or subsequent amending Orders, to be submitted to the Queen in Council under the Volunteer Act, 1863; Draft Efficiency Certificate for the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Wellington Corporation Bill; That the said Paper be read a second time, and committed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of the Agricultural (Ireland) Statistics of Ireland, with detailed Report on Agriculture, for the year 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 507.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Select Committee on Standing Orders, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:

1. That, in the case of the Portsmouth Corporation 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 Workington 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.

Colonel Gunter reported from the Committee on the Sunderland Corporation Bill; That they had examined the allegations contained in the Petition for Private Bill [Lords.]

Mr. Holley reported from the Committee of Selection; That they had discharged the following Member from the Standing Committee on the First Reading of the 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.:

- All Saints Church (Cardiff) Bill.
- Great Grimsby Street Tramways Bill.
- Fylde Water Board Bill.

Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time, and committed.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account of Receipts and Payments under the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, for the year ended 31st March 1899.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the National Portrait Gallery (Correspondence), which was presented upon the 10th day of this instant July, be printed.
Law, &c.
Law, and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure: Mr. Gold; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Lambton.
Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee; That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures: Mr. Kemp; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Comline.
Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee; That they had added to the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures, the following Member: Mr. Galloway.
Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Messengers 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 Military Lands Provisional Order Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Apr Burgh Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the South Eastern, London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Yarmouth Pier Bill, without any Amendment.

The Order for reading a second time, Tomorrow, the Stolen Goods Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday the 19th day of this instant July.

University of London Act (1897) Amendment.
Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the University of London Act, 1899, with respect to Holloway Colleges: And the Lords have agreed to the Bill, without any Amendment.

Sir John Gorst accordingly presented a Bill to amend the University of London Act, 1898, with respect to Holloway College: 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 Tithe Rent-charge (Rates) Bill.

Title Rent-charge (Rates) Bill.

Clause, No. 1: (Exemption of owner of tithe rent-charge attached to a benefice from one-half of rates to which the Act applies). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word “benefice,” to insert the words “to which such owner may be presented after the passing of this Act.”—Mr. Samuel Evans.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—After Debate thereon:
Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put;” but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question, because, if carried, it would exclude an important Amendment; and he invited the Committee to assist him in securing the consideration of that Amendment.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word “benefice,” to insert the words “who has incurred expense in the employment of a curator for the purposes of such benefice, or has incurred expenses about repairing the church belonging to such benefice, he shall, where such expenditure is not less than one-third half of the amount of any rate to which this Act applies.”—Mr. Athelney-Jones.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—After Debate thereon:
Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put.”

The Committee divided:
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. M'Arthur]; Noes, [Mr. Atherley-Jones].

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put.”

The Committee divided:
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Atherley-Jones]; Noes, [Mr. M'Arthur].

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put.”

Question put, “That the Question be now put.”

The Committee divided:
Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, [Mr. Atherley-Jones]; Noes, [Mr. M'Arthur].

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out the words “one-half,” in order to insert the words “the proportion set forth in the Schedule to this Act.”—(Mr. David Thomas), instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words “one-half” stand part of the Clause:—Debate arising:
Mr. Speaker moved, “That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again”;
but the Chairman, being of opinion that the Motion was an abuse of the Rules of the House, declined to propose the Question thereon to the Committee:—Debate resumed.

Question put, That the words “one-half” stand part of the Clause:

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Wednesday, 12th July, 1899:

Tellers
The Order of the day being read, for the Parish Church (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last. That the licensing exemption (Houses of Parliament) 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 Telegraph (Channels Islands) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee on Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland), a Resolution; which was read as follows:
That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of a salary not exceeding £1,200, together with a Residential Allowance not exceeding £150, to the Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, and of the salaries and remuneration to the secretaries, assistant secretaries, inspectors, officers, and servants of the Department, and of all expenses incurred by the Department, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session for establishing a Department of Agriculture and other Industries and Technical Instruction in Ireland.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Baths and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for the Wild Birds Protection Act (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Quarries 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 4th day of this instant July, That the Order of the day being read, for taking the Baths and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be considered again.

The Order of the day being read, for taking the Baths and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

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 Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph (Channels Islands) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for 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 School Board Conference (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Manchester Corporations Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Local Government Act (888) Amendment Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for the Wild Birds Protection Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for the Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Charges 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

The Order of the day being read, for the Clause to the word ' and,' in l. 8, stand part of the Clause; be now put:
Ordered, That the Question, That the words of the Clause to the word ' and,' in l. 8, stand part of the Clause, be now put.

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 228.
Tellers for the [Mr. Austruther: — 125.
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone, 104.
Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur: — 106.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question, That the words of the Clause to the word ' and,' in l. 8, stand part of the Clause, be now put":

Question put accordingly, That the words of the Clause to the word "and," in l. 8, stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 224.
Tellers for the [Mr. Austruther: — 104.
Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone, 104.
Tellers for the [Mr. William M'Arthur: — 106.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to make his report to the House.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Bill:
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 4th day of this instant July, That the

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parochial Churches Bill (Scotland) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last. That the
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The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Isolation Hospitals (Amendment) Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Leith Harbour and Docks Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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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, a Copy of Report by the Board of Trade of their Proceedings under Part III. of "The Sea Fisheries Act, 1868," Orders for Fishery Grants, 1898-99.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House was moved, that the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Workington Corporation Bill might be read; and the same being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, received itself into a Committee on the Tithe Rent-charge (Rates) Bill.
The House was moved, That the Report from the Select Committee on Standing Orders in respect of the Portsmouth 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. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, and modified and confirmed by Act, 1896.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The House was moved, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, presenting, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report by Her Majesty's Commissioner, and Correspondence on the subject of the Insurrection in the Sierra Leone Protectorate, 1898. Part II. Evidence and Documents.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick, presenting, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 2315 and 2316.

Copy of Report by the Membra—Victoria Afrror (Uganda) Railway Committee on the Progress (No. 6, 1899) of the Works, 1898–99 (with a Map).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Royal Assent.

Sir Charles, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers:—And being returned:

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, had been at the House of Peers, where a Commission under the Great Seal hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.
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. Fine or Imprisonment (Scotland and Ireland) Act, 1899.
2. Referratory Schools Act, 1899.
3. Elementary Education (School Attendance) Act (1880) Amendment Act, 1899.
5. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1899.
6. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1899.
7. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1899.
8. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1899.
9. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Gas) Act, 1899.
10. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Housing of Working Classes) Act, 1899.
11. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Housing of Working Classes) (No. 2) Act, 1899.
12. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Housing of Working Classes) (No. 3) Act, 1899.
13. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Housing of Working Classes) (No. 2) Act, 1899.
14. Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (Liverpool) Act, 1899.
15. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1899.
16. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1899.
17. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1899.
18. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1899.
19. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (Housing of Working Classes) Act (No. 2) Act, 1899.
20. Military Lands Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1899.
22. Friends' Provident Institution Act, 1899.
24. Mid-Kent Gas Light and Coke Act, 1899.
27. Aberdeens Corporation Act, 1899.
33. Grootenoor Chapel Act, 1899.
34. Church of Emmanuel, West End, Hampstead, Act, 1899.
35. Brymbo and Western Valleys Railway Act, 1899.
37. Lanarkshire (Middle Ward District) Water Act, 1899.
40. Aviation and Gastric Waterworks Amendment Act, 1899.
41. Gainborough Urban District Council (Gas) Act, 1899.
42. Wick and Peterhead Harbours Act, 1899.
43. Dunker Gas, Street Improvements, and Tramways Act, 1899.
44. Cork Corporation (Finance) Act, 1899.
45. South Eastern Railway Act, 1899.
46. Fulgham Water and Gas Act, 1899.
47. Barry Corporation Act, 1899.
49. Barry Railway Act, 1899.
52. Lancaster and Yorkshire Railway (Various Powers) Act, 1899.
53. Cobhan Gas Act, 1899.
54. Strofford Gas Act, 1899.
55. Central Electric Supply Company's Act, 1899.
56. Skibbereen and District Gas Act, 1899.
57. South Staffordshire Stipendiary Justice Act, 1899.
58. West Midlands Water Works Act, 1899.
59. Church Streetwater Act, 1899.
60. Saint Nevis Water Act, 1899.
61. Saint John's and Full Hall Electric Light Company's Act, 1899.
63. Great Central Railway Act, 1899.
64. Scunthorpe Urban District Gas and Water Act, 1899.
67. Inverness Harbour Act, 1899.
68. Norwich Corporation Act, 1899.
69. Taff Vale Railway Act, 1899.
70. Transvaal Mortgage Loan and Finance Company's Act, 1899.
71. Great Yarmouth New Britannia Pier Act, 1899.
73. Air andolder Navigation Act, 1899.
74. Midland Railway Act, 1899.
75. Jesuit Divorce Act, 1899.
76. York Estate Act, 1899.

Mr. Halsey reported from the Committee of Selection: That they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Companies (Standing Committee on Companies) Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Trade, &c. Shippers, and Manufacturers: Mr. Collery; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Power. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Sir Charles Dairymple reported from the Public Petitions Select Committee on Public Petitions: That petitions they had examined the Petitions presented upon Report.

The 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th days of June last, and the 3rd,
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3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th days of this instant July; and had directed him to make a Report thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of authorizing the payment, out of Moneys provided by Parliament, of the Salaries of the Commissioner, Receiver, and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police—(Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley); Secretary Sir William Walrond, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into said Committee.

Sir William Howlswirth reported the Lea Bridge District Gas Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Local Government Provisional Order (No. 15) (re-committed) Bill; That they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tancred’s Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Balfour reported from the Select Committee on the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 15) (re-committed) Bill; That they had considered the Order contained therein; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with Amendments, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be considered at Monday next, and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minute of Proceedings of the Select Committee be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tancred’s Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Birmingham Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the House desires the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lea Bridge District Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the House desires the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Woking Water and Gas Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Lowestoft Promenade Pier 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 Law relating to Youthful Offenders, and for other purposes connected therewith; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings on the Tithe Rent-charge (Rates) Bill, if under discussion at Twelve o’clock this night, be not interrupted for Vote No. 154.

under the Standing Order Sittings of the House—(Mr. Balfour);

The House divided.

The Yeas are, (Mr. Aslaker); [Mr. A. M. M’Arthur]; 247.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas; Mr. Aslaker]; 247.

Tellers for the [Mr. A. M. M’Arthur]; 148.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tithe Rent-charge (Rates) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause, No. 2 (Interpretation).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 13, to leave out the words “ unless the context otherwise requires.”—(Mr. Courtenay Warner.)

Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put; and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, after the word “ requires,” to insert the words “ (a) The expression ‘ the Local Taxation Account’ shall have the same meaning as in the Local Government Act, 1888.”—(Mr. Edmund Robertson.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—After Debate thereon;

Mr. Walter Long rose in his place, and claimed to move, “ That the Question be now put.”

Question put; “That the Question be now put.”

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas; Mr. A. M. M’Arthur]; 250.

Tellers for the [Mr. A. M. M’Arthur]; 250.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Noes, Mr. W. M’Arthur]; 173.

Question put accordingly, That those words be there inserted;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas; Mr. W. M’Arthur]; 174.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas; Mr. A. M. M’Arthur]; 250.

Noes, (Mr. A. M. M’Arthur); 228.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, to leave out paragraph (a) of sub-section (1).—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question, That paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) stand part of the Clause—put; and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, to leave out from the word “ curacies” to the end of paragraph (b).—(Mr. Herbert Roberts.)

Question put; “That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause.”

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas; Mr. A. M. M’Arthur]; 228.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Roberts, Noes; Mr. W. M’Arthur]; 152.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, to leave out paragraph (c) of sub-section 1, and insert the words “ The expression ‘ owner’ means the incumbent in receipt of the tithe rent-charge at the date of the passing of this Act.”—(Mr. David Thanes.)

Question proposed, That paragraph (c) of sub-section 1 stand part of the Clause—After Debate thereon;

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, “ That the Question be now put.”

Question put; “ That the Question be now put.”

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas; Mr. A. M. M’Arthur]; 187.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Noes, Mr. W. M’Arthur]; 107.

VOTE 154.
Question put accordingly. That paragraph (c) of subsection 1 stand part of the Clause.;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas. [Mr. Austruther: 184.] Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Nos. [Mr. Causton: 111.]
Mr. Raffour rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill be now put": Question put, "That the Question, That the Clause stand part of the Bill be now put": The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas. [Mr. Austruther: 184.] Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Nos. [Mr. Causton: 97.]
Question put accordingly, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas. [Mr. Austruther: 184.] Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Nos. [Mr. Causton: 101.]
Amendment proposed in p. 2, 1, 1, after the word "Rates," to insert the word "Relief."—(Mr. Dalziel.) Question put, That the word "Relief" be there inserted;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Dalziel, Yeas. [Mr. Broadhurst: 105.] Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Nos. [Mr. Austruther: 175.]
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas. [Mr. Austruther: 184.] Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Nos. [Mr. Causton: 118.]
Amendment proposed in p. 2, l. 3, to leave out from the word "shall" to the word "said," in l. 9, in order to insert the words "not come " into operation until the expiration of the"—(Mr. Herbert Lewis)—instead thereof.
Question put, That the words of the Clause to "any" in l. 4, stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas. [Mr. Austruther: 244.] Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Lewis, Nos. [Mr. Lambert: 149.]
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 4, after the word "except," to insert the words "any rate levied in relief of the poor"—(Mr. David Thomas.) Question put, That those words be there inserted;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas. [Mr. William M'Arthur: 267.] Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Nos. [Mr. Austruther: 267.]
Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 7, to leave out from the word "half" to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. David Thomas.) Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yeas. [Mr. Austruther: 274.] Tellers for the Mr. David Thomas, Nos. [Mr. Samuel Evans: 152.]
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas. [Mr. William M'Arthur: 470.] Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Nos. [Mr. Austruther: 155.]
Friday, 14th July, 1899.
A Clause (Extent of Act)—(Mr. Herbert Lewis)—brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;—After Debate thereon;
Mr. Bonar rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.—Debate resumed.
Question put;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas. [Mr. William M'Arthur: 120.] Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Nos. [Mr. Austruther: 233.]
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Dalziel)—After Debate thereon;
Mr. Boulton rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.—Debate resumed.
Question put;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas. [Mr. William M'Arthur: 216.] Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Nos. [Mr. Austruther: 197.]
Another Clause (Certificates by Commissioners of Inland Revenue)—(Mr. Bousfield) brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;—After Debate thereon;
Mr. Walter Long rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; Question put, "That the Question be now put"; Question put accordingly. That the Clause be read a second time;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas. [Mr. William M'Arthur: 202.] Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Nos. [Mr. Austruther: 202.]
Question put accordingly. That the Clause be read a second time;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas. [Mr. William M'Arthur: 97.] Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Nos. [Mr. Austruther: 97.]
Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas. [Mr. William M'Arthur: 197.] Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Nos. [Mr. Austruther: 197.]
Another Clause (Provisions as to sequestrated Estates) brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;—After Debate thereon;
Mr. Boulton rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.—Debate resumed.
Question put;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas. [Mr. William M'Arthur: 97.] Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Nos. [Mr. Austruther: 97.]
Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas. [Mr. William M'Arthur: 97.] Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Nos. [Mr. Austruther: 97.]
Another Clause (Provisions as to sequestrated Estates) brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;—After Debate thereon;
Mr. Boulton rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.—Debate resumed.
Question put;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas. [Mr. William M'Arthur: 97.] Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Nos. [Mr. Austruther: 97.]
Another Clause (Provisions as to sequestrated Estates) brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;—After Debate thereon;
Mr. Boulton rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.—Debate resumed.
Question put;
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Gladstone, Yeas. [Mr. William M'Arthur: 97.] Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Nos. [Mr. Austruther: 97.]
Another Clause (Provisions as to sequestrated Estates) brought up, and read the first time.
Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;—After Debate thereon;
Mr. Boulton rose in his place, and claimed to move, "That the Question be now put"; but the Chairman withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.—Debate resumed.
Question put;
The Committee divided.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant July, That the Private Legislation (Scotland) 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 taking into consideration the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of June last, That the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn—Mr. Balfe:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Four of the clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 14th July, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Prayers.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Ayr Burgh Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies Bill; and the same were twice read, and, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships, with Amendments; to which this House desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Hants 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 Glasgow Corporation Telegraphs Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Tuesday the 25th day of this instant July.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Local Government Provisional Order (No. 15) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.
14th July.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 10) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the 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. 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 upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, 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 Water Orders Confirmation Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the 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 Burgh Police (Scotland) 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Whitehaven 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; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Caledonian Railway (General Powers) Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Aberdeen Joint Passenger Station 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 Great Northern Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Caledonian Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Caledonian Railway Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and verbally amended the same, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Mersey Docks and Harbour (Finance) Bill; that the Committee had had Provision in the Bill as to Stamp Duties, in pursuance of the Instruction of the House of the 6th day of this instant July.

Mr. James William Lowther further reported from the Committee; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, as passed by the Committee; and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the West-super-Mare, Clevedon, and Portishead Tramways Company (Light Railway Extension) Bill, with Amendments; 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 Members from the Standing Committee on Law and Courts of Justice, and Legal Procedure: Mr. Humphrey-Owen; and had appointed in substitution: Mr. Woods.

Mr. Halsey further reported from the Committee; that they had discharged the following Members from the Standing Committee on Trade (including Agriculture and Fishing), Shipping, and Manufactures: Mr. James Henry M. Campbell, Mr. Macdonald, and Mr. William Moore; and had appointed in substitution: Lord Balcarres, Mr. Dunbar-Borton, and Mr. Drage.

Ordered, That the Reports do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House. That a Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £1,100—(Mr. Weir); The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Yeas | Noes
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| Mr. Weir | Mr. Haldenwick | 71

Tellers for the | Yeas | Noes
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| Sir William Walrond | Mr. Atkinson | 134

Original Question again proposed. Motion made, and Question proposed, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £1,000, in respect of the Salary of the Secretary for Scotland—(Sir Charles Cameron):—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to. Resolution to be reported. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £16,169, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board in Scotland, and for Grants in Aid of Piers or Quays. Motion made, and Question put, That Item A (Salaries) be reduced by £1,100—(Mr. Weir); The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Yeas | Noes
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| Mr. Weir | Mr. Clock | 18

Tellers for the | Yeas | Noes
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| Sir William Walrond | Mr. Atkinson | 80

Original Question again proposed. Resolution to be reported. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £15,300, be granted for the said Services—(Mr. Caldwell); The Committee divided.

Tellers for the | Yeas | Noes
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| Mr. Caldwell | Mr. Buchanan | 29

Tellers for the | Yeas | Noes
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| Sir William Walrond | Mr. Atkinson | 72

Original Question again proposed.

Saturday, 15th July, 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 Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that the Committee had made Progress in the matter to them referred; and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the Congested Districts Board (Scotland) Bill; and ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Ordered, That the Order of the day be read, for the Royal Niger Company (Ireland) Bill; and ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Motion made, and Question put, That the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 12th day of June last, that the Trout Fishing Annual Close Time (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Lunacy 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 (Channel Islands) 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' 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 Land Tax Commissioners' Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee; and which Amendment was, in p. 1, 1. 10, to leave out from the word "tenant" to the word "notwithstanding" in l. 11—(Sir Charles Dilke); Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Baths and Washhouses Acts Amendment Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Board of Education 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 Under-sized Fish 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 Rent-charge (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 Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of Supply; Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Palestine Court of Durhams Bill; Received, 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 Palestine Court of Durhams Bill, which, upon the 4th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Palestine Court of Durhams 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 Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) 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 (Channel Islands) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Bill to make an Amendment of the Service Franchise Bill; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Birds Protection 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 Imbeciles (Training Institutions) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Board Electorate (Scotland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Wednesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Cowpers' 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 Factories and Workshops Amendment and Consolidation Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trawlers' Suspension 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 Conferences (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 Isolation Hospitals (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.

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Monday, 17th July, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, 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. 2) Bill. Ordered, That the Bills be read a second time tomorrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Birmingham 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 Milton Creek Conservancy Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration Woking Water and 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 Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Pilots) 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 second time, and passed, to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The London and South Western Railway Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Woking Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Workington Corporation Bill was read a second time; and committed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

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The 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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Ordered, That 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 Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Gas and 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 Local Government Provisional Order (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 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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented,—Return to an Address from the House of Commons, dated the 6th day of June last, for a Return relating to Army Commissions.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return as to the Capital, Traffic Receipts, and Working Expenses, &c. of the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom, for the year 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Annual Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Court of Probate Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, for the year ended 31st December 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Water Long presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Board of Agriculture to inquire into and report upon the working of the Diseases of Animals Acts in so far as they relate to Glanders; together with the Minutes of Evidence, Appendices, &c.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2318.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Local Government (Scotland) Act (1894) Amendment Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant July.

The Order for reading a second time, this day, the Education (School Attendance) (Scotland) Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant July.

The Order for reading a second time, upon Wednesday next, the Trawlers' Certificates Suspension Bill was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to remove Doubts as to the Validity of certain Marriages; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Liverpool Overhead Railway Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill, intituled, An Act to remove Doubts as to the Validity of certain Marriages; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Marriages Validity (No. 2) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the remainder of the Session, the House do sit on and after To-morrow; and to be printed.

The Marriages Validity (No. 2) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Wednesday next; and to be printed.
Public Works (Loans.)

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. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

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.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee; and a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, adding the words "upon this day three months."—(Mr. Stracey.)
And the Question being put, that the word "now" stand part of the Question:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration—the House accordingly proceeded to the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Repeal of enactments in Schedule)—(Mr. Walter Long)—was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Exemption from penalty)—(Sir Charles Cameron); and the said Clause was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration—the House accordingly proceeded to the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (Amendment of Schedule) was brought up, and read the first time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be now read a second time:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration—the House accordingly proceeded to the Bill into consideration.

A Clause (from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions) was read, as follow:

Class III.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £39,232, be Law Officers necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries of the Law Officers’ Department; the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Solicitor for the Affairs of Her Majesty’s Treasury, Queen’s Proctor, and Director of Public Prosecutions; the Costs of Prosecutions, of other Legal Proceedings, and of Parliamentary Agency.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £23,200, be necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Supreme Court of Judicature as are not charged on the Consolidated Fund.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £16,742, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Land Registry.
5. That a Sum, not exceeding £29,714, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses connected with the County Courts.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £40,686, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, 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.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £415,161, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Expenses of the Prisons in England, Wales, and the Colonies.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £194,105, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Expenses of the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory, Industrial, and Day Industrial Schools in Great Britain, and of the Inspectors of Reformatories.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £21,942, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley reported from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

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That a Sum, not exceeding £8,588, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland and Subordinate Offices.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great Laxness 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 resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 4th day of this instant July, That the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill be now read the third time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of June last, That the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Supply Committee on the Civil Service Estimates, 1899-1900.

Ordered, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Royal Niger Second Reading of the Royal Niger Company Bill, 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 12th day of June last, That the Trout Fishing Annual Close Time (Scotland) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lonsony Bill Second Reading of the Lonsony Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Lonsony Bill Second Reading of the Lonsony Bill [Lords.]

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Colonial Loans Fund Bill:

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Metropolitan Second Reading of the Metropolitan Streets Tramway Act (1867) Amendment Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Money-Lending Bill:

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Land Tax Commissioners' Names Bill and Tax was, according to Order, read a second time; Commissioned to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Members for Counties do prepare Lists of the Christian and Surnames of Commissioners for executing the Land Tax Acts for their respective Counties.

Ordered, That Members for Boroughs and Places having Commissioners executing exclusive jurisdiction within the same under the said Acts do prepare similar Lists of Commissioners for executing the said Acts within each Boroughs and Places respectively.

Ordered,
Ordered, That Members for other Boroughs and Places do prepare similar Lists of Commissioners for executing the said Acts for the Counties in which such last-mentioned Boroughs and Places are situate.—(Mr. Heeney.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 9th day of March last, That the Universities (Scotland) Acts Amendment Bill be now read a second time ;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Board of Education 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 Under-sized Fish 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 Tithe Rent-charge (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 Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means ;
Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bodleian Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Bill ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges 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 said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 23rd day of February last, That the Bill be now read a second time ;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Channel Islands) Bill ;
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Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Lawrence Hardy reported from the Committee on Group M of Private Bills; That, for the convenience of parties, the Committee had adjourned until Thursday 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, of the 17th day of this instant July, be printed. Bill to make further provision for Education in Ireland, (No. 2) Bill, with Amendments. The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rurum Ayers and Pacific Railway Company Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The House took into consideration the Lea Bridge District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Lou Bridge District Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time; and committed.

The House took into consideration the Westwooduper-March Grand Pier Bill was read a second time; and committed.

The Gas Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Army Commissions, which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Byrom presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2319.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Konynay reported the North Eastern and Hull and Barnsley Railways (Joint Dock), Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Sousa-Hayne reported the Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill, with Amendments.
Sir John Bourne presented a Bill to facilitate the Dedication of Land to the Public Enjoyment; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Alfred Hutton presented a Bill to make further provision for Education in England and Wales; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday the 31st day of this instant July; and to be printed.

Sir John Davenport presented a Bill to amend the Electric Lighting Act, 1882; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Restriction as to colouring margarine to be imported)—(Mr. Lambert):—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. Anstruther); 68.

Tellers for the (Mr. Austruther); 287.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision as to use of warranty or invoice as defence)—(General Lawrie):—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 (Colouring of milk or cream)—(Mr. Stracey):—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. Llewellyn); 57.

Tellers for the (Mr. Austruther); 238.

So it passed in the Negative.

Another Clause was offered to be added to the Bill (Provision as to cider and perry)—(Mr. Stracey):—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 (Preservatives)—(Mr. Claxton):—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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An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 5, by inserting, after the word "kingdom," the words "for consumption there- in."—(Mr. Lang.)

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. 1, l. 7, by inserting, before the word "margarine," the words "butter and cheese."—(Mr. Cobbe).

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. 1, l. 10, by leaving out the words "or margarine cheese."—(Mr. Cobbe).

And the Question being put, That those words "or margarine cheese" stand part of the Bill:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left;

Tellers for the (Mr. Cobbe); 19.

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Cameron); 24.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 16, by leaving out from the word "words" to the word "are," in l. 18, and inserting the words "skimmed or impoverished milk."—(Dr. Clarke),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, l. 17, by inserting, after the words "skimmed milk," the words "and not fit for food for infants."—(Sir Walter 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. 18, by inserting, after the word "type," the words "or"

"(d) Any adulterated or impoverished article of food to which Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct that this section shall be applied, unless the same be imported in packages or receptacles conspicuously marked with a name or description indicating that the article has been so treated."—(Mr. Walter Lang.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. l. 1, by inserting, after the words "or type," the words "or"

"(d) Any adulterated or impoverished article of food to which Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct that this section shall be applied,"—(Sir Charles Cameron.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Question being put, That the words "or"
Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the next Monday.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the University of London Act (1898) Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No 1 and No 2, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great Western, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Metropolitan Police Act Amendment Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No 1 and No 2, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great Western, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Ireland) Act Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley reported from the Committee on Metropolitan Police (Salaries), a Resolution; which was read, as follows:

That it is expedient to authorise the payment, out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, of the Salaries of the Commissaries of Police of the Metropolis, the Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District, and the Assistant Commissioners of Police of the Metropolis.
The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley and Mr. Jesse Collings do prepare, and bring it in.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the Salaries and Allowances of the Commissioners, Receiver, and Assistant Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police: 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 the 4th day of this instant July, That the Inebriates Act (1896) Amendment Bill be now read the third time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) 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 Third Reading of the Fifth-Rents-charge (Rates) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Thursday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works (Loans) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Military Works 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 4th day of this instant July, That the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) 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 Land Charges 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 Colonial Loans Fund 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 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 Amendment which, upon the 4th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Palace Court of Durham Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Congested Districts Board (Ireland) [Expenses].

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Naval Works (Consolidated Fund).

Ordered, That it is expedient to make further provision for the construction of Works in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purposes of the Royal Navy, and to authorise the issue, out of the Consolidated Fund, of such sums, not exceeding £3,000,000, for the purposes of the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Acts, including the payment of the salaries or remuneration of officers employed by the Board, and the administrative expenses of the Board, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session relating to the Congested Districts Board (Ireland).

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) 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 Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Whereupon, Mr. Speaker, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 17th day of this instant July, adjourned the House without Question put, it being then One of the clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.
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Wednesday, 19th July, 1899.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Brunei Gas Bill (Lords.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Brunei 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.

Midland and South Western Junction Railway Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Owens College, Manchester Bill (Lords.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made to the Bill by the Lords; and the same was read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Explanatory Memorandum of the Secretary of State for India on the Accounts and Estimates for East India, 1899-1900. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Committee on Education on Schools for the Blind and Deaf, with Appendices, 1898-99.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordering, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Tables of Weights of Machinery, &c. of certain Ships of the Royal Navy fitted with Water-Tube and Cylindrical Return-Tube Boilers; together with the Indicated Horse Power, Consumption of Coal per Indicated Horse Power, and Speed obtained by them on Trials during recent years.

Mr. Goschen accordingly presented the said Paper. Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Royal Niger Company Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was made to the Bill. Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 30, by leaving out the words "and every wholesale dealer in such substances"—("Mr. Jonathan Samuel.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "and," in l. 30, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yea. 

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Cameron. 

Noes, (Sir John Long. 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, l. 30, by leaving out the words "and every wholesale dealer in such substances."—("Mr. Jonathan Samuel.

And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "ten," in l. 17, stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yea. 

Tellers for the (Sir Charles Cameron. 

Noes, (Mr. Jonathan Samuel. 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Further Consideration of the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be deferred till To-morrow.

Mr. Gerald Balfour reported from the Committee on Congested Districts Board (Ireland), a Resolution which was read, and ordered to be printed:

("Mr. Gerald Balfour from the Committee on Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Bill. (In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 to No. 6, 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. Astle Chamberlain reported from the Committee on Naval Works (Consolidated Fund), a Resolution, which was read, as follows:

("Mr. Astle Chamberlain from the Committee on Naval Works (Consolidated Fund) Bill.

(1.) That:
(1.) That it is expedient to make further provision for the construction of Works in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purposes of the Royal Navy, and to authorise the issue out of the Consolidated Fund, of such sums not exceeding in the whole £3,106,000, as may be required for those purposes, and to apply the provisions of the Naval Works Act, 1895, and of the Naval Works Act, 1896 (as to the mode of raising money, and as to the application of surplus income), to the said purposes.

(2.) That it is expedient to amend the Law with respect to the construction and use of Tramways for Naval purposes.

The said Resolution, being read, a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution: And that Mr. Goschen, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Moreton, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for the construction of Works in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purposes of the Royal Navy, and to amend the Law with respect to the construction and use of Tramways for Naval purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Tuesday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of June last, That the Ineffectual Act (1896) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works (Loans) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 4th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Palatine Court of Durham Bill be now read a second time.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Bohler (Joint Tenancy) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

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The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Channel Islands) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 17th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes before Seven of the clock, till To-morrow.

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The House met at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That the House proceed to take into consideration the Byelaws (Urban District) Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

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 1899.

Copy of the Report of the President of Queen's College, Galway, for the Session 1898—99.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the Design directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Information (under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled "The China, Japan, and Corea (Supreme Court) Order in Council, 1899.")

Copy of Order in Council of 14th July 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, appointing certain Bye-laws made by the Trinity House in "Kingston-upon-Hull fixing the rates of Pilotage between Hull and Goole.

Copy of Order in Council of 14th July 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, appointing certain Bye-laws made by the Corporation of Bristol.

Copy of Order in Council of 14th July 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, appointing certain Bye-laws made by the Corporation of Newcastle.

Copy of Order in Council of 14th July 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, appointing certain Bye-laws made by the Newry (Navy) Pilotage Board, in lieu of Bye-law No. 11 of the Bye-laws approved by Order in Council of 3rd October 1885.
Copy of Order in Council of 14th July 1899, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, authorising the increase, by the appointment of an additional Lower Grade Clerk, of the Establishment of the Trinity House.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command.—Copy of Correspondence Tables for Steam Vessels not having Spar or containing, in Columns, the Names of Ordered, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, sanctioned an increase in the Salary paid to Mr. George Napier McMorris, a Clerk in the service of the Commissioners of Irish Lights.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 8th day of June last, for a Return relative to Malta (Political Condition).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns (1) from each Savings Bank in England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and the Channel Islands, containing, in Columns, the Names of the Officers, their respective Salaries, and other Allowances, if any; the Amount of Security each gives; the Annual Expenses of Management, inclusive of all Payments and Salaries, for the year ended the 20th day of November 1898; the Rate per Centum per Annum on the Capital of each 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 1898; the Total Amount of the separate Surplus Fund on the 20th day of November 1898; 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 Numbers and Amount of Annuities granted; and the Average Cost of each Transaction; also the year in which Rates were commenced in each Bank, and the Name of the Day and Days, and the Number of Hours in the Week, on which the Banks are open for the Deposit and Withdrawal of Monies, inclusive of such Return a List of all such Savings Banks as, under the provisions of the Return of the Minutes of Evidence given before the Committee appointed to consider the operation of the North Atlantic Winter Freeboard as prescribed by the Lord Lax Tables, to examine the present mode of assigning Freeboards to Vessels of the Turret-deck type, and to advise as to the extension of the present Lord Lax Tables for Steam Vessels and having Spar or Aways Docks (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 126, of Session 1899).

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill; that they had considered the said Orders; that the said Orders ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, without Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from 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, 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 Tramways Orders Confirmation (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; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill be taken into considera- tion To-morrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Wakefield Committee on the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Manchester Corporation Tramways Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, 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.
Votes.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the North-Eastern Railway Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Waterloo-Centre Tramways Bill, with Amendments. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Fylde Water Board 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 Moss Side Urban District Council Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Withington Urban District Council Tramways Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Hastings Harbour Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Oystermouth Railway or Trans- road Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Committee on the Leigh-on-Sea Urban District Council 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. Lawrence Hardy reported from the Committee on the Clyde Navigation Bill; that they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and amended the same so as to make it consistent with the provisions of the Bill as passed by the Committee, and 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. Lloyd Edmund Fitzmaurice reported from theTrade, &c. Standing Committee (including Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) 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.

The Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill, as amended on consideration, be printed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Standing Committee be printed.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations (Sanitary Provision Bills); that, in the case of the Stafford Corporation Bill, they had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir Stafford Northcote reported from the Select Committee on Police and Sanitary Regulations (Sanitary Provision Bills); that they had considered the Bills referred to them, and had directed him to make a Special Report to the House. Ordered, That the Special Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee be printed.

Mr. Home reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on the Public Health Act, &c. (Epileptic Children) Bill referred to them, and directed him to make a Report to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before them. Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The House of Commons Permanent Staff, &c. (Scotland) Bill was referred; That they had considered the matters referred to them, and directed him to make a Report thereon to the House; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill, as amended on consideration, be printed.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
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. Laurence Hardy reported the Renfrew Burgh and Harbour Extension Bill, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That the Minute of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Cottage Homes Bill of the present Session be referred to the Select Committee on Aged Deserving Poor.—(Mr. Chaplin.)

Message from the Lords.

Local Government Provincial Orders (No. 10) Bill.

Local Government Provincial Orders (No. 9) Bill.

Great Western Railway Bill.

Central London Railway Bill.

Dover and Southampton Railway Bill.

Manchester Corporation (General Powers) Bill.

London United Tramways Bill.

London and North Western Railway (Additional Powers) Bill.

South Eastern Railway Bill.

Chatham and Dover Railway Companies Bill.

Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Pilotage) Bill.

Plymouth Railway Bill.

Glasgow Corporation (Tramways &c.) Bill.

Kirklees Corporation and Tramways Bill.

Gordon Memorial College at Kirkcaldy Bill.

Southport and Lytham Tramway Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provincial Orders (No. 9) Bill be taken into consideration tomorrow.

The Southport and Lytham Tramway Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

The Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum Gordon Bill was read the first time; and ordered 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. Haw¬bury and Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Hanbury accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Law with respect to Customs Duties (Customs) 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 Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Tyne Rent-charge (Rates) 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. Lamberti.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question;

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yes. 102.

Tellers for the Mr. Anstruther; 117.

Noses, Mr. William M. Arthure.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 17, by leaving out the word "ten," and inserting the word "thirty"—(Sir Charles Cameron),—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the word "ten" stand part of the Bill;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Eight;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yes. 131.

Tellers for the Mr. Cobden; 48.

So it was resolved in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 21, by leaving out from "1887" to the end of the Clause, and inserting the
the words "unless he shows to the satisfaction of
of the court before whom he is charged that
he purchased the article in question as
garine, containing not more than ten per cent.
of butter fat; and with a written warranty or
invoice to that effect; that he had no reason
to believe at the time he sold it that the
article was other than margarine containing
not more than ten per cent. of butter fat; and
that he sold it in the same state as when he
purchased it; and in such case he shall be dis
charged from the prosecution, but shall be
liable to pay the costs incurred by the prose
cutor unless he shall have given due notice to
him that he will rely upon the above defense.

—(Mr. Hartley.)

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 s. 5, l. 24, by inserting, after the
word "accordingly," the words "Provided
always, that in any prosecution under the Sale
of Food and Drugs Act the provisions of section twenty-five of the Sale
of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, may be in«ti­
dated within twelve months from the time
when the matter of such proceedings arose."—
(Mr. Joseph A. Pease.)

And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted.—The said proposed
Amendment was, with leave of the House, with­
drawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the
Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 5, l. 39, by inserting, after the
word "type," the words "with a statement that
such milk is not suited for the food of infant
children."—(Mr. Heywood Johnstone.)

And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted.—The said proposed
Amendment was, with leave of the House, with­
drawn.

Then another Amendment was made to the
Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 6, l. 36, by leaving out sub­
section (2) of Clause 16.—(Mr.

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 Eight;
The Noes to the Left.
 Tellers for the (Mr. Heywood Johnstone, )
Yea. [Mr. Spence], 42.
Tellers for the (Mr. Heywood Johnstone, )
No. [Mr. John Burns], 110.
So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 39, by inserting, after the
word "person," the words "Where the defend­
ant in a prosecution under the Sale of Food
and Drugs Acts has been charged under the
provisions of section twenty-five of the Sale
of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, or of section
seven of the Margarine Act, 1887, as re­
spectively amended by this Act, any pros­
ceedings under the Sale of Food and Drugs
Acts for giving the warranty or invoice
related to the defendant in such prosecu­
tion may be taken as well before a court
having jurisdiction in the place where the
article of food is sold in tins or bottles in
which it has been packed by the inaiiufae­
tor unless he shall have given due notice to
him that he will rely upon the above defense.

—(Mr. Heywood Johnstone.)

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And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted.—And a Debate arising
thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till
after Twelve of the clock on Friday morning;

Friday, 21st July, 1899:

And the Question being put, it passed in the
Negative.

Then other Amendments were made to the
Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 11, by inserting, after the
words last inserted, the words "(2.) Any prose­
cuction under section twenty-five of the Sale
of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, may be in«ti­
dated within twelve months from the time
when the matter of such proceedings arose."—
(Mr. Joseph A. Pease.)

And the Question being proposed, That those
words be there inserted.—The said proposed
Amendment was, with leave of the House, with­
drawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made
to the Bill, in p. 7, l. 20, by leaving out the words from the beginning of Clause 16 to the words
"In any prosecution under the Sale of Food
and Drugs Acts the court may, if it
be necessary, order, to any premises occupied by that person,
and that he do pay the costs of such affixing:
and if any person obstructs the affixing of any
notice or removes, defaces, or conceals
the notice while affixed during that period he
shall for each offence be liable on summary
conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

—(Mr. Heywood Johnstone.)
The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Works (Loans) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of June last, That the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telegraph (Channel Island) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Monday next.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 17th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, it being then ten minutes before Two of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

Friday, 21st July, 1899.

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 Blackpool Improvement Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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The Electric Lighting Provisional 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill, completing the same.

Ordered, That this Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

A Return showing—

A.—Number of Seamen and Marines, according to latest Returns, in receipt of the increased Age Pension of 9d. a day, and of those eligible on account of age (viz. 65) and character, but who have not yet been awarded it; to include men pensioned for third time, and on account of injury or disability;

B.—Number of Seamen and Marines, according to latest Returns, in receipt of the increased Age Pension of 9d. a day, and of those eligible on account of age (viz. 65) and character, but who have not yet been awarded it;

C.—Total Annual Cost of Pensions in force.

Ordered, That the said Paper do 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 1898.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.
ended the 31st day of March 1899.—(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 1899, (1) the Total Amount of the Local Taxation Licences and Estate Duty paid into the Local Taxation (England) Account, and the Amounts paid out of such Licences and Estate Duty to, or on behalf of, the Council of each Administrative County and County Borough ; (2) the Amounts paid out of the proceeds of the Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Duties to each Police Authority in aid of Police Pension Funds ; and (3) the Amounts paid out of the residue of the proceeds of 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 the Fleets of Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany, Italy, United States of America, and Japan, 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 referred to one common scale (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 266, of Session 1898.—(Sir Charles Dilke.)

Sir Robert Pearce Fitzgerald reported from the Select Committee on the Great Southern and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill (Preliminary pro])

Vide Supplemental to the Vote.

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 Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 3) Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Stockport Corporation Bill, with Amendments ; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Derby Corporation Tramways, &c. 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 Metropolis Management Acts Amendment (Byelaws) Bill, without any Amendment.
Army Estimates, 1899-1900.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,488,500, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Salaries and Miscellaneous Charges of the War Office, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1900.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £2,488,500, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Pirie.)

Saturday, 22nd July, 1899:

Whereupon Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Dalrymple);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. William Walrond, 68;

Tellers for the [Mr. Asquith: ],[ 65]

Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without leave to sit again.—(Mr. Dalrymple);

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Western Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Manchester Corporation (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 Harwich Corporation Bill [Lords.]; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Western Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Western Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Humber (Conservancy) Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. Hanbury, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Lee Bridge District Gas Bill was read the third time, and a verbal Amendment was made to the Bill.

Then the Bill was passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Sunderland Corporation Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Aberdeen Joint Passenger Station Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and a verbal Amendment was made to the Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Caithness Railway (General Powers) Bill [Lords.], as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and a verbal Amendment was made to the Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Northern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and a verbal Amendment was made to the Bill.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Leighton-Sea Urban District Council Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Feodoo and Guiseley Gas Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.
The Order made upon the 14th day of March last, that Five be the Quorum of the Select Committee on the Great Southern and Western and Western, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation, and Great Southern and Western Railway Bills, was read, and discharged.

Ordered, That there be no the Quorum of the Committee.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Pier and Harbour Provisional Orders (No. 2) 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 Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports from University Colleges in Rotherham, and Normanton, Otley, and the County Council of the West Riding of Yorkshire.)

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports from University Colleges participating in the Grant of £25,000, made by Parliament for "University Colleges in Great Britain." (1899).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, No. 2390.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report, No. 262 (Burbage, Annual Report for 1898).

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Copy of Report on the Finances of Jamaica, by Sir David Barbour, K.C.M.G. (in continuation of [C. 9177]).

Copy of Further Correspondence relating to the Finance and Government of the Island of Jamaica; (in continuation of [C. 9177]).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented, pursuant to the direction of the House, a Copy of Report, No. 262 (Burbage, Annual Report for 1898), in continuation of [C. 9177].

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Hambury accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. James William Lather reported the Woolwich, Wapping, and South Coast Railway (Various Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Sir James Banks reported from the Select Committee on Metropolitan Gas Companies, a Report of Amendments.

That they had considered the matters to which the reference was directed, 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. Spencer 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 Sacks for Shop Assistants Bill; and the same was twice read, and passed.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (Various Powers) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Walker and Willard Union Gas (Electric Lighting) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Great Northern and Strand Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Copy of Treasury Memorandum, dated the 14th day of this instant July, on the Financial Position and Prospects of the Irish Church Temporality Fund.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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The Lords have agreed to the South Eastern and London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Companies (New Lines) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Stockport Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Sale of Food and Drugs Bills, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill. A Schedule was added 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; (Mr. Caldwell)—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1, 10, by leaving out from the word "with" to the word "appointed," in l. 11, and inserting the words "a president"—(Mr. Dillon).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill;—The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther): 133.
Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther): 78.
Noes, (Capt. Doullan):
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1, 20, by leaving out from the word "duly" to the word "Parlia-
ments" in l. 19, inclusive, and inserting the words "shall be deemed to be an office included in Schedule H of the Representation of the People Act, 1867, in Schedule H of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Act, 1868, and in Schedule E of the Representation of the People (Ireland) Act, 1858"—(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; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther): 161.
Tellers for the (Mr. Anstruther): 91.
Noes, (Mr. Dillon): So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 4, 1, 29, by leaving out the word "two," and inserting the word "four"—(Mr. Dillon).—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.

Then Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;—And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the word "now," and, at the end of the Question, inserting the words "upon this day three months."—(Captain Sinclair).

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. Anstruther): 171.
Tellers for the (Captain Sinclair): 41.
Noes, (Mr. Charles M'Arthur): So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;—Ordered, That the Bill be now taken into consideration:—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1, 5, by leaving out Clause 1.—(Mr. Buchanam).

And the Question being put, That the words "The Treasury may" stand part of the Question;—The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yeas, (Mr. Anstruther): 208.
Tellers for the (Mr. Buchanam), Noes, (Mr. James Joicey): 92.
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. 1, 1, 13, by leaving out Clause 2.—(Mr. Kindersley).

And the Question being put, That the word "Where" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1, 15, by inserting, after the word "Where," the words "a county council."—(Mr. Parker Smith).

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 1, 1, 24, by leaving out from the word "granted" to the end of Clause 2, and inserting the words "Provided always that no part of that area be outside the borough or urban district"—(Mr. Faithfull Begg).—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out to the word "be," in 3 a 3 1, 25,
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 Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill be now read the third time ; and the Question being again proposed — The House resumed the said adjourned Debate. And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning ;

Tuesday, 25th July, 1899 ;

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Improvement of Land Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee ; Ordered, That the Bill be taken into consideration this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Lord Advocate reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow :—

Navy Estimates, 1899-1900.

1. Sec. 3. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,511,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Contract Work for Shipbuilding, Repairs, &c., in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

2. Sec. 2. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 3,500,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses 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 1900.

3. Sec. 1. That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,517,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Personnel for Shipbuilding, Repairs, Maintenance, &c., including the Cost of Establishments of Dockyards and Naval Yards at Home and Abroad, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Congested Districts (Scotland) Act Amendment Bill ; Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Metropolitan Police Bill was, according Metropolitan to Order, read a second time ; and committed to Police Bill, a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Military Committee on the Military Works Bill ; Resolved, That this House will, upon Thursday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

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 ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

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 Charitable Second Reading of the Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

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.

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The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Amendments made by the Lords to the London and North Western Railway (Addi-
tional Powers) Bill; and the same were twice
read, and, with Amendments to several of them,
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, with Amendments; and hath made a
Consequential Amendment to the Bill; to which
this House doth desire the concurrence of their
Lordships.

The Langbrough Corporation Bill was read Langbrough
Corporation
forth 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 Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Ferry-
ance) 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 Port Talbot Railway and Docks Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amend-
ments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House
hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to
which this House doth desire the concurrence of
their Lordships.

The Whitehaven Corporation Bill was read the Whitehaven Corporation
forth the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to
the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House
hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to
which this House doth desire the concurrence of
their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Increase of the Barrow and Harbour Extension
Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Strevford Urban District Council (Tram-
ways) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, Bill [Lords.]

The House proceeded to take into considera-
tion the Wobington Urban District Council (Tram-
ways) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, Bill [Lords.]

The Order of the day being read, for the Glasgow
Second Reading of the Glasgow Corporation
Telephones Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time
upon Wednesday the 2nd day of August next.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 4) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and that the Order be quoted, and that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 12) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and that the Order be quoted, and that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

The Account relative to Naval Savings Banks, which was presented upon the 26th day of this instant July, be printed.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Return showing the Occupation of the Parents of the Winners of County Council Scholarships, for the Session 1898-99, in the following form:

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(Mr. Hanbury.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing the Occupation of the Parents of the Winners of County Council Scholarships during the past three years; the Amount of each Scholarship, and the period for which it was tenable; the Name of the School in which the Scholarship was won, and whether the School was a Voluntary or Board School; whether the Scholar availed himself of the Scholarship, or not; and whether he won other Scholarships.—(Mr. Broadhurst.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received the following Letters from Major-General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., and Lieutenant General Sir Francis Greyfell, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.:

Gen. Monck, Ballarat, 10th July 1899.

Lord Kitchener of Khartoum presents his Compliments to the Right Hon. the Speaker, and begs to acknowledge the receipt of the Vote of Thanks passed by the House of Commons, on behalf of the Troops engaged he desires to express their grateful thanks for the high honour that has thus been conferred upon them. Lord Kitchener begs to assure the Speaker that he will not fail to communicate the Vote of Thanks to those mentioned.

The Palace, Malta, 18th July.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, conveying to me the Resolution of the House of Commons, thanking me for assistance given to the Sudan Expedition. I am...
Mr. James William Lowther reported the Workington Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought to the House by one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting Provisional Orders (No. 17) 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 Gaslighting (Gazetteer) Corporation Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Workington Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London and North Western Railway Bill, without any Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Sheffield Corporation Markets Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Great Yarmouth Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish Petty Customs in Scotland, and Abolition to make provision for levying a Rate in lieu thereof: And that Captain Nielson, Mr. Asquith, Mr. James Baillie, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. M'Killop, Mr. Nicoll, and Mr. Ure do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Reserve Bill to amend the Law relating to the Reserve Forces; Forces; And that Mr. Wynham and Mr. Powell-Williams do prepare, and bring it in.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Patriotic Fund Act, 1881, and Fund.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Indecent Advertisements Act, 1889, and for other purposes: And that Mr. Croft do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. James William Lowther reported the Rochdale Canal Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

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Channing, Sir John; Kenean, and Mr. Samuel Smith do prepare, and bring it in.

Colonel Denney presented a Bill for the better Regulation of Horse Industries: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday 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 Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Reserve Forces: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Thursday next; and to be printed.

Mr. Channing presented a Bill to amend the Indecent Advertisements Act, 1889, 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 24th day of this instant July, That the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill be now read the third time:

And the Question being again proposed:—The House divided. So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the [Mr. Buchanan:]

Yeas, (Mr. Sinclair:]

126. Tellers for the [Mr. William Walrond:]

135. Tellers for the [Mr. Lloyd-George:]

45. Tellers for the [Mr. Fletcher Moulton:]

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, l. 10, by leaving out the words from the word "but" to the end of sub-section (1) of Clause 3, and inserting the words "subject as aforesaid on the terms and conditions specified in the agreement (including any provisions thereof for determination on breach of covenant), unless varied by any subsequent agreement with the local authority"—(Mr. Hanbury:—instead thereof.

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. 2, l. 40, by leaving out the words from the word "but" to the end of sub-section (1) of Clause 3, and inserting the words "subject as aforesaid on the terms and conditions specified in the agreement (including any provisions thereof for determination on breach of covenant), unless varied by any subsequent agreement with the local authority"—(Mr. Hanbury:—instead thereof.

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Mr. Speaker declined to propose the Question thereupon to the House.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 3, by leaving out sub-section (2) of Clause 3.—(Mr. Buchanan.)

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 7, by inserting, after the word "exchange," the words "Provided always, that such consent shall not be withheld unless within two years from the date of the passing of this Act an effective exchange shall have been established within such area by the Postmaster General, or by a local authority or by a new company acting under a licence from the Postmaster General."—(Mr. Faithfull Bogg.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or " 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. 8, by leaving out the words of sub-section (3) of Clause 3.—(Captain Stanclaire.)

And the Question being put, That the word "within" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 10, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 13, by inserting the word "exchange," the words "Provided always, that such consent shall not be withheld unless within two years from the date of the passing of this Act an effective exchange shall have been established within such area by the Postmaster General, or by a local authority or by a new company acting under a licence from the Postmaster General."—(Mr. Faithfull Bogg.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" 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. 15, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
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[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 17, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 19, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 21, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 23, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 25, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 27, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 29, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 31, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 33, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 35, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 37, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 39, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 41, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 43, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 45, by leaving out the words "a local authority or."—(Dr. Clark.)

And the Question being put, That the words "local authority or" stand part of the Bill:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 
[Mr. Austruther; 
Tellers for the Sir James Joicey, 
[Noes, 
[Mr. James Woodhouse, 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the original Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said proposed Amendment, by inserting, after the word "empowered," the words "by agreement with the local authority."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put, That the words "the maximum rates and (where the company are empowered by agreement with the local authority to lay underground wires) shall not fall below the minimum rates authorised in that behalf by the Postmaster General within the area specified in the new licence," be inserted after the word "exceed," in p. 3, l. 19, of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 24, by leaving out the words from the word "period" to the word "but," in l. 25, and inserting the words "specified in the new licence of the local authority or new company for the duration of such new licence."—(Mr. Hambury)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 

Tellers for the Mr. Anstruther: 

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then other Amendments were made to the Bill.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 27, by inserting, after the word "force," the words "It shall be a condition of every licence granted to a local authority or to a new company after the passing of this Act that such local authority or such new company shall, within two years from the date of granting of such licence, open and maintain an effective exchange within the area included in such licence, otherwise the said licence shall be cancelled and shall absolutely cease and determine, and no compensation shall be payable to such local authority or such new company in respect of such cancellation."—(Mr. Faithfull Begg.)

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 this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Royal Niger Company 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 Improvement of Land Bill;—It passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Improvement of Land 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 Committee on the Metropolitan Police Bill:—It passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Royal Memorial College at Khartoum Bill.

(Ordered.)

CLAUDEZ, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

 Ordered, That the Bill be 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 House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Isle of Man (Customs) Bill.

(Ordered.)

CLAUDEZ, Nos. 1 and 2, agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Grant Lawson reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

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 Telegram (Channel Islands) Bill was, on Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House for this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of June last, That the Inhabitants Act (1898) Amendment Bill be now read a second time;—Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Land Tax Commissioners' Nominating Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Order of the day being read, for the Charity Commission (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 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 Charitable Loans (Ireland) Bill;—Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time upon Thursday next.

The Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) 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 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 Second Reading of the Public Works (Loans) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 4th day of this instant July, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Palatine Court of Durham Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on the Colonial Loans Fund 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 Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Wednesday, 26th July, 1899.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

PRAYERS.

Q R Robert Penrose Fitzgerald reported from the Select Committee on the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation and Great Southern and Western Railway and Waterford and Central Ireland Railways; That they had agreed to the following Special Report:

1. Your Committee have carefully kept in view during the inquiry the Instruction of the House to the effect "That they do inquire and report whether the adoption of any or all of the proposals contained in the Bills would, without adequate compensating advantages, prevent or prejudice adequate competition in the railway system of the south and west of Ireland; or in the system of communication between that country and England and Wales."

2. The Committee have sat for 27 days and have examined 61 witnesses, and though they are aware that the pledges given last year to another Committee of this House (paragraphs 3 and 5, page 6 of Report on the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill, hereinafter quoted) obliged the Promoters to "pursue on without postponement the amalgamation scheme, so that if they (the shareholders of the Great Southern and Western Railway) approve them, a Bill would come before Parliament next Session," nevertheless the Committee think that considering the magnitude of the changes brought about by the alteration from the old grand jury system of Ireland to the more direct popular representation by means of county and district councils, it would have been better if more time could have been given to those recently elected bodies to express their mature opinions on a scheme fraught with such far-reaching consequences and such grave issues to the whole of the south and west of Ireland.

3. With regard to the Great Southern and Western and Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway Companies Amalgamation Bill, the Committee have decided that the Premises of the Bill is not proved, and they are of opinion that some of the proposals contained in this Bill do "without adequate compensating advantages prevent or prejudice adequate competition in the railway system of the south and west of Ireland, or in the system of communication between that country and England and Wales."

4. The Committee have not come to this conclusion without long inquiry, and do so as with some hesitation, but on the whole they prefer to give greater weight to the advisability of keeping the door open at least for the present.

5. On the twenty-fourth day of their proceedings they were made aware that an offer to purchase the Waterford, Limerick, and Western Railway would be made by another Company, viz., the Midland Great Western of Ireland.

6. They are aware that in 1898 the Committee on the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill stated in paragraph 12 of their Report: "Although Parliament cannot in the present Session deal finally with the two proposed amalgamations because they are not yet embodied in a Bill, your Committee are unable, at the evidence which they have heard, to withhold an expression of their unanimous opinion that in the interests of the south of Ireland they would regard with grave apprehensions the absorption of these two Companies' undertakings into the Great Southern and Western Railway Company. Should either of these Companies become too weak to stand alone, an amalgamation with some railway system other than the Great Southern and Western would seem preferable in the interests of competition."

7. The question the Committee had to decide seems to be this: Is it better in the interests of the country to hand over to one Company, and that a Company which does not appear to have altogether gained the confidence of the farmers, traders, and other inhabitants of the districts through which it runs the absolute monopoly of the south and south-west of Ireland, which would undoubtedly be the case if the Great Southern and Western Railway Company were amalgamated with the Waterford and Limerick Company, or in the system of communication between that country and England and Wales, than to have the door open at least for the present?

8. With regard to the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill, the Committee are of opinion that the consideration of this Bill should not be entered upon during the present Session, for the following reasons: That considering the importance of the Bill, and the weight of the evidence to be adduced thereon, it would be practically impossible for Parliament to come to a decision before the close of the present Session.

9. The Promoters are in this position. In 1898 they gave to the Committee on the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Bill a pledge, which is embodied in Section 72 of the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Act: "And whereas provisional agreements have been entered into between the Great Southern Company and the Limerick Company and the Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Company (in this section referred to as the 'Central Ireland Company') respectively, sub-
The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Stockport Corporation Bill; and the same were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill. A Motion was made, and the Question being put, was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time, and committed to the Lords.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Great Yarmouth Water Bill, as amended in the Committee. And Amendments were made to the Bill. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Eastern Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Oldham 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, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 3) Bill, as amended in the Committee. Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Several Public Petitions were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Halsey addressed the House; and the Clerk presented a Return to an Order, dated the 60th day of the instant July for Returns relative to Trustee Savings Banks. No. 297.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Fourth Interim Report of the Departmental Committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the (Committee) House to inquire into and report upon certain miscellaneous dangerous trades, Supplementary Report and Evidence on the manufacture and use of Grindstones, and on File Cutting.

Secretary
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 21st day of June last, That the Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment 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.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time: — The Bill was accordingly read a second time:—And a Debate arising thereupon; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Resolution—Brought up, and read the third time:—And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to. Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 4, agreed to.

A Clause (Lands and mineral rights of the Company to be transferred to the Crown) — (Mr. Dillon) — brought up, and read the first time:

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, 
Yea, 
[Mr. M'Kenna]; 
[89].
Nee, 
Tellers for the 
[Mr. Austruther]; 
[160].

Preamble.

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, after the word "territories," to insert the words "And " and sixty-five " stand part of the Clause.—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Wilson 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 Naval Works Committee on the Naval Works Bill:

Proceeded, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraphs Third Reading of the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Bill, To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consideration of the Improvement of Land Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time:—And a Debate arising thereupon; A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr. Courtenay Warner.)

The Yeas to the Right; 
The Nee to the Left.

Tellers for the 
[Mr. Austruther]; 
[48].
Nee, 
Tellers for the 
[Mr. Austruther]; 
[125].

So it passed in the Negative.

And the original Question being again proposed:

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words "now " read the third time," and inserting the words "re-committed in respect of the Amendments " now on the Notice Paper"—(Mr. Buchanan), —instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words "re-committed in respect of the Amendments 3 & 4 " now
Thursday, 27th July, 1899.

THE House met at Three of the clock.

The Aberdeen Joint Passenger Station 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 Caledonian Railway (General Powers) Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. James William Leechner, 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.

A Motion being made, That the Great Eastern Railway Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. James William Leechner, 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 Leigh-on-Sea Urban District Council (Tide or Sea) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Urban District Council Bill 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 and Gillingham 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 Caledonian Railway (General Powers) Bill, as amended the Committee.

A Clause (For the protection of Miss Gilnaue) was twice read; and made part of the Bill.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Hastings Harbour Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Oystermouth Railway or Tramroad Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Aberdeen Joint Passenger Station Bill, Aberdeen Passenger Station Bill (Lords.)
The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed upon the 26th day of this instant July, That the Great Southern and Western Railway Bill and the Waterford and Central Ireland Railway Bill be withdrawn—(Mr. James William Lowther);
And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House cloth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House cloth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

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 Despatch Local Authorities in Rural Districts; and Scientific Investigations of selected Natural Products from India carried on at the Imperial Institute.—(Sir Henry Barkley.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Appropriation Accounts for the British South Africa Company, and Accounts of the years 1896-1900 of the British South Africa Company, with Tables.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 8th day of March last, for Returns relative to Fire Brigades.
Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of this instant July, for a Return relative to Local Taxation (England) Account, 1898-99.

Mr. Chaplin also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—The Annual Local Taxation Returns for England for the year 1897-98, Part II. (Abstracts of Accounts of County Councils, other than the London County Council, &c., and Accounts of Lunatic Asylums); Part III. (Accounts of Boroughs, Urban and Rural District Councils, Port Sanitary Authorities, Burial Boards, Commissioners of Baths and Washhouses, Commissioners of Works, &c.); Part IV. (Accounts of Metropolitan Vestries, District Boards, County Councils, &c.); Part V. (Accounts of Municipalities in England, and of the County Councils of England); Part VI. (Accounts of Highway Authorities in Rural Districts); and Part VII. (Summary). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns, and the Paper relative to Local Taxation Returns (England), be printed.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Despatch Vol. X. of the Secretary of State for India in Council to the Governor General in Council, dated the 25th July 1899, respecting the Report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the Indian Currency.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Bradock presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting (No. 7, 1899) the Africa Liquor Traffic Convention. Signed at Brussels, 8th June 1899.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Supplementary Estimate of the Imperial Institute, for the year ending the 31st March 1900, for Expenditure in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, with the additional Amount required in the Year ending the 31st March 1899, and of the Year ending the 31st March 1898. (Supplementary No. 78.)
Ordered, That the said Estimate be referred to the Committee of Supply; and be printed.

Ordered, That the several Accounts and Papers which have been presented to the House in this Session of Parliament, relating to the Revenues of India, be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the whole House.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.—(Secretary Lord George Hamilton.)

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Appropriation Accounts for the Army Departments, which were presented upon the 15th day and the 13th day of February last, respectively, be referred to the Committee.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

A Motion being made, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of authorising the Remission of certain Debts due to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland in pursuance of any Act of the present Session relating to Public Works Loans.—(Mr. Hanbury.)

Mr. Hanbury, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.
Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented (special) to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Portions of the Annual Report of the Indian Section of the Imperial Institute for the year ending the 1st day of March 1899, and of the preceding two years, embodying the more important details of the working of the Section, and the Results obtained in the Scientific Investigations of selected Natural Products from India carried on at the Imperial Institute.—(Sir Mancherjee Blawogoray.)
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all the Correspondence which has passed between the Board of Trade and the Local Authorities in England and Wales, relating to East Indi'a Currency.
Mr. Chalmers reported from the Select Committee on Naval Works: That they had considered the matters to them referred; and desired leave 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.

Expiring Laws

Clause, No. 1 (Issue of Money for works mentioned in Schedule).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the word "three," in order to insert the word "two."—(Mr. Edward Robertson),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the word "three" stand part of the Clause;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yeaers,  
Sir William Walrond;  
Mr. Austen;  
Mr. Edward Robertson;  
Mr. Broadhurst;

Nones,  
Mr. Dillon;

Tellers for the

Yeaers,  
Sir William Walrond;  
Mr. Austen;  
Mr. Edward Robertson;  
Mr. Broadhurst;

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The Committee divided.

Tellers for the

Yeaers,  
Mr. Arthur;  
Mr. Lloyd George;  
Mr. Broadhurst;

Nones,  
Mr. Dillon;

Clauses, No. 2 and No. 3, agreed to.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 16, to leave out "£120,000," in order to insert "£100,000."—(Mr. Lloyd-George),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That "£120,000" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 42, to leave out ls. 42 to 45, inclusive. — (Mr. Davitt).

Question proposed, That the words "Bermuda Dockyard extension (including £20,000 for fixed machinery)" stand part of the Schedule:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 45, to leave out "£200,000" in order to insert "£155,000."—(Sir Ughtred Kay-Shuttleworth),—instead thereof.

Question. That "£200,000" stand part of the Schedule—put, and agreed to.

Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 46, to leave out ls. 46, 47, and 48.—(Mr. Dillon).

Question. That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule—put, and agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James Wilson Lister 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 on Monday next; and to be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Military Works Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Buchanan. Yeas—47.
Tellers for the Mr. Pirie. Noes—194.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, at the end of the Clause to add the words "but no expenditure shall be incurred under this Act until twenty-one days after a return of such expenditure has been laid upon the Table, stating the sums and places where such expenditure is to be made."—(Mr. Courtney Warner.)

Question, That those words be there added—put, and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause, No. 2, agreed to.

Schedule, Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 9, to leave out the words—£ 1,000,000 1,120,000 £ 2,095,000, in 1. 14, both inclusive, in order to insert the words—"sub-division of sleeping rooms in certain barracks, and."—(Sir James Ferguson.)

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule—put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Amendment proposed to the proposed Amendment, in l. l. after the word "Artillery," to insert the word "Cavalry."—(Mr. Courtney Warner.)

Question, That the word "Cavalry," be there inserted—put, and negatived.

Words inserted.

Another Amendment made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Buchanan reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Improvement of Land and Land Bill.

Bill, (re-committed) Bill.

(In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Rent-charges for improvement of land). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the words "an improvement of land," in order to insert the words "any of the improvements mentioned in section nine of the principal Act, or in section twenty-five of the Settled Land Act, 1882"—(Mr. Channing),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words "an improvement of land" stand part of the Clause—put, and negatived.

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted—put, and negatived.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Buchanan. Yeas—100.
Tellers for the Mr. Channing. Noes—21.

A Clause (Provision of adequate cottage accommodation)—(Mr. Channing)—brought up, and read the first time.

Motion made, and Question put, That the Clause be read a second time:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Mr. Channing. Yeas—21.
Tellers for the Mr. Courtenay. Noes—96.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Great larvae reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

Ordered, That the 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 Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time upon Monday next.

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The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to

the Godalming Corporation Water Bill; and

the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to

the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House

hath agreed to the Amendments made by their

Lordsships.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to

the Sheffield Corporation Markets Bill; and the

same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to

the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House

hath agreed to the Amendments made by their

Lordsships.

The House proceeded to take into considera-

tion the Amendments made by the Lords to

the Moss Side District Council (Tramways) Bill; and the

same were twice read, 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

which

Resolved, That the Bill be read the third time
upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for

the Bill to be reported.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself

into a Committee on the Metropolitan Police

Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr.
Grant Lawson reported, that the Committee
had gone through the Bill, and directed him to
report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time
upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for

the Committee on the Telegraph (Gunness Truste

Bill;
Petitions.

A Motion being made, That the Renfrew Burgh and Harbour Extension 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 Streford Urban District Council (Tramways) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Weston-super-Mare, Clevedon, and Portishead Tramways Company (Light Railway Extensions) 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 Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The Withington Urban District Council (Tramways) Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Hylton Water Board Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The Wakefield Corporation Bill was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Standing Order 235 be suspended in the case of the Southport and Lytham Tramroad Bill, and that the Bill be now read a second time, (Dr. Forster.)

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.


Statements respecting the several Colleges and Institutions aided and the Experiments conducted.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Account of the Purchase of the Land of Lords from 1st April 1898 to 31st March 1899.

Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 7th day of this instant July, for Returns relative to the Land Registry.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report No. 863 (Falkland Islands, Annual Report for 1899.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Seventeenth Annual Report, being for 1898, of the Royal University of Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 3291 and 3292. Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of February last, for Middlesex.)

Ordered, That the said Returns be printed.

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The following Papers were laid upon the Table:

Ordered, That the Clerk do lay upon the Table:—Copy of Report, being for 1898, of the Royal University of Ireland.

Ordered, That the said Paper be printed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

The following Paper, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament, was also laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House,—Copy of Return to the Lord Chancellor of the Number of Visits made and the Number of Patients seen by the several Commissioners in Lunacy during the Six Months ending on the 30th June 1899.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, that the Amendments made by the Lords to the Seats for Shop Assistants Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, that the Amendments made by the Lords to the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; 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 agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Merseyside Water Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the London County Council (Money) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 15) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Dublin Corporation (Markets) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Dublin 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 Loughborough Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (Finance) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Port Talbot Railway and Docks Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Whitbread Corporation Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Service Estimates, 1899—1900.

Class I.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £21,405, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, 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:

2. £209,705, to complete the Sum for Rates and Contributions in lieu of Rates, &c., in respect of Government Property, and for Rates on Houses occupied by Representatives of Foreign Powers, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Rating of Government Property Department, and for a Contribution towards the Expense of the Metropolis Fire Brigade.

3. £6,900, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £27,594, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for England and Wales, including the Endowed Schools Department.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £26,594, be granted for the said Service—(Mr. Hazeltine)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

5. £28,405, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Civil Service Commission.


Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again. Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1897–98:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Ways and Means Committee:

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 17th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter after One of the clock on Saturday morning, till Monday next.
31st July.

A Motion being made, That the Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) 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 House proceded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the Greater Yarmouth Water Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. James William Louther, 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 Hastings 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 hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

A Motion being made, That the North Eastern and South Western Railway Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. James William Louther, 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 Oldham 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 Oystermouth Railway or Tramroad 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 Walsheam 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 Great Eastern Railway (General Powers) Bill be now read the third time ;

Mr. James William Louther, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the North Eastern and South Western Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

Ordered, That the North Eastern and Barrowby Railways (Joint Dock) Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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The House proceeded to take into consideration the North Staffordshire Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 245 be suspended, and that the Bill be read now the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Mr. James William Latchner, 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 Pielley and Barrow Railway District Bill, as amended in the Committee.
A Clause (Width of roadway of bridge over Railway No. 1), authorized by Act of 1897, was twice read; and made part of the Bill:
And Amendments were made to the Bill.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Rochdale Canal Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the South Staffordshire Tramways Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 245 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 acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendments.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Waterhampton Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Workington Corporation Bill, as amended in the Committee.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Local Government Provisional Orders (No. 14) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Gas 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.

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 in 1898.

Copy of Report by the Chief Labour Correspondent of the Board on Strikes and Lock-Outs, and Lock-Outs of 1896, with Statistical Tables.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Financial Return to advance Loans under the Colonial Loans Bill.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Chaplin presented,—Return to an Order, Poor Relief dated the 21st day of this instant July, for Returns relative to Poor Relief (England and Wales).
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, accompanying the direction, an Act of Parliament, and Constitutional Orders (No. 3), Joint Committee on the Working Classes Act, 1898.
Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-third Report of Her Majesty's Civil Service Commissioners, with an Appendix.

Copy of Return showing (1) the Aggregate Gross Liabilities of the State as represented by the Nominal Funded Debt, Estimated Capital Value of Terminable Annuities, Unfunded Debt, and other Liabilities in respect of Debt, the Estimated Assets, and the Exchequer Balances, at the Close of each Financial Year from 1835–36 to 1898–99, 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. 8966], of Session 1898).

Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of June last, for an Expenditure Return relative to Public Income and Expenditure.
Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Public Income and Expenditure be printed.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Rules, dated 20th Commission July 1899, in relation to proceedings under the Land Law (Ireland) Acts.
Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Resolved, That no humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, recent Correspondence between the Secretary of State for India and the Madras Government concerning sales of Land for arrears of Revenue and alleged shortcomings in the Madras Land Revenue arrangements (Sir William Wedderburn).
Ordered,
The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

An Order was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time:—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Military Works Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on Public Works Loans (Remission of Debt). (In the Committee.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise the Remission of certain Debts due to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland from certain Boards of Guardians in Ireland, and from the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session relating to Public Works Loans.—(Mr. Holdway.)

Resolution to be reported To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart-Wortley reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Public Works Committee on the Public Works (Loans) Bill; (Lands) Bill.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, representing that the state of Business in the High Court of Justice is such as to require the appointment of an Additional Judge, and praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to appoint a new Judge of the said High Court in the Chancery Division thereof, in pursuance of the eighteenth section of the Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1876.—(Mr. Balfour)

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Mr. William Walrond, Year. (Mr. Amstruther ;

Tellers for the (Mr. Buchanan, Year, (Mr. Captain Sinclair ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraph Third Reading of the Telegraphs (Telephonic Communication, &c.) Bill.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, representing that the state of Business in the High Court of Justice is such as to require the appointment of an Additional Judge, and praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to appoint a new Judge of the said High Court in the Chancery Division thereof, in pursuance of the eighteenth section of the Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1876.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and of Her Majesty's Household.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans 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. Buchanan.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Year. (Mr. Amstruther ;

Tellers for the (Mr. Buchanan, Year (Mr. Captain Sinclair ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Telegraphs Bill.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Lords to the University of London Act (1898) Amendment Bill be now taken into consideration.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Lords on the University of London Act (1898) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

An Order was made, and the Question being put, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Amendments made by the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to be again taken into consideration; and the Bill was accordingly read a third time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to the University of London Act (1898) Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be again read the second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

An Order was made, and the Question being put, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to be again taken into consideration; and the Bill was accordingly read a third time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be read the third time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

An Order was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be read the third time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the said Amendment into consideration; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

An Order was made, and the Question being put, That the said Amendment be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to be again taken into consideration; and the Bill was accordingly read a third 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 Wild Birds Protection Bill, Without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Amendment be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House had agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time;—The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Colonial Loans 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. Buchanan.)

And the Question being put, That the word "now" stand part of the Question; The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Year. (Mr. Amstruther ;

Tellers for the (Mr. Buchanan, Year, (Mr. Captain Sinclair ;

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made to the 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."—(Sir James Joicey.)

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, Yes); [Mr. Assuratha:]

Tellers for the (Sir James Joicey, Noo); [Mr. Pinto:]

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time;—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Metropolitan Police Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and passed.

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 Reserve Forces Bill.

Clauses, Nos. 1 and 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 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, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Patriotic Fund Bill.

Clause, No. 2, agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, 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 Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Bill.

Clause, No. 2, agreed to. Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill 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, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Grants from public money towards education of defective and epileptic children) — (Sir John Gorst)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Another Clause (Contributions by guardians of the poor)— (Sir John Gorst)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

The Expiring Laws Continuance Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Bill for Shop Assistants (changed from "Seats for Shop Assistants in Shops in England and Ireland") Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Summary Jurisdiction Act (1879) Amendment Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The Tynedale's Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Bill for the House Arts Amendment Bill, as amended in the Committee.
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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 Lancashire Constabulary Property Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clause No. 1 (Divisions of Lancashire to be separate counties in respect of Constabulary Acts). Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 5, to leave out the word "Acts" in the end of the Clause. (Mr. Cobden.) Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause; To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Louther reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again receive itself into the said Committee.

The Marriages Validity (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Marriages Validity (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Manchester Canaries Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Commons and Open Spaces 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 Parliamentary Deposits Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged. Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Ritchie reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Estimates, 1899-1900.

Class II.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £31,405, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £209,705, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Her Majesty's Privy Council (England and Wales).

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum voted.

Class III.

4. That a Sum, not exceeding £27,564, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for England and Wales, including the Enrolled Schools Department.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £28,405, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for Scotland.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £28,405, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for Ireland.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £4,912, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission of the United Kingdom.

8. 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 on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Charity Commission for the Universities of Cambridge, Oxford, and Durham.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be read a second time, the First Resolution was postponed; the Second to the Seventh Resolutions were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Eighth Resolution:—

That a Sum, not exceeding £14,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, and of the Office of Land Revenue Records and Inrolments;—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow. Ordered, That the postponed Resolution be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself supply into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Estimates, 1899-1900.

Class I.

1. £65,000 (Supplementary Sum), in respect of sundry Public Buildings in Great Britain, not provided for on other Votes.

Class III.

2. £5,500 (Supplementary Sum), for certain Miscellaneous Legal Expenses, including Grants in Aid.

Class V.

3. £37,261 (including a Supplementary Sum of £7,500), to complete the Sum for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.
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Class VII.

4. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 23,175 (including a Supplementary Sum of £ 9,175), 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 1900, for the Salaries and other Expenses of Temporary Commissions, Committees, and Special Inquiries, including a Grant in Aid of the Expenditure of the Congested Districts Board (Ireland).

Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 23,075, be granted for the said Service.—(Mr. Herbert Lewis);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Herbert Lewis,]

Yes, 49.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,]

No, 114.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received Tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lowther also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee have now have to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, Tomorrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning

Tuesday, 1st August, 1899:

The Naval Works Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Land Tax Commissioners’ Names Bill.

(The Committee.)

Clause, No. 1.

Question proposed, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Balfour)—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Praemable agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill;

Resolved, That the House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Palatine Court of Durham Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill, and Special Inquiries, including a Grant in Aid of the Expenditure of the Congested Districts Board (Ireland).
that the Gross Actual Expenditure for the whole of the Army Services fell short of the Gross Estimated Expenditure by the Net Sum of £15,844 17s. 4d.

(b) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £46,536 13s. 11d., 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 £153,3013s. 1 6d., 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 Sum of £96,784 19s.;

(c) That the resulting Differences between the Exchequer Grants for Army Services and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:

Total Surpluses - £232,376 18s. 1d.
Total Deficits - £135,767 8s. 9d.

Net Surplus - £106,109 9s. 4d.

5. That the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, in reduction of the Net Charge on Exchequer Grants for certain Army Services, of the whole of the Sums received in Excess of the Estimated Appropriations in Aid, in respect of the same Services; and have also temporarily authorised the application of so much of the said Total Surpluses on certain Grants for Navy Services as is necessary to cover the said Total Deficits on other Grants for Navy Services.

6. Resolved, That the Application of such Sums be sanctioned.

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Surplus surrendered to the Exchequer - £1,489,137 2s. 3d.

4. That it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ended the 31st day of March 1900, 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 £151,896 13s. 6d., 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 £187,041 2s. 10d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule; so

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(Mr. Hendron). Resolutions to be reported.

3d. 3d.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee on Eastern India Revenue Accounts had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, 1899.—Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee on Eastern India Revenue Accounts; Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 17th day of this instant July, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty minutes after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

Tuesday, 1st August, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A MESSAGE was delivered by Thomas Dyer Butler, Esquire, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, as 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 admitted; Mr. Speaker reported, That the House, at the desire of the Lords, as 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 several Acts therein mentioned; and that the Lords, thereby authorised, had declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 17th day of instant July, as follows:

2. Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899.
3. Tithe Revaluation (Rates) Act, 1899.
5. Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1899.
15. Water Orders Confirmation Act, 1899.
16. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 4) Act, 1899.
17. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Act, 1899.
18. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Act, 1899.
19. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 10) Act, 1899.
20. Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 11) Act, 1899.
22. Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1899.
23. Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 9) Act, 1899.
25. Leith Harbour and Docks Act, 1899.
27. All Saints Church (Cardiff) Act, 1899.
29. West Gloucestershire Water Act, 1899.
31. Tidal Waterworks Act, 1899.
33. Glasgow Corporation (Gas and Water) Act, 1899.
34. MillhillDock Act, 1899.
35. Ayr Burgh Act, 1899.
36. Furness Railway Act, 1899.
38. Kirkcaldy Corporation and Tramways Act, 1899.
40. Birmingham Corporation Act, 1899.
41. Milton Creek Conservancy Act, 1899.
42. Weybridge Water and Gas Act, 1899.
43. Mersey Docks (Pilotage, &c.) Act, 1899.
44. Greenock and Port Glasgow Tramways Act, 1899.
45. Brook's Park (Londonderry) Act, 1899.
46. Toombs College Act, 1899.
47. Lincoln and East Coast Railway and Dock Act, 1899.
48. Lowestoft Promenade Pier Act, 1899.
49. Midland and South Western Junction Railway Act, 1899.
50. Bristol Gas Act, 1899.
51. South Devon Water Act, 1899.
52. Goole Drainage District Council Act, 1899.
53. Great Yarmouth Corporation Act, 1899.
55. Blackpool Improvement Act, 1899.
57. Folkestone and Hythe Railway and Harbours Act, 1899.
58. Great Western Railway Act, 1899.
59. Manchester Corporation (General Powers) Act, 1899.
60. Lee Bridge District Gas Act, 1899.
61. Sunderland Corporation Act, 1899.
63. Baker Street and Waterloo Railway Act, 1899.
64. Derby Corporation Tramways, &c. Act, 1899.
67. Stockport Corporation Act, 1899.
68. Loughborough Corporation Act, 1899.
69. Mersey Docks (Finance) Act, 1899.
70. Port Talbot Railway and Docks Act, 1899.
71. Whitehaven Corporation Act, 1899.
72. Humber Conservancy Act, 1899.
73. Great Northern Railway Act, 1899.
74. Great Eastern Railway Act, 1899.
Dublin Corporation (Markets) Bill; and 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 Wakefield Corporation Bill was read the Wakefield Corporation Bill third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the North Eastern and Hull and Barnsley Railways (Joint Dock) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Stockport and Lytham Tramroad Bill, Standing Orders 211, Lytham Tramroad Bill 256, and 257 be suspended, and that the Consent of the Lords to the Bill have leave to sit and proceed forthwith.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Mr. T. W. Russell reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain Amendments made by their Lordships the Dublin Corporation 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:

Because the extension of the City was recommended by the Municipal Boundaries Commission (Ireland) 1880. The Bill is based on that Report.

Because the population of the City is enormously congested there being 67 persons to the acre.

Because the boundary of Dublin has not been altered since 1840.

Because great benefit to the public health would be obtained by one Sanitary Department.

Because the townships require more effective drainage and should be included in one comprehensive system.

Because the proposed extension could not impose any fresh burden on the ratepayers.

Because the Townships at present derive equal benefits with the citizens of Dublin from all Markets and other Municipal Institutions which have been provided solely at the cost of the citizens. 354.
Because of the community and identity of interest which exists between the City and the Townships.

Because the Townships are composed of the overflow of the population of Dublin, and are dependent on it for existence and support, and ought to share its common burdens.

Because the City of Dublin is absolutely solvent.

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.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Abstract of Foreign Labour Statistics relating to Wages, Hours of Labour, Trade Disputes, and Co-operation.

Copy of Report by the Chief Labour Correspondent of the Board of Trade on Trade Unions in 1896, with Comparative Statistics for 1892-97.

Mr. Ritchie also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of March last, for a Return relative to Naval Expenditure and Mercantile Marine (Great Britain, &c.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Naval Expenditure and Mercantile Marine (Great Britain, &c.) be printed.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Explanatory Statement as to proposed Loans comprised in the Schedule to the Colonial Loans Bill.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Twenty-first Report of the General Prisons Board (Ireland), 1898-99, with an Appendix.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Goschen presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Returns of the Number of Courts Martial held upon Seamen of the Royal Navy and the Marines Afloat, during the year 1898, 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 1898.

Mr. Goschen also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of July last, for Returns relative to Seamen and Marines (Pensions).

Return to an Order, dated the 21st day of July last, for Returns relative to Fleets (Great Britain and Foreign Countries).

Mr. Goschen also presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Account showing the Receipt and Expenditure of Naval Prize, Bounty, Salvage, and other Moneys, between the 1st April 1898 and the 31st March 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Papers relative to Navy (Health, Seamen and Marines (Pensions), Fleets (Great Britain and Foreign Countries), and Naval Prize Money, be printed.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Trade Reports Command,—Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Annual Series, Nos. 323 to 335.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Thomas Johnson Station, on the North British Railway, with reference to Complaints which have been received by the Board of Trade in regard to the accommodation at and access to that Station.

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Paper.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 25 during Session 1899, under the following heads:—

1. The Number of Bills presented to Parliament during Session 1899.
2. The Number of Bills passed by the House of Commons, and the Number of Bills passed by the House of Lords, during Session 1899; stating the Subject of each Bill, the Number of Members in the Majority and Minority, the Teller included; and that the Return relative to Naval Expenditure and Mercantile Marine (Great Britain, &c.) be printed.
3. The Number of Bills introduced in Session 1899, with respect to Standing Order No. 25.
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Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 25 during Session 1899, under the following heads:—

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return respecting application of Standing Order No. 25 during Session 1899.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Public Petitions presented and printed in the Session of 1899; with the Total Number of Signatures in that year (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.292, of Session 1899).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Number of Select Committees appointed in the Session of 1899, including the Standing Committees and the Court of Referees; the Subjects of Inquiry; the Names of the Members appointed to serve on each, and of the Chairman of each; the Number of Days each Committee met, and the Number of Days each Member attended; the Total Expense of the Attendance of Witnesses at each Select Committee, and the Name of the Member who moved for the Select Committee; also, the Total Number of Members who served on Select Committees (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.278, of Session 1899).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing, with reference to the Session of 1899, (1) the Number of Sittings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at which Government Business had precedence; (2) the Number of Sittings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at which Private Members had precedence; (3) the Number of other Sittings at which, in accordance with the Standing Orders of the House, Government Business had precedence; (4) the Number of Sittings at which Government Business had precedence under a Special Order of the House; (5) the Number of Saturday Sittings; (6) the Total Number of Sittings at which Government Business had precedence; (7) the Total Number of Days on which the House sat; (8) the Total Number of Motions for Adjournment of the House on a matter of Urgent Public Importance; and (9) the Number of Days in Supply (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 528, of Session 1899).

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the Number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which in the Session of 1899 have been reported on by Committees on Opposed Private Bills or by Committees nominated partly by the House and partly by the Committee of Selection, together with the Names of the Selected Members who served on each Committee; the first and also the last day of the Sitting of each Committee; the Number of Days on which each Committee sat; the Number of Days on which each Selected Member has served; the Number of Days occupied by each Bill in Committee; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been proved; the Bills the Preambles of which were reported to have been not proved; and in the case of Bills for confirming Provisional Orders, whether the Provisional Orders ought or ought not to be confirmed. Of all Private Bills and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders which, in the Session of 1899, have been referred by the Committee of Selection, or by the General Committee on Railway and Canal Bills, to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, together with the Names of the Members who served on each Committee; the Number of Days on which each Committee sat; and the Number of Days on which each Member attended. And, of the Number of Private Bills, Hybrid Bills, and Bills for confirming Provisional Orders withdrawn or not proceeded with by the Parties, those Bills being specified which have been referred to Committees and dropped during the Sittings of the Committee (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 0.278, of Session 1899).

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Select Committee on the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill, That they had considered the said Order; that the said Order ought to be confirmed; and that they had directed him to report the Bill, with an Amendment, to the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

Mr. James William Lowther reported from the Select Committee on the Southport and Lytham Tramroad Bill, with Amendments; to which 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. 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 Light and Power (Provisional Order (No. 20) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the West Metropolitan Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Dover Valley and Romney Water Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the City and Brighton Railway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Gateshead and District Tramway Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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The Lords have agreed to the Belfast Corporation Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electric Lighting Provisional Order (No. 20) Bill be taken into consideration To­

torrow.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms (House of Commons) have power to report their Observa­
tions thereupon to the House.

Viscount Valentia reported from the Select Committee on House of Commons (Kitchen and Refreshment Rooms): 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 leave be given to bring in a Bill for the further Protection of the Children of Vagrants: And that Mr. Drakes, Earl Percy, and Mr. John Burns do prepare, and bring in, Mr. Drakes accordingly presented a Bill for the further Protection of the Children of Vagrants: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time upon Monday next; and to be printed.

The Military Works Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed. Ordered, That the Clerks do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

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 Colonial Loans Bill.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Power to make advances to certain colonies and places).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 8, to leave out the word " the Colonies," in order to insert the words: "Bermuda and Saint Vincent "; —(Capt. Sinclair).—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words " the Colonies" stand part of the Clause:—To report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lombe reported, That the Committee had made Progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Board of Education Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee. An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 3, l. 1, by inserting the words, " to the Board of Education, "—(Mr. Yorrell).

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, with­
drawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1, 1, by inserting, after the word " Commissioners," the words: " other than the power of determining whether an endow­ment is within the exceptions specified in section "nineteen of the Endowed Schools Act, 1869, as amended by the Endowed Schools Act, 1875."—(Mr. Talbot.) And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted:—The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Sir John Kennaway; Tellers for the Nones, Mr. Atkinson; So it passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1, 1, by inserting, after the word " Commissioners," the words: " except as hereinafter provided. "—(Sir John Kennaway.) And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, with­
drawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1, 2, by leaving out the words " appearing to Her Majesty to relate," and in­
serting the word " relating"—(Mr. Cripps),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That the words " appearing to Her Majesty to relate " stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, with­
drawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1, 9, by inserting, after the word " Commissioners," the words: " Provided also that the existing power to make a scheme for an educational endowment, under the pro­visions of the Charitable Trusts Act of 1860, shall remain with the Charity Commissioners."—(Sir John Kennaway.) And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, with­
drawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1, 9, by inserting, after the word " purposes," the words: " (b) Any question as to the interpretation or construction of any instrument regulating an educational endow­ment. "—(Sir John Kennaway.) And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, with­
drawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1, 9, by leaving out from the word " or," to the word " inspect," in l. 12, and inserting the words: " by inspectors appointed for the purpose "—(Mr. Channing),—instead thereof.

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there inserted:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, with­
drawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1, 10, by leaving out from the word " or," in l. 12, stand part of the Bill:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, with­
drawn.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Bill, in p. 2, 1, 12, by leaving out the words " or other organisation " stand part of the Bill:—The
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. 2, 1, 3, by leaving out the words "before it is," and inserting the words "and unless within such four weeks an Address has been presented by one or other of the Houses, praying Her Majesty to withhold Her Consent from such order, or any part thereof, then it shall be . . ."—(Sir Edward Clerk), instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That the words "before it is" stand part of the Bill:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 Expiring Laws Continuance Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill:—Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported Public Works Committee on the Public Works Loans [Repayment of Debt], a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:

"That it is expedient to authorise the Remission of certain Debts due to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland from certain Boards of Guardians in Ireland, and from the Upper Harbour Commissioners, in pursuance of any Act of the present Session relating to Public Works Loans.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Public Works (London) Bill.

In the Committee.

CLAUDES, No. 1 to No. 6, agreed to.

A Clause (Confirmation of Orders relating to certain Loans)—(Mr. Hubnuy)—added, Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jones Williams Leathber reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Tonened's Charities Scheme Confirmation Bill.

In the Committee.

CLAUDES, No. 1 and No. 2, agreed to.

Schedule agreed to. Question agreed to. Bill to be reported.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time,—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Marriages Validity (No. 2) Bill. (In the Committee.)

CLAUSES, No. 1 and 2, agreed to.
Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time,—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, without Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Manchester Canons Bill. (In the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Application of proceeds of sale of Canons' houses, 13 & 14 Vict. c. 41). Motion made, and Question put, That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr. Galloway);

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Galloway],
Yea, [Mr. Joseph Henry Wilson];
Noo, [Mr. Austruther].

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out the word "two" in order to insert the word "one"—(Mr. Herbert Lewis), instead thereof.

Question, That the word "two" stand part of the Clause—put, and agreed to.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 10, to leave out the words "such purposes connected with the service and ministrations of the cathedral" in order to insert the words "making additional provisions for the cure of souls in parishes in the City of Manchester where such assistance is most required."—(Mr. Galloway).

Question put, That the words proposed to be left stand part of the Clause;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Galloway],
Yea, [Mr. Austruther];
Noo, [Mr. Lloyd-George].

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 14, to leave out the words from the word "determined," to the end of the Clause.—(Mr. Lloyd-George).

Question put, That the words proposed to be left stand part of the Clause;—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Mr. Galloway],
Yea, [Mr. Austruther];
Noo, [Mr. Ellis Griffith].

Clause agreed to.

CLAUSE, No. 2.
Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, after the word "Canons" to insert the words "Income equality."—(Mr. Moss).
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Clause agreed to.

Clauses, No. 2, amended, and agreed to. Clause, No. 3 and No. 4, agreed to. Bill, as amended, to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Lowther reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee, be taken into consideration this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Poor Law Acts Amendment Bill.

CLAUSE, No. 1, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 2, disagreed to.

Clauses No. 3, amended, and agreed to.

Clauses No. 4, disagreed to.

Clause No. 5 and No. 6, agreed to.

A Clause (Trespass as to adopted children) added.

Title amended.

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 had amended the Title, as follows:

[Title Amended.]

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Poor Law 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 Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. Hanbury reported from the Committee on Navy and Army Expenditure, 1897-98, several Resolutions; which were read, as follows:—

1. That it appears by the Navy Appropriation Account for the year ending the 31st day of March 1898, 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 £6,354,246 2s. 1d., 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 £2,038,302 12s. 8d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Total Actual Expenditure for the Navy Services exceeded the Total Estimated Expenditure by the Net Sum of £4,315,944 10s. 3d.;

(b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Navy Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £15,136 5s. 6d., 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 £59,521 6s. 4d., 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 exceeded the Total Estimated Receipts by the Net Sum of £46,690 11s. 6d.;

(c.) That the resulting Differences between the Exchequer Grants for Navy Services and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.—

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2. That the Lord Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the application, in reduction of the Net Charge on Exchequer Grants for certain Navy Services, of the whole of the Sums received in excess of the estimated Appropriations in Aid, in respect of the same Services, and have also temporarily authorised the application of so much 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. That the Application of such Sums be sanctioned.

Schedule.

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4. That it appears by the Army Appropriation Account for the year ending the 31st day of March 1898, 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 £151,936 5s. 6d., 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 £22,660 12s. 8d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Total Actual Expenditure for the Army Services exceeded the Total Estimated Expenditure by the Net Sum of £129,276 10s. 3d.;

(b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £15,000 10s. 3d., 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 £95,520 10s. 3d.; so that the Total Actual Receipts in Aid of the Grants for Army Services exceeded the Total Estimated Receipts by the Net Sum of £80,520 10s. 3d.;
of such Expenditure by a Total Sum of £167,041 2s. 10d., as shown in Column No. 2 of the said appended Schedule; so that the Gross Actual Expenditure for the whole of the Army Services fell short of the Gross Estimated Expenditure by the Net Sum of £15,644 17s. 4d.: 

(b.) That the Receipts in Aid of certain Army Services fell short of the Estimate of such Receipts by a Total Sum of £46,536 1s. 1d., 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 £135,800 13s. 11d., 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 Sum of £88,764 12s. 9d.: 

(c.) That the resulting Differences between the Exchequer Grants for Army Services and the Net Expenditure are as follows, viz.:—

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5. That the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have temporarily authorised the Application, in reduction of the Net Charge on the Exchequer, of so much of the said Total Surplus as is necessary to cover the said Total Deficits on other Grants for Army Services.

6. That the Application of such Surplus be sanctioned.

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Net Surplus — £102,109 9 d.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 17th day of July last, Mr Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then half an hour after Two of the clock on Wednesday morning, to this day.

Wednesday, 2nd August, 1899.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

P R A Y E R S.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to a Bill for作者的姓名或书名，请提供完整的文本。
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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty's Command, — Copy of the Sixty-fifth Annual Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland (being for the year 1898-99) with Section I, of the Appendix.

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 30th June 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Rulers and Acts of the Government of India, 1898-99, as to Customs in India.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henry J. Wilson reported from the Select Committee on Public Petitions: That they had examined the Petitions presented upon the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, and 31st days of July last, and the 1st day of this instant August, and had directed him to make a Return thereof to the House.

Ordered, That the Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Manchester Censorship Bill was, according Manchester Censorship Bill Committee's Report, ordered to be read a second time, and that the House doth desire the concurrence and application of the Commissioners in the Report of the Local Government Board, 1898-99, containing the Report of the Local Government Board, 1898-99.

Ordered, That the Bill do be read the third time, and be 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 Lords.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Electric Lighting Provisions Order Confirmation (London) Bill, and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lords.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And, Objection being taken, Further Proceeding on Consideration, as amended, stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, and be passed.

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The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Colonial 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 carry the Bill to the Lords; and let it be printed.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Colonial Loans Bill.

(On the Bill referred to the Committee.)

CLAUSE, No. 1 (Power to make advances to certain colonies and places).

Amendment again proposed, in p. 1, l. 6, to leave out the words “the Colonies,” in order to insert the words “Barbadoes and Saint Vincent.” — (Captain Sinclair), instead thereof.

Ordered, That the words “the Colonies” stand part of the Clause;—Debate resumed.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 7, after the word “Act,” to insert the words “over the finances of which the Secretary of State shall have the exclusive control.” — (Captain Sinclair.)

Question, That those words be there inserted, put, and negatived.

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Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 15, to leave out the words "two and three-quarters," in order to insert the words "three and one-half."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts),—instead thereof.

Question, That the words "two and three-quarters" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 16, to leave out the words "and the Secretary of State,"—(Mr. Buchanan.),

Question put, That the words "and the Secretary of State" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Announcement proposed, in p. 1, l. 17, to leave out from the word " two " and the words " quarters,"—(Mr. Buchanan),

Question put, That the words "and the Secretary of State" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yes, (Mr. Austruther: ) 124. Tellers for the (Mr. Buchanan, No, (Captain Sinclair: ) 27.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, after the word "to" to insert the words " the duration of the work and:—(Mr. Buchanan),

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 18, after the word " and " to insert the words " together with the annual interest accruing thereon."—(Mr. Buchanan),

Question proposed, That those words be there inserted:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 19, to leave out the word "fifty," in order to insert the word "thirty."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the word "fifty" stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question put, That Clause 1 stand part of the Bill:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yes, (Mr. Austruther: ) 123. Tellers for the (Mr. Buchanan, No, (Captain Sinclair: ) 30.

CLAUSE, No. 2 (Security for Loan).

Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 23, to leave out from the word "made" to the end of l. 26, in order to insert the words "has passed an "Act or Ordinance which provides:"—(Mr. Buchanan),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 1, l. 27, at the end, to insert the words "for securing the loan as a first charge upon any works which may be created out of the proceeds of the said loan," and for applying the surplus revenues of such works in repayment of the loan."—(Mr. Buchanan),

Question, That those words be there inserted, —put, and negatived.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 6, to leave out sub-paragraph (b), in order to insert the words—

"(b) an annual sum for the sinking fund for the loan at such rate as the Treasury may from time to time certify to be necessary for the discharge of the loan by the expiration of the terms thereof"—(Mr. Buchanan),—instead thereof.

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Clause:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 2, l. 17, to leave out the words "the Treasury and the "Secretary of State," in order to insert the word "Parliament."—(Mr. Herbert Roberts),—instead thereof.

Question put, That the words "the Treasury " and the Secretary of State " stand part of the Clause:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yes, (Mr. Austruther: ) 116. Tellers for the (Mr. Buchanan, No, (Mr. Labouchere: ) 47.

Clause agreed to.

A Clause (Account of Advances)—(Mr. Buchanan),—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.

Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 6, to leave out from the word "Gold," to "£ 98,000," both inclusive.—(Mr. Labouchere),

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yes, (Mr. Austruther: ) 148. Tellers for the (Mr. Labouchere, No, (Mr. Herbert Lewis: ) 39.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 8, to leave out from the word "Niger" to "£ 45,500," inclusive.—(Mr. Labouchere),

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yes, (Mr. Austruther: ) 158. Tellers for the (Mr. Labouchere, No, (Mr. Herbert Lewis: ) 38.

Another Amendment proposed, in p. 3, l. 9, to leave out from the word "Jamaica," to "£ 40,000," in l. 13, both inclusive.—(Mr. Buchanan),

Question put, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule:—The Committee divided.

Tellers for the (Sir William Walrond, Yes, (Mr. Austruther: ) 151. Tellers for the (Mr. Labouchere, No, (Mr. Herbert Lewis: ) 38.

Schedule 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, 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 same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Commons and Open Spaces Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses, No. 1 and No. 9, agreed to.

Schedule.

Amendment proposed, in p. 4, to leave out lines 29 and 30.—(Mr. Dillon.)

Question put. That, in words proposed to be left out stand part of the Schedule;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the "Sir William Walrond,"

Yes, Mr. Anstruther:

Tellers for the "Mr. Dillon,"

No, Mr. Clancy:

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Stuart Wortley reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Supply;

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 on the 1st day of July last, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Eighth Resolution, That a Sum, not exceeding £14,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for sundry Colonial Services, including certain Grants in Aid.

The Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill;

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Lincolnshire County Councils Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Charges Bill;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day being read, for the 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 17th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes before Seven of the clock, till To-morrow.

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Thursday, 3rd August, 1899.

THE House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Lords to the Rechil and Rotherfield Railway Bill; and the same was twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by their Lordships.

The London and South Western 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 Manchester Corporation Tramways Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Rochdale Canal 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 Wakefield and Barrhead District 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 Workington Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The Workington Corporation Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Birmingham, North Warwickshire, and Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Bill, as amended in the Committee.

And Amendments were made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 225 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.

Ordered, That, in the case of the Southport Boot and Slipper and Lytham Tramroad Bill, as amended, Standing Orders 84, 214, 215, and 230 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Farquharson):—The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 225 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.

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 Belfast Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House accordingly proceeded to take the Bill into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Belfast Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the West Metropolitan Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the London, Bethnal Green, and Clayton 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 accordingly proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the West Metropolitan Railway Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further 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. 4, in Amendment inserted in Committee in § 2, after the word "Orders," by inserting the word "previously."—(Sir Manchester Buxton.

And the Question being proposed, That the word "previously" be there inserted.—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Order made upon the 12th day of March last, for Returns relative to Post Office (Revenue and Expenditure). The following Papers were laid upon the Table.

Public Petitions.

Order No. 310.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.—(Dr. Farquharson.)

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

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Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time.

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Ordered, That the said Return be printed.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that She will be graciously pleased to give directions, that there be laid before this House, Returns 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 1898, 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 1898 (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 365, of Session 1898).—(Mr. Jasper Colli.)

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Chaplin presented.—Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of March last, for a Return relative to Vagrant Children Relieved. Vol. 154.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of Street and Road Tramways authorised by Parliament, showing the Amount of Capital authorised, paid up, and expended; the Length of Tramway authorised, and the Length open for the Public Conveyance of Passengers, down to the 30th day of June 1899; 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 1899; together with the Number of Horses, Engines, and Cars at that date (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 355, of Session 1898).

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords, was received; together with the Return above mentioned.

Ordered, That a Return of Street and Road Tramways in the United Kingdom, for the year ending the 30th day of June 1899; 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 1899; together with the Number of Horses, Engines, and Cars at that date (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 355, of Session 1898).

Mr. Ritchie accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
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3rd August.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Civil Services Estimates, 1899-1900.

Class I.

1. £ 2,303, to complete the Sum for maintaining certain Harbours under the Board of Trade.

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 17,550, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for constructing a new Harbour of Refuge at Peterhead.

Motion made, and Question, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 14,000, be granted for the said Service.—(Major Jameson)—put, and negatived.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

Class II.

3. £ 329,679, to complete the Sum for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the Public Service, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationery Office; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

4. £ 3,454, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Lomany in Scotland.

5. £ 2,222, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c. in Scotland.

Class IV.

6. £ 581,763, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of Science and Art, and of the various Establishments connected therewith, including sundry Grants in Aid.

7. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 100,080 (including a Supplementary Sum of £ 3,750), be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and other Expenses of the British Museum, and of the Natural History Museum, including certain Grants in Aid:

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,
Yea, (Mr. Austruther) 136.

Tellers for the Mr. Herbert Lewis,
Nay, (Mr. Floyd-Grainge) 51.

8. £ 6,149, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery, and of the National Gallery of British Art, Mill Bank, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

9. £ 2,981, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

10. £ 6,000, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Wallace Collection (Hastford House).

11. £ 67,700, to complete the Sum for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of certain Universities and Colleges in Great Britain, and of the Expenses under the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1899.

12. £ 4, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the University of London.

13. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 701,861, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for Education in Scotland, and for Science and Art in Scotland.

Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 700,661, be granted for the said Service.—(Sir Charles Cameron) The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir Charles Cameron,
Yea, (Mr. Pirie) 64.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,
Nay, (Mr. Austruther) 141.

Original Question put, and agreed to.

14. £ 2,000, to complete the Sum for a Grant to the Board of Trustees for Manufactures in Scotland, in aid of the maintenance of the National Gallery, School of Art, and Museum of Antiquities, Scotland.

15. £ 621,117, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, including a Grant in Aid of the Teachers' Pension Fund, Ireland.

16. £ 5,600, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners for managing certain School Endowments in Ireland.

17. £ 1,300, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of the National Gallery of Ireland, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

18. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 2,450, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,
Yea, (Mr. Austruther) 159.

Tellers for the Mr. Dillon,
Nay, (Captain Donelan) 26.

Class V.

19. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 977,335, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Expenses of Her Majesty's Embassies and Missions Abroad, and of the Consular Establishments Abroad, and other Expenditure chargeable on the Consular Vote:

Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 977,335, be granted for the said Service.—(Sir Charles Dilke) The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Sir Charles Dilke,
Yea, (Mr. Broadhurst) 80.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond,
Nay, (Mr. Austruther) 174.

And, it being after Ten of the clock, the Chairman put the Questions necessary to dispose of the outstanding Votes in the Committee of Supply, Original Questions put, and agreed to.

20. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 154,463, 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 1900, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the British Protectorates in Uganda and in Central and East Africa, and under the Uganda Railway Act, 1891.

The Committee divided.

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Tellers for the (Mr. Herbert Lewis, Yeas, Mr. Austen: Yeas, Mr. Austen: Class II.)

Tellers for the (Mr. Austen: Yeas, Mr. Austen: 196.

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of the Fishery Board in Scotland and for Grants-in-Aid of Poor Law

The Committee proceeded to a Division, and the Chairman stated that he thought the Yeas had it; and on his decision being challenged it appeared to him that the Division was frivolously claimed, and he accordingly directed the Noes to stand up in their places, and Five Members having stood up, the Chairman declared that the Yeas had it.

46. £ 75,672, to complete the Sum for the Salaries, Allowances, Expenses, and Pensions of various County Court Officers, of Commissioners and of Magistrates in Ireland, and the Expenses of Revision.

47. £ 63,316, to complete the Sum for the Salaries and Expenses of the Commissioner of Police, the Police Courts, and the Metropolitan Police Establishment of Dublin.

48. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 750,000, 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 1900, for the Expenses of the Royal Irish Constabulary;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Anstruther:] 178.
Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, Noes, Mr. Donal Sullivan:] 64.

49. £ 62,996, 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.

50. £ 54,659, to complete the Sum for the Expenses of Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Ireland.

51. £ 4,044, to complete the Sum for the Maintenance of Criminal Lunatics in the Dunbarton Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Ireland.

Class VI.

52. £ 7,497, to complete the Sum for Hospitals and Infirmaries, and certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in Ireland, including sundry Grants in Aid.

Class VII.

53. Motion made, and Question put, That a Sum, not exceeding £ 30,928 (including a Supplementary Sum of £ 4,000), 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 1900, for certain Miscellaneous Expenses;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, Yeas, Mr. Anstruther:] 183.
Tellers for the [Captain Donelan, Noes, Mr. Donal Sullivan:] 60.

54. £ 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.

55. £ 14,251, for the Repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund of certain Miscellaneous Advances.

56. £ 80,000, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Royal Commission for the British Section of the Paris International Exhibitions, 1900.

Army Estimates, 1899-1900.

57. £ 305,300, for the Pay, &c., of the Medical Establishment, and for Medicines, &c.

58. £ 571,000, for the Pay, Bounty, &c., of the Militia (to a number not exceeding 181,670, including 30,000 Militia Reserve).

59. £ 75,000, for the Pay and Miscellaneous Charges of the Yeomanry Cavalry.

60. £ 624,200, for Capital grants and Miscellaneous Charges of Volunteer Corps, including Pay, &c., of the Permanent Staff.

61. £ 780,000, for Transport and Remounts.

62. £ 111,100, for Establishments for Military Education.

63. £ 60,200, for sundry Miscellaneous Effective Services.

64. Motion...
Ways and Means.

Valley Water

Derwent Bill.

London take into consideration the Amendments made Piccadilly .

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a Sum, not exceeding £ 248,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900; 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 Lords 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 Charing Cross, Euston, and Hampstead 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 Manchester Corporation Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Harrow and Uxbridge 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 Westminster 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 Portsmouth Corporation Bill, as amended by the Lords, in the Committee.

Ordered, That Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Fitzgibbon.) 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.

Standing Order 1 was read, and amended. — Standing Orders 223 and 243 be suspended, and that the Bill be now read the third time.—(Dr. Fitzgibbon.) The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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In line 8, by leaving out the words from the word "tenant," to the end of line 11, and inserting the words "the term "London," except where the City of London is expressly mentioned, means the Administrative County of London.

In line 12, by leaving out the word "district," and inserting the words "sanitary authority." In lines 12 and 13, by leaving out the words "the Administrative County of." In line 14, by leaving out the words from the word "any," to the end of line 15, and inserting the words="mile," to the word "obtainable," in line 23, inclusive, and inserting the word "or." In line 22, by leaving out the words from the word "and district councils." In line 23, by leaving out the words "or published." In line 3, by leaving out the words "the Grand Jury of," to the word "of," in line 2, inclusive, and inserting the word "in." In line 3, by leaving out the words "within the said county," and inserting the words in London.

In lines 5 and 6, by leaving out the words "lands within the said County," and inserting the word London.

Standing Order 12 was read, and amended:

In line 1, by leaving out the word "he printed copy," and inserting the words "of every local authority," and inserting the words "district council." In line 3, by leaving out the words "sanitary authority," and inserting the words "district council." In line 3, by leaving out the words "any," to the end of line 15, and inserting the words "a rural district," to the word "situate," to the word "of," in line 2, inclusive, and inserting the word "in." In line 21, by leaving out the words from the word "Colonies" to the word "copy," inclusive, in line 23.
Standing Orders 33A and 33B were read, and repealed.

Standing Order 34 was read and amended, in line 2, by leaving out the words " whereby," and inserting the words " which proposes to alter, " take any common or commonable land, " or to the word " Subway."

Standing Order 35 was read and amended, in line 2, by leaving out the words "Subway." Standing Order 36 was read, and repealed.

Standing Order 37 was read, and amended, in line 1, by inserting, after the first word " Bill," the word " or; " and, by leaving out the words " or Subway Bill."

Standing Order 38 was read, and amended, in line 3, by inserting, after the first word " Company," the word " or," and by leaving out the words " or Subway Company."

Standing Order 39 was read, and amended, in line 5, by leaving out the words " or subway."

Standing Order 40 was read, and amended, in line 1, by inserting, after the first word " Juries," the word " the poor," and by leaving out the words " or jurors."

Standing Order 41 was read, and amended, in line 2, by leaving out the word " Grand.

Standing Order 42 was read, and amended, in line 3, by inserting, after the word " for," and by leaving out the words from the word " which, " to the word "which," in line 27, inclusive.

Standing Order 43 was read, and amended, in line 4, by leaving out the word " to administer."

Standing Order 44 was read, and amended, in line 4, by leaving out the words " public," and by inserting the word " A."

Standing Order 45 was read, and amended, in line 5, by leaving out the words " or 1845," in line 3, inclusive.

Standing Order 46 was read, and amended, in line 6, by leaving out the words from the word " charge," to the end of the paragraph.

Standing Order 47 was read, and amended, in line 7, by leaving out the words " to the word "зал." Standing Order 48 was read, and amended, in line 8, by leaving out the word " Tram."
Standing Order 158 was read, and amended:

In line 7 of paragraph D, by inserting, after the word "Railway," the words "Tramroad or "Tramway."

In line 8, by leaving out the words from the beginning thereof to the word "years," in line 9.

In line 9, by leaving out the words from the word "not" to the word "line," inclusive, in line 10.

In line 10, by leaving out the words from the first word "period," inclusive, to the end thereof, and inserting the words "Committee may, if they "think fit, in the special circumstances of the "case, substitute shorter periods for the periods "mentioned in that section."

Standing Order 170a was read, and amended, in line 2, by leaving out the words "Municipal "Corporation, Municipal Commissioners," and inserting the words "Urban District Council."

Standing Order 183a was read, and repealed.

New Standing Order 38, to follow Standing Order 37:

Ordered, That where any Bill contains or extends power to take compulsorily or by agreement, clauses shall be inserted—

1. Providing that the promoters shall not be required to be deposited under those Orders, if it had been introduced as brought from the House of Commons.

New Standing Order 183a, to follow Standing Order 183:

Ordered, That, in the case of every Bill which gives, revokes, or extends power to take compulsorily or by agreement, clauses shall be inserted—

1. Providing that the promoters shall not be required to be deposited under those Orders, if it had been introduced as brought from the House of Lords.

New Standing Order 38, to follow Standing Order 38:

Ordered, That a copy of every local Bill brought from the House of Lords shall be deposited at every Office at which it was deposited under Orders 33 and 34, or would be required to be deposited under those Orders, if it had been introduced as brought from the House of Lords.

New Standing Order 183a, to follow Standing Order 183:

Ordered, That, in the case of every Bill which gives, revokes, or extends power to take compulsorily or by agreement, clauses shall be inserted—

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Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Papers relating to the Contract for the Albert Bridge.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports, Annual Sessions, Nos. 2926 to 2939.

Mr. Brodrick also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 17th day of July last, for a Return relative to Taxis (Exports from Great Britain and France).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Minute of the Committee of Council on Education, dated 4th August 1899, modifying Article 15 and 25 of the Schools.

Evening Continuation Schools Code, 1899.


Copy of Statement showing (1) Schools in Education receipt of Parliamentary Grants; (2) Grants recently paid to School Boards under Section 97, Elementary Education Act, 1870; and (3) School Board Accounts and List of Loans for the year 1898-99.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Report to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by W. A. Beaumont, Esq., and Mr. H. S. Richardson, Esq., two of Her Majesty’s Railways Officers in the Service of the Superintending Inspectors of Factories, on the prevention of Accidents from Machinery in the Manufacture of Cotton.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 15th day of February last, for a Return relative to Deaths from Starvation or Accelerated Privation, and to intoxication, dated the 18th day of April last, for a Return relative to Intoxicating Liquors, (London).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated 27th July last, for a Return relative to the annual Vote for the School Board of Wales, (London).

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns be printed.

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Ordered, That the said Standing Orders be Standing Orders of this House.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

The Education Department Provisional Order Confirmation (London) Bill was, according to Order, read, the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the same, with Amendments; to which this House doth desire the concurrence of their Lordships.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of General Report to the Board of Trade, on the Capital, Traffic, and Expenditure of the Railway Companies of the United Kingdom for the year 1888.

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the United Kingdom in each of the last Fifteen Years, from 1884 to 1898. [Fifty-sixth Number.]

Copy of Statistical Abstract for the several Colonial and other Possessions of the United Kingdom in each of the last Fifteen Years, from 1884 to 1898. [Thirty-sixth Number.]

Mr. Ritchie also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 13th day of June last, for Returns relative to Companies (Winding-up). Return to an Order, dated the 27th day of July last, for a Return relative to Brewers’ Casks.

Mr. Ritchie also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Sixteenth General Annual Report by the Board of Trade, on the Capital, Traffic, and Expenditure of the Railway Companies (Winding-up) Act, 1880.

Copy of Eighth Annual General Report by the Board of Trade respecting the Proceedings of the Board of Trade under the Railway Regulation Act, 1893, 26 & 27 Vic. c. 20, during the year ended 27th July 1889.

Copy of Report by the Board of Trade on their Proceedings and Business under the Weights and Measures Acts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Returns relative to Companies (Winding-up) and Brewers’ Casks, and the Papers relative to Bankruptcy, Companies (Winding-up), Railway Surrante, (Hearts of Labour), and Weights and Measures, be printed.

Mr. Hothway presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1887, dated 29th July 1899, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. G. F. Lamp, formerly a Second Division Clerk in the Office of Public Works, Dublin, under Section 2 of the said Act.

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Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords, to request that their Lordships will be pleased to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Report from the Select Committee appointed by their Lordships on the Copyright Bill and the Copyright Artistic Bill, with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, &c. — (Mr. Solicitor General.)

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 Police Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Metropolitan Police (Scotland) Bill, (which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Bradford Tramways and Improvement Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Commons and Open Spaces Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Calder Navigation Bill [Lords.]

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Clyde Navigation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to amend the Companies Acts; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Lords to the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill be taken into consideration upon Monday next; and be printed.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the Law relating to the Hours during which Premises licensed for the Sale of Eatable Liquors may be open in Scotland: and that Mr. Provand, Captain Nicolson, Mr. Osteave, and Mr. Ur. do prepare, and bring it in.

Mr. Provand accordingly presented a Bill to alter the Law relating to the Hours during which Premises licensed for the Sale of Excisable Liquors may be open 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. Balfour reported from the Committee of Supply, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Civil Services Estimates, 1899-1900.

Class I.

1. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,305, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for maintaining certain Harbours under the Board of Trade.

2. That a Sum, not exceeding £17,000, 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 1900, for constructing a new Harbour of Refuge at Peterhead.

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Class II.

3. That a Sum, not exceeding £329,579, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for Stationery, Printing, Paper, Binding, and Printed Books for the Public Service, and for the Salaries and Expenses of the Stationary Office; and for sundry Miscellaneous Services, including Reports of Parliamentary Debates.

4. 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 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Board of Luminosity in Scotland.

5. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,929, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Department of the Registrar General of Births, &c. in Scotland.

Class IV.

6. That a Sum, not exceeding £381,793, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and other Expenses of the British Museum, and of the Natural History Museum, including certain Grants in Aid.

7. That a Sum, not exceeding £106,030 (including a Supplementary Sum of £3,650), 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 1900, for the Salaries and other Expenses of the British Museum, and of the National Gallery of Art, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

8. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,449, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery, Millbank, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Portraits.

9. That a Sum, not exceeding £2,981, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Portrait Gallery, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Portraits.

10. That a Sum, not exceeding £6,600, 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 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Wallace Collection (Hertford House).

11. That a Sum, not exceeding £67,700, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of certain Universities and Colleges in Great Britain, and of the Expenses under the Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1899.

12. That a Sum, not exceeding £4, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of certain Universities.
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to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1890, for the Salaries and Expenses of the University of London.

13. That a Sum, not exceeding £701,861, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for Public Education in Scotland, and for Science and Art in Scotland.

14. 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 1900, for a Grant to the Board of Trustees for Manufactures in Scotland in aid of the Maintenance of the National Gallery, School of Art, and Museum of Antiquities, Scotland.

15. That a Sum, not exceeding £621,117, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Expenses of the Commissioner of National Education in Ireland, including a Grant in Aid of the Teachers' Pension Fund, Ireland.

16. That a Sum, not exceeding £560, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Expenses of the Office of the Commissioners for managing certain School Endowments in Ireland.

17. That a Sum, not exceeding £1,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the National Gallery of Ireland, including a Grant in Aid for the purchase of Pictures.

18. 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 1900, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Queen's Colleges in Ireland.

19. That a Sum, not exceeding £377,335, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of Her Majesty's Embassies and Missions Abroad, and of the Consular Establishments Abroad and other Expenditure chargeable on the Consolidated Fund.

20. That a Sum, not exceeding £154,463, 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 1900, for Grants in Aid of the Expenses of the British Protectorates in Uganda and in Central and South Africa, and under the Uganda Railway Act, 1896.

21. 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 1900, for a Grant in Aid of the Revenue of the Island of Cyprus.

22. That a Sum, not exceeding £36,241, 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 1900, for the Subsidies to certain Telegraph Companies.
### Class III.

40. That a Sum, not exceeding £60,606, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board in Ireland.

41. That a Sum, not exceeding £29,565, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Lord Lieutenant in Dublin and London, and Subordinate Departments.

42. 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, 1900, for the Expenses of the Establishment of the Crofters’ Commission.

43. That a Sum, not exceeding £53,400, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 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.

44. That a Sum, not exceeding £71,277, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1900, 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.

45. That a Sum, not exceeding £80,000, 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, 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Office of the Irish Land Commission.

46. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,875, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Fishery Board in Scotland.

47. That a Sum, not exceeding £5,276, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1900, for the Salaries and Expenses of the Local Government Board for Scotland.

### Class VI.

52. That a Sum, not exceeding £7,497, be granted to Her Majesty, to complete the Sum necessary to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1900, for Hospitals and Infirmaries, and certain Miscellaneous Charitable and other Allowances in Ireland, including sundry Grants in Aid.

53. That a Sum, not exceeding £10,928 (including a Supplementary Sum of £4,000), be granted
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Medical Establishment.

57. That a Sum, not exceeding £305,600, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay, &c., of the Medical Establishment, and for Medicines, &c., which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

Pay and Allowances (Militia and Militia Reserve.)

58. That a Sum, not exceeding £571,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay, Bounty, &c., of the Militia (to a number not exceeding 141,670, including 30,000 Militia Reserve), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

Yeomanry Cavalry.

59. That a Sum, not exceeding £75,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Pay and Miscellaneous Charges of the Yeomanry Cavalry, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

Volunteer Corps.

60. That a Sum, not exceeding £624,300, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Capitation Grants and Miscellaneous Charges of Volunteer Corps, including Pay, &c., of the Permanent Staff, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

Transport and Remounts.

61. That a Sum, not exceeding £790,000, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Transport and Remounts, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

Military Education.

62. That a Sum, not exceeding £111,100, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for Establishments for Military Education, which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

Miscellaneous Effective Services.

63. That a Sum, not exceeding £60,200, be 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 1900.

Salaries and Miscellaneous Charges of the War Office.

64. That a Sum, not exceeding £246,300, 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 1900.

Ordnance Factories.

65. That a Sum, not exceeding £160, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge for the Ordnance Factories (the cost of the Productions of which will be charged to the Army., Navy, and Indian and Colonial Governments), which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

The said Resolutions being read a second time, the first five Resolutions were agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Sixth Resolution, by leaving out "£381,793," and inserting "£381,993" (Mr. Channing)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£381,793," stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 

Tellers for the, Mr. Channing;

99. 

Yeas, Mr. Anstruther;

Noes, Mr. Yazdl;

36.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Resolutions Seven to Nineteen inclusive were agreed to.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Twentieth Resolution, by leaving out "£154,465," and inserting "£154,263" (Sir Charles Dilke)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£154,465," stand part of the Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 

Tellers for the Mr. Dilke;

103. 

Yeas, Mr. Anstruther;

Noes, Mr. Kilbride;

47.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Resolutions Twenty-one to Twenty-five, inclusive, were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Twenty-sixth Resolution;

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, 

Tellers for the Mr. Dilke;

104. 

Yeas, Mr. Anstruther;

Noes, Mr. Kilbride;

41.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Resolutions were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Twenty-ninth Resolution;

The House proceeded to a Division, and Mr. Speaker stated that he thought the Yeas had it; and, on his decision being challenged, it appeared to him that the Division was frivolously claimed, and he accordingly directed the Noes to stand up in their places, and Seven Members having stood up, Mr. Speaker declared that the Yeas had it.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Then the subsequent Resolutions were agreed to.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to supply the next twenty-five Resolutions which, upon the 31st day of July last, was reported from the Committee of Supply, and which Resolution was then postponed; and the same was again read, as followeth:

That a Sum, not exceeding £31,405, 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 1900.

Conferred Grants (Scotland) Act, 1897, in aid of Expenditure in carrying out the purposes of the Act, and for other purposes.

52. That a Sum, not exceeding £14,251, 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 1900, 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.

53. That a Sum, not exceeding £60,000, 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 1900, for the repayment to the Civil Contingencies Fund of certain Miscellaneous Advances.

54. 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 1900, for certain Miscellaneous Expenses.

55. That a Sum, not exceeding £381,793, 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 1900, 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.

56. That a Sum, not exceeding £624,200, 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 1900, for a Grant in Aid of the Expenses of the Royal Commission for the British Section at the Paris International Exhibition, 1900.
The House met at Three of the clock.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Amendments made by the Lords to the Bradford Tramways and Improvement 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.

Standing Orders, No. 336. Ordered, That the Standing Orders of this House, as amended, be printed.—(Mr. James Wilson Leathes.) Vol. 154.

The House, as amended, be printed.—(Mr. Heedrick.)—instead thereof.

And the Question being put, That "£31,405" stand part of the said Resolution;

The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noses to the Left;
Tellers for the 'Sir William Walrond,
Yess, {Mr. Anstruther} 118,
Ness, {Mr. Treenham} 29,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And, it being after Ten of the clock, Mr. Speaker, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 23rd day of February last, proceeded to put the Question forthwith, "That this House do agree with the Committee in the said Resolution," that being the only Question necessary to complete the proceedings on the Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

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 £55,858,263 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 directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Returns of the Amount payable on the 5th January 1899, out of the Consolidated Fund, for Ecclesiastical purposes in the West Indies, and of the appropriation of it to the different Islands and Persons therein, with their respective Offices.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 1st August 1899, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, declaring that James Darby, Labourer, Royal Laboratory, War Office, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Ordered, That the said Papers be laid upon the Table; and that the said Return be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, on the Manuscripts of the Duke of Portland. Vol. V.

Copy of Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, on the Manuscripts of the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G. Part VIII.


Copy of Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, on the Manuscripts of J. M. Heathcote, Esquire, of Cottingham Castle.

Copy of Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, on the Manuscripts of J. B. Fortescue, Esquire, of Dropmore. Vol. III.

Copy of Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, on the Manuscripts of F. W. Leyborne-Popham, Esquire, of Littlecute.

Copy of Appendix to the Fifteenth Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. Part X. The Manuscripts of Shrewsbury Cor Short, Esquire, of Penrith.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley also presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, on the Manuscripts of J. B. Fortescue, Esquire, of Dropmore. Vol. III.

Copy of Appendix to the Fifteenth Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. Part X. The Manuscripts of Shrewsbury Cor Short, Esquire, of Penrith.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hanbury presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Forty-second Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Island Revenue, for the year ended 31st March 1899.

Copy of Forty-third Report of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs for the year ended 31st March 1899.


Copy of Report of the Director to the Board of Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of Ireland; (Ireland.) with Appendices, for the year ending 31st March 1899.

Mr. Hanbury also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 6th day of July last, for Return relative to Civil Service Clerkships (Class L.) No. 337.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Return of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland; (Ireland.) vide Appendix, for the year ending 31st March 1899.
Copy of Section III. of the Appendix to the Sixty-fifth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland for the year 1898-99.

Copy of Section I.V. of the Appendix to the Sixty-fifth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland for the year 1898-99.

Copy of Section V. of the Appendix to the Sixty-fifth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland for the year 1898-99.

Copy of Report on the Banking, Railway, and Shipping Statutes of Ireland, for the half year ended 30th June 1899.


Copy of Forty-eighth Report (with Appendices) of the Inspectors of Lunacies (Ireland).

Table; and be printed. to.

Ordered, That the said Return 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 Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Bill.

Lord's Amendment, in p. 5, l. 11 ("leave out sub-heads (d) and (e)"); the first 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 Lord's Amendment.—(Mr. Attorney General for Ireland).

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas: Mr. William Walford, 69. 

Tellers for the Noes: Mr. Michael Austin, Mr. T. P. O'Connor; 47.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords; and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by their Lordships.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Sale of Food and Drugs Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That 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 Small Houses take into consideration the Amendments made by the Lords to the Small Houses (Acquisition of Ownership) Bill; and the same were twice read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That 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 Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Bill.

Lord's Amendments, as far as the Amendment in page 7, "leave out Clause 9, and insert Clause (A)," being read a second time, were agreed to.

Lord's Amendment, in p. 7, "leave out Clause 9, and insert Clause (A)" (Procedure in case order is opposed), the next Amendment, being read a second time.

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the said Lord's Amendment, in l. 6, by leaving out from the word "Parliament," to the word "L," in line 9.—(Sir Henry Fowler.)

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And the Question being proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the said Lords' Amendment, to be inserted, were agreed to.

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 Inebriates Act (1898) Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Inebriates Commissions Names Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Army Act, Reserving of Forces Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Army Act, Reserving of Forces Continuance Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Public Works (Loans) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Thames Charity Scheme Confirmation Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Bath and Workingham Acts Amendment Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Education Bill (London) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Manchester Corporation Tramways Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Manchester Corporation Tramways (Joint Dock) Bill (Lords).
Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 17th day of July last, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then half an hour after Twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

Tuesday, 8th August, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Clergy (West Indies), No. 345. be printed.


The Lord Advocate also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 17th day of March last, for Returns relative to Deer Forests, Highland Crofting Counties (Argyllshire, Inverness-shire, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland, Caithness, and Orkney and Shetland).

Return to an Order, dated the 22nd day of March last, for Returns relative to Local Taxation Returns for Scotland for the year 1898-99, as required by Section 33 of the Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns and the Paper relative to Local Taxation (Scotland) be printed.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of General Annual Return of the British Army for the year 1898, with Abstracts, No. 347. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Returns of Accidents and Casualties as reported to the Board of Trade by the several Railway Companies in the United Kingdom during the Six Months ending 30th June 1899, 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 upon the Accidents which have occurred on the Railways of the United Kingdom during the year 1898.

Return of all British Ships ordered by the Board of Trade, or its Officers, during the period from 1st July 1898 to 30th June 1899, to be provisionally detained during the same period as unsafe by reason of overloading or improper loading, in pursuance of the provisions of 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60, s. 449, giving the Names of the Owners of those Ships which have been detained, 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 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60, s. 449, together with Summaries, showing respectively the Total Number of Ships ordered to be detained as unsafe, from 1st July 1898 to 30th June 1899, and since 1st October 1876, distinguishing between those cases in which the Ships were found safe or unsafe.

Copy of Report to the Secretary of the Board of Trade on the Working of the Butler Explosions Acts, 1882 and 1890, with Appendices.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented,—Imperial Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 27th day of July last, for a Return relative to the Imperial Institute (Indian Section).

Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 31st day of July last, for a Return relative to the Imperial Institute (Indian Section).

Mr. Hawker presented, by Her Majesty's Horse Command.—Copy of Seventh Report of the Royal Commission on Horse Breeding.

Mr. Hawker also presented,—Return to an Order, dated the 9th day of May last, for a Return relative to Railways in Ireland (State Advances).

Return to an Order, dated the 12th day of June last, for a Return relative to Channel Islands (Crown Rights).

Return to an Order, dated the 16th day of June last, for Returns relative to Appointments Open to Retired Soldiers.

Return to an Order, dated the 4th day of this instant August, for a Return relative to Expenditure on Capital Account recently authorised by Parliament.

Mr. Hanbury also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Return by the Irish Land Commission of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891, up to and including the 31st March 1899, as required by Section 33 of the Act.

Copy of the Telephone Regulations, 1899, Post Office (Telegraphs) Act, dated 31st July 1899.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated the 8th August 1899, directing the Application of Moneys received by the Board of Trade from 1st April 1898 to 31st March 1899, in respect of the Rights and Interests of the Crown in the Foreshores of the United Kingdom.

Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Superannuation Act, 1884, dated 1st August 1899, declaring that Thomas Cooper, Postman, Scarborough, Post Office Department, was appointed without a Civil Service Certificate through inadvertence on the part of the Head of his Department.

Copy of Return, for the year ended 31st December 1898, of the Army and Navy Officers, permitted, under Rule 2 of the Regulations drawn up under Section 6 of “The Superannuation Act, 1877,” to hold Civil Employment of Profit under Public Departments.

Account of Revenues 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
and Harbour Dues, for the year ended 31st March 1899, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the said Returns and the Papers relative to Irish Land Commission (Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891), Superannuation Act 1887, and the Isle of Man, be printed.

Local Government, 1899.

Mr. Chaplin, pursuant to the direction of the House of Commons (printed), presented, copies of Orders made by the various County and County Borough Councils in England and Wales, under Sections 57 and 29 of the Local Government Act, 1888, as confirmed by the Local Government Board.

Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1889.

Copies of Statements of Modification permitted by the Local Government Board in certain Improvement Schemes under Part I of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1880.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

County Courts (Plaints and Sittings) (New Charter) (Leicester) (Bridlington) (Duhinfield) dated 2nd August 1899, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return to an Address to Her Majesty, dated 2nd August 1899, and the Petition of Right.

Col. Mitchell's Petition of Right.

Copy of the Criminal and Judicial Statistics of Ireland for the year 1898. Part II. Civil and Criminal Statistics.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Dispatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Berlin transmitting Foreign notifications to German Imperial Gazette, relating to the British Kingdom of Germany, No. 1, 1899.

Copy of Case presented on the part of the Government of Her Britannic Majesty to the Tribunal of Arbitration constituted under Article 1 of the Treaty concluded at Washington on the 2nd February 1897, between Her Britannic Majesty and the United States of Venezuela, respecting the Settlement of the Boundary between British Guiana and the United States of Venezuela.

Copy of Counter Case presented on the part of Venezuela of the Government of Her Britannic Majesty to (Her Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Berlin transmitting the) 5th January 1899, together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon. .

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of the Criminal and Judicial Statistics of Ireland for the year 1898. Part II. Civil and Criminal Statistics.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and the Returns relative to County Courts (Plaints and Sittings) and Col. Mitchell's Petition of Right be printed.

Mr. George Bass presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Tables showing the extent in Statute Acres and the Produce of the Crops for the Year 1899, with Tables showing the average produce thereof in the ten years 1889-98; also, of the Agricultural Statistics for the Season 1898.

General Abstract of Agricultural Statistics in Ireland, showing the average produce of Crops, and the average produce thereof in the ten years 1889-98; also, of the Agricultural Statistics for the Season 1898.

Copy of the Report and Tables relating to the Colonies and the Island of Ireland (Ireland), 1899.

Copy of the Thirty-fifth Detailed Annual Report of the Registrar-General of Births, Marriages, and Deaths in Ireland, 1898.

Copy of the Criminal and Judicial Statistics of Ireland for the Year 1898. Part I. Criminal Statistics.


Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return to an Address to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Berlin transmitting Foreign notifications to German Imperial Gazette, relating to the British Kingdom of Germany, No. 1, 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Copy of the Criminal and Judicial Statistics of Ireland for the year 1898. Part II. Civil and Criminal Statistics.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Copies of Orders made by the Lord Lieutenant in Council, and of Orders and Rules, or, in certain cases, Schedules enumerating Orders and Rules, made by the Local Government Board for Ireland under or in consequence of the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and of the Registration (Ireland) Act, 1898; also, of Rules of Court and of County Court Rules made in relation to the said Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Mr. Erskine Beveridge accordingly presented the said Return.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendments made by the Lords to the Private Legislation Procedure (Ireland) Bill, Derwent Valley Water Bill, and to the Consequential Amendment made by this House to the Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords communicated Copies of Reports from the Select Committees appointed by their Lordships in the present Session of Parliament on—

1. Companies Bill;  
2. Copyright Bill and Copyright (Artistic) Bill, together with the Proceeding of the Committees and Minutes of Evidence, as desired by this House.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill; and directed the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Arthur O'Connor reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to transmit Orders in Council of the 8th August, 1899, to the Superintending Authority of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Companies Bill, which was communicated from the Lords upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Copyright Bill and Copyright (Artistic) Bill, which was communicated from the Lords upon the 8th day of this instant August, be printed.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament, Copies of Orders in Council of the 8th August, 1899, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled "The Ottoman Order in Council, 1899." Copies of Order in Council of the 8th August, 1899, under the British Settlements Act, 1877, and Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, entitled "The Pacific Order in Council, 1899, Amendment Order, 1899." Copies of Orders in Council of the 8th August, 1899, under the International Copyright Acts, 1844 to 1886, (i) giving effect to the accession of Japan, and (ii) giving effect to the withdrawal of Montenegro from the International Copyright Union, respectively.
And the Question being proposed, That the word “now” stand part of the Question:—The said proposed Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put:—

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time:—The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message from the Lords had been brought from the Lords by the Lord-lieutenant of one of their Clerks, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

A Message was delivered by Sir Michael Royal Assent.

Mr. Speaker, the Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commissions, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commissions read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and the Lords, thereby authorised, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Appropriation Act, 1899.
2. Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Act, 1899.
5. Seats for Shop Assistants Act, 1899.
7. Sis of Man (Customs) Act, 1899.
10. Metropolitan Police Act, 1899.
11. Electric Lighting ( Clauses) Act, 1899.
12. Commons Act, 1899.
15. Inns of Court Act, 1899.
17. Telegraph Act, 1899.
18. Board of Education Act, 1899.
20. Poor Law Act, 1899.
22. Land Tax Commissioners’ Names Act, 1899.
27. Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1899.
32. Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899.
33. Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899.
34. Gas Orders Confirmation ( No. 2) Act, 1899.
35. Local Government Board’s Provisional Orders Confirmation ( No. 14) Act, 1899.
36. Tramways Orders Confirmation ( No. 2) Act, 1899.
37. Tramways Orders Confirmation ( No. 3) Act, 1899.
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 Powers continue to be friendly. The Conference summoned by the Emperor of Russia to consider measures for preventing the maintenance of peace has completed its sittings. Although the result of its deliberations has not fully corresponded with the lofty aims which it was summoned to accomplish, it has met with a considerable measure of success. The institution of a permanent tribunal of arbitration cannot fail to diminish the frequency of war, while the extension of the General Convention will mitigate its horrors.

I have concluded a Convention with the President of the French Republic, by which the spheres of influence of the two Powers over a large portion of Northern Africa have been determined. Such an Agreement has become necessary, especially in respect to the Valley of the Nile, in consequence of the successful operations of the Anglo-Egyptian Army during last Autumn.

I have concluded an Agreement with the Emperor of Russia for regulating the conditions under which either Government will encourage the development of Railway enterprise by its own subjects in China.

From my Indian Empire I have continued to receive satisfactory reports of the rapid recovery of agriculture and trade from the depression caused by the late famine, but during the last few weeks the rainfall has been insufficient over a portion of Western and Central India, and fears are entertained as to the prospects of the harvests in those regions. My officers are carefully watching the situation, and timely precautions to meet any scarcity, should it occur, will be adopted. I regret to add that the plague, though still confined to the areas affected last winter, shows no signs of abatement.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the liberality with which you have provided for the Naval and Military defence of My Empire.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

The formal cession within My Empire of the territories occupied by the Royal Niger Company will facilitate the good administration of that region, and the effective defence of its frontier.
I have had great satisfaction in giving My assent to a Bill for completing the organisation of Municipal Government in London. I do not doubt that the inhabitants of the various portions of this Metropolis will derive from it the benefits which similar institutions have conferred upon other cities and towns in this country.

I have also gladly sanctioned Bills for the simplification of private legislation in Scotland, for the encouragement of agricultural and technical education in Ireland, for the better distribution of the supply of water in the Metropolis, for the removal of an injustice in regard to the incidence of rates under which the benefited owners of tithe rent-charge have too long suffered, and for securing the purity of certain articles of food and drugs. I trust that the Bill which you have passed for consolidating the educational departments, and extending their powers, will tend to the improvement and completion of our educational system. The measures you have passed for facilitating the acquisition of the ownership of small houses by those who occupy them will be of considerable advantage to the working classes in many parts of the country.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend upon the fruit of your labours for the benefit of My people.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's Name, and in obedience to Her Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Friday the twenty-seventh day of October next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Friday the twenty-seventh day of October next.
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From October the 17th to October the 27th.

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By The QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS by the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, it is enacted that whenever We shall order the Army Reserve to be called out on permanent service if Parliament be then separated by such adjournment or prorogation as will not expire within ten days, a Proclamation shall be issued for the meeting of Parliament within ten days, and Parliament shall accordingly meet and sit upon such day as shall be appointed by such Proclamation, and shall continue to sit and act in like manner as if it had stood adjourned or prorogued to the same day:

And whereas by Proclamation dated this Seventh day of October One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-nine, We have ordered the Army Reserve to be called out on permanent service:

And whereas Our Parliament now stands prorogued to Friday the Twenty-seventh day of October instant, We therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, do hereby publish and declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure that the said Parliament shall on Tuesday the Seventeenth day of October, One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-nine, assemble and be holden 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 Seventeenth day of October One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-nine.

Given at Our Court at Balmoral, this Seventh day of October, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-nine, and in the Sixty-third Year of Our Reign.

GOD save The QUEEN.
Tuesday, 17th October, 1899.

PRAYERS at a quarter of an hour before
Two of the clock.

A MESSAGE was delivered by Sir Michael
Biddulph, Gentlemen Usher of the Black
Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Ma-
jury's Commission, desire the immediate attend­
ance 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.

Ordered, That all Members who are returned
for two or more places in any part of the United
Kingdom do make their Election for which of
the places they will serve, within one week after
it shall appear that there is no question upon the
Return for that place; and if anything shall
come in question touching the Return or Elec­
tion of any Member, he is to withdraw during the
time the matter is in Debate; and that all
Members returned upon double Returns do
withdraw till their Returns are determined.

Resolved, That no Peer of the Realm, except
such Peers of Ireland as shall, for the time being,
be actually elected, and shall not have declined the
Election of Members to serve for the Commons
in Parliament, except only any Peer of Ireland,
at such Elections in Great Britain respectively
where such Peer shall appear as a Candidate, or
by himself, or any others, be proposed to be
elected; or for any Lord Lieutenant or Governor
of any County to avail himself of any authority
derived from his Commission, to influence the
Election of any Member to serve for the Com­
mons in Parliament.—(Mr. Balfour);

An Amendment was proposed to be made to
the Question, by leaving out from the word
"Kingdom," in line 2, to the word "for" in
line 8.—(Mr. James Lowther.)

And the Question being put, That the words
proposed to be left out stand part of the Ques­
tion:

The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right;

The Noes to the Left.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Anstruther: 337.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Philip Stanhope: 76.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That it is a high infringement of the
liberties and privileges of the Commons of the
United Kingdom for any Lord of Parliament, or
other Peer or Prelate, not being a Peer of
Ireland at the time elected, and not having
decided to serve for any County, City, or
Borough of Great Britain, to concern himself in
the Election of Members to serve for the Commons
in Parliament, except only any Peer of Ireland,
at such Elections in Great Britain respectively
where such Peer shall appear as a Candidate, or
by himself, or any others, be proposed to be
elected; or for any Lord Lieutenant or Governor
of any County to avail himself of any authority
derived from his Commission, to influence the
Election of any Member to serve for the Com­
mons in Parliament:

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any
person hath been elected or returned a Member
of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by
Bribery, or any other corrupt practices, this
House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person 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 or 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 pending in this House, or any Committee thereof, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Police of the metropolis do take care that, during the Session of Parliament, the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open, and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading to the Hall of Parliament, or in the sessions of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance therein or thereabouts; and that the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioners aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by the Members attending this House, during the Sitting of Parliament, and that no disorder be allowed in the Streets leading to this House, or any Committee thereof, or directly or indirectly presumed to print the same.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges be appointed.

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 250 Copies of the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of Sir Reginald Francis Dove Poole, Esq., 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 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 Correspondence relating to the Status of the South African Republic.

Copy of Correspondence relating to the Proposed Political Reforms in the South African Republic.

Copy of Correspondence relating to Political Affairs in the South African Republic.

Copy of Correspondence relating to the Federation of Nigeria.

Copy of Correspondence relating to the "Straits Settlements, 1899.

Copy of Correspondence regarding the Measures to be adopted for checking the spread of Venereal Disease in Ceylon, Hong Kong, and the Straits Settlements.


Copy of Reports on the Federated Malay States for 1898.

Copies of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Trade Reports (Annual), Miscellaneous Series, Nos. 509 to 515.

Copy of Correspondence respecting the Status of the United States of Venezuela and the United States of Mexico respectively, in connection with the Settlement of the Boundary between British Guiana and the United States of Venezuela, Vol. 1.


Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom and Greece relative to Trade and Navigation (No. 20, 1899.)

Copy of Convention between the United Kingdom and Germany relative to Trade and Navigation (No. 19, 1899.)

Copy of Final Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into and report upon the System of Intermediate Education in Ireland, as established by the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Act, 1878, c.

Copy of Appendix to Final Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into and report upon the System of Intermediate Education in Ireland, as established by the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Act, 1878, c. Part I. (Minutes of Evidence).

Copy of Appendix to Final Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into and report upon the System of Intermediate Education in Ireland, as established by the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Act, 1878, c. Part II. (Minutes of Evidence).
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Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Wyndham presented, by Her Majesty's Army (Supply-Command, Estimate of the Additional Number of Men and of the Further Amount required in the year ending 31st March 1900, in consequence of the Military Situation in South Africa.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Hardinge presented, by Her Majesty's Post Office Command, Copy of Additional Articles to the Telegraph Money Order Convention of the 7th to 14th of (Holland), October 1871, between the General Post Office of Great Britain and Ireland and the General Post Office of the Netherlands.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Lord George Hamilton presented, East India pursuant 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 1899, 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 permit, the Purpose or Service for which the Loans have been raised during the Half-year.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copy of Order made by the Guildhall Money Order Convention of the 7th to 14th of October 1871, between the General Post Office of Great Britain and Ireland and the General Post Office of the Netherlands.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented,—Copy of Memorandum showing the principal Army (Miscellaneous Documents) Heads of Expenditure provided for in the Army Supplementary Estimate in consequence of the Military Situation in South Africa.

Ordered, That the said Paper and Estimate do lie upon the Table; and that the said Estimate be printed.

Mr. Eyre presented, by Her Majesty's Army (Supply-Command, for the Training of Naval Medical Officers, for the year 1899, an Address to Her Majesty, dated the 13th day of February, in the last Session of the 51st Parliament, for a Return showing the precise 5 and 3 nature
nature of the Local Excise Restrictions to which Producers of Spirits in Her Majesty's Colonies are at present subject.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain also presented a Copy of Regulation amending the Prison Rules as regards the Prison of Saint Lucia in respect of the period during which Shot Drill may be performed.

Copy of Additional Prison Rule for the Prison of Trinidad, relating to the Employment of Female Prisoners.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and that the Return relative to Colonial Produce of Spirits (Restrictions) be printed.

The following Papers, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament, were laid upon the Table by the Clerk of the House:

(1.) Copy of Additional Rules made pursuant to Paragraph 10 of the Second Schedule of the Act, 1897, concerning the Court (Rules.)

(2.) Copy of Rules of the Supreme Court (Rules.)

(3.) Accounts of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board for the Year ending 1st July 1899.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had first been at the House of Peers, at the desire of the Lords Commissioners appointed under the Great Queen's Speech to provide additional means for the Military Service, or such part thereof as Her Majesty is by Proclamation about to order the Lord High Chancellor, dated 1st September, to provide additional means for the Military Service, or such part thereof as Her Majesty is by Proclamation about to order the military forces of this Country by calling out the Militia Reserve Force, or such part thereof as Her Majesty shall be pleased to order the Lord High Chancellor, being one of the Lords Commissioners, appointed under the Great Seal for holding this present Parliament, and being one of the Lords Commissioners, appointed under the Great Seal for holding this present Parliament, and by the Lord Chancellor, who delivered Her Majesty's most Gracious Speech to both Houses of Parliament in pursuance of Her Majesty's Commands and of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a Copy; which he read to the House, as followeth:

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

Within a very brief period after the recent Proclamation, I am compelled by events deeply affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My Empire to recur to your advice and aid. The state of affairs affecting the interests of My...
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Her Majesty shall think necessary, for Permanent Service.

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Ordered, That Her Majesty's Most Gracious Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a New Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough of Tower Hamlets (Bow and Bromley Division). In the room of the Honourable Lionel rajah Holland, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northfleet, in the County of Kent.—(Sir William Walrond.)

Several Public Petitions were presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to the Fine or Imprisonment (Scotland and Ireland) Act, 1899 (Rules), which was presented upon the 17th day of this instant October, be printed.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Order made by the Council of the County Palatine of Lancaster, altering certain Polling Districts in the Parliamentary Division of Westhoughton.

Copy of Order made by the Council of the County Borough of West Ham, dividing the Borough into Municipal and Parliamentary Polling Districts.

Copy of Order made by the County Council of Hertfordshire, dividing the Eastern or Hertford Parliamentary Division into convenient Polling Districts.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copies of Minutes sanctioning the subjects to be taught under Clause 8 of the Technical Instruction Act, 1889, for the following Counties, &c.—

County of Berkshire (Third Minute), dated 27th July 1899;

County Borough of Portsmouth (Fifth Minute), dated 16th August 1899;

County of the Soke of Peterborough (Seventh Minute), dated 5th September 1899;

County Borough of Oldham (Sixth Minute), dated 5th September 1899;

County of Gloucester (Eighth Minute), dated 5th September 1899;

City and County Borough of Birmingham (Fifth Minute), dated 27th September 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Henbury presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of Parliament,—Copies of Treasury Minutes under the Supersanitation Act, 1884, declaring that the under-mentioned persons were appointed to the offices not against their names without a Civil Service Certificate, through inadvertence on the part of the Heads of their Departments, &c.—

Mr. R. D. Herrig, Legation Constable, Police Comissioner's Service, dated 5th August 1899;

Mr. Hennor Lewis Dupuis, formerly Clerk, Tanganyika Mission, Foreign Office, dated 2nd September 1899;

Mary Byrne, Sub-Postmistress, Beenleigh, Post Office Department, dated 26th September 1899.

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Copy of Treasury Minute, under the Supersanitation Act, 1887, dated 20th September 1899, granting a Retired Allowance to Mr. Charles Lewis James, Assistant Clerk in the Local Government Board, under Section 2 of the Act.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That during the Autumn Sittings no Motions for leave to bring in Bills be given except by a Minister of the Crown; that on every day Government Business do have precedence, and at the conclusion thereof Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put; and that the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 be extended to all the days of the week.—(Mr. Balfour.)

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the words from the word "precedence" to the end of the Question.—(Dr. Clark.)

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; The House divided. The Yeas to the Right; The Noes to the Left. Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Thomas Bayley; Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Dr. Clark; So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That during the Autumn Sittings no Motions for leave to bring in Bills be given except by a Minister of the Crown; that on every day Government Business do have precedence, and at the conclusion thereof Mr. Speaker do adjourn the House without Question put; and that the provisions of Standing Order No. 56 be extended to all the days of the week.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming Queen's Speech, the adjourned Debate on the Main Question was resumed.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding at the end thereof the words "But we humbly represent to Your Gracious Sovereign, Your Majesty our strong disapproval of the conduct of the Government in the negotiations with the Government of the Transvaal which have involved us in hostilities with the two South African Republics;"—(Mr. Philip Stanhope.)

And the Question being proposed, That those words be there added.—And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Orders of the House of this day, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty minutes after Five of the clock, till To-morrow.
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The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.


Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Walter Long presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Two Orders, dated the 30th September 1899, entitled respectively the Cardiff Foreign Animals Wharf Reservation Order of 1899, and the Cardiff Foreign Animals Wharf Order of 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Ritchie presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Copy of Rules made by the Board of Trade in pursuance of Section (5) of the Electric Lighting Act, 1882.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Brodrich presented, by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Award of the Tribunal of Arbitration constituted under Article I. of the Treaty concluded at Washington on the 2nd February 1897, between Her Britannic Majesty and the United States of Venezuela, respecting the Settlement of the Boundary between British Guiana and the United States of Venezuela.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Sir John Grant presented,—Return the 9th day of June in the last Session of Parliament, for a Return showing the extent to which, and 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 1897-98 and 1898-99, under the Following Acts: Local Taxation (Customs and Excise) Act, 1846; Technical Instruction Acts, 1889 and 1891; Welsh Intermediate Education Act, 1889; and Public Libraries and Museums Acts.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which, upon the 17th day of this instant October, was proposed upon the 17th day of this instant October, 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—(Captain Sir Alexander Acland-Hood);

And which Amendment was, at the end of the Question, to add the words "But we humbly represent to your Majesty our strong desire for approval of the conduct of the negotiations with the Government of the Transvaal which have involved us in hostilities with the two South African Republics"—(Mr. Philip Stanhope);

And the Question being again proposed, That those words be therein added:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And, it being Midnight, Mr. Speaker proceeded to interrupt the Business.

Friday, 20th October, 1899:

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:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Balfour, 158.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. David Thomas:

The Yeas divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Philip Stanhope:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Samuel Evans:

The Question being put, "That the Question be now put;" it was resolved in the Negative.

Mr. Balfour claimed, "That the Main Question be now put;" And the Main Question being accordingly put, those words were there added:—The House divided.

The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Balfour:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anstruther:

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Balfour claimed, "That the Main Question be now put;" And the Main Question being accordingly put,—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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—(Captain Sir Alexander Acland-Hood);

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The Yeas to the Right:

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Balfour:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anstruther:

The Yeas divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Philip Stanhope:

Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Samuel Evans:

The Question being put, "That the Question be now put;" it was resolved in the Negative.

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Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as followeth:—

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Tellers for the Noes, Mr. Anstruther:

The Yeas divided.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr. Philip Stanhope:

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The Question being put, "That the Question be now put;" it was resolved in the Negative.

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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
and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.—(Mr. Mabury.)

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of Commons the 19th day of this instant October, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then twenty-five minutes before One of the clock on Friday morning, till this day.

Friday, 20th October, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

Public Business.

Several Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Fine or Imprisonment (Scotland and Ireland) Act, 1899 (Rules.) be laid before this House.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1890, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant October, be printed.

Ordered, That the Paper relative to Electric Lighting Acts, 1882 to 1890, which was presented upon the 19th day of this instant October, be printed.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return setting forth the Names and Addresses of all Persons who, within the Five Years ending the 1st day of October 1899, have been committed to unlimited terms of imprisonment for Contempt of Court in Ireland, the Names of the Judges who issued the Orders of Attachment, the Charges against the Persons attached, and the duration of Imprisonment in each case in which the Order for Attachment was executed. —(Mr. Patrick M'Alister M'Hugh.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration Her Majesty’s Most Gracious Message of the 14th day of this instant October, relative to the Militia—and the same was again read by Mr. Speaker.

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The state of affairs in South Africa having constituted in the opinion of Her Majesty a case of great emergency within the meaning of the Act of Parliament, Her Majesty deems it proper to provide additional means for the Military Service, and therefore has thought it right to communicate to the House of Commons that Her Majesty is by Proclamation about to order the embodiment of Militia, and to call out Her Militia Reserve Force, or such part thereof as Her Majesty shall think necessary, for Permanent Service.

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A Motion was made, and the Question proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, thanking Her Majesty for Her Most Gracious Message communicating to this House Her Majesty’s intention to cause the Militia to be embodied, and the Militia Reserve Force or such part thereof as Her Majesty should think necessary to be called out forthwith for Permanent Service.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most Honorable Privy Council, and of Her Majesty’s Household.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself Supply, into the Committee of Supply.

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Army (Supplementary) Estimates, 1899-1900.

1. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a further Number of Land Forces, not exceeding 35,000, all ranks, be maintained for the Service of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland at Home and Abroad, during the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900.

After Debate thereon:

Mr. Balfour rose in his place, and claimed to move, “That the Question be now put.”

Question put, “That the Question be now put.”

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] Yes. [Mr. Austruther;]

Tellers for the [Mr. William Redmond,] Noes. [Mr. Davitt;]

Question put accordingly.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond,] Yes. [Mr. Austruther;]

Tellers for the [Mr. William Redmond,] Noes. [Mr. Davitt;]

2. Motion made, and Question proposed, That a Supplementary Sum, not exceeding 2,10,000,000, 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 1900, for Additional Expenditure, in consequence of the Military situation in South Africa, in respect of the following Army Services, &c.:

Vote 1. Pay, &c. of the Army — £1,000,000.

Vote 2. Medical Establishments: Pay, &c. £50,000.

Vote 3. Pay of Army Pay, &c. £920,000.

Vote 4. Transport and REMOUNTS £4,900,000.

Vote 5. Rations, Forage, and other Supplies £1,800,000.

Vote 6. Clothing Establishments and Services £80,000.

Vote 7. Works, &c. for Staff of Engineers £1,100,000.

Total £2,10,000,000.
but Mr. William Redmond persisted in addressing the Committee. Whereupon the Chairman, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 27, relating to disorderly conduct, directed him to withdraw immediately from the House during the remainder of this day’s sitting. Mr. William Redmond declined to obey the order of the Chair. Whereupon the Chairman called on the Serjeant, who removed Mr. William Redmond from the House.

Question put; The Committee divided.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 271.]
Tellers for the [Mr. Dillon, 322.]
Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. James William Leatham reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions. Ordered, That the Report be received upon Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the Committee of Ways and Means: Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 18th day of this instant October, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes before Twelve o’clock, till Monday next.

Monday, 23rd October, 1899.

The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

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 Report, No. 275 (British Solomon Islands, Annual Report for 1898-99).

Copy of Report, No. 276 (Gibraltar, Annual Report for 1898). Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.


Copy of a Statute made by the Governing Body of Pembroke College, Oxford, on 3rd March 1899, amending Clause 9 of Statute II. and Clause 3 of Statute VIII. of the College Statutes. Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Proceedings of the Committee of Ways and Means, if the Committee be sitting at Twelve o’clock this night, be not interrupted under the Standing Order Sittings of the House—(Mr. Bulfin).
The said Resolutions being read a second time:
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the First Resolution;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yes, [Mr. Attorney];
Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, No. [Mr. William Redmond];
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Second Resolution;—And a Debate arising thereupon;
Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Member for Kilkenny City, having been named by Mr. Speaker for refusing to withdraw a disorderly expression which he had used in the Debate;
A Motion was made, and Question being put, That Mr. Patrick O'Brien be suspended from the Service of the House.—(Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer);
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yes, [Mr. Attorney];
Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, No. [Mr. William Redmond];
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker directed Mr. Patrick O'Brien to withdraw, and he withdrew accordingly.

And the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Second Resolution;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yes, [Mr. Attorney];
Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, No. [Mr. William Redmond];
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 18th day of this instant October, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, it being then Eight of the clock, till To-morrow.

Tuesday, 24th October, 1899.
The House met at Three of the clock.

PRAYERS.

S E V E R A L Public Petitions were presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Sir John Gorst presented, pursuant to the direction of several Acts of Parliament—Copy of Order in Council of 7th October 1899, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1899, entitled the East Africa Order in Council, 1899.

Copy of Order in Council of 7th October 1899, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1899, discontinuing the operation of the Orders in Council regulating Her Majesty's Consular Jurisdiction in the Empire of Japan, as from 4th August 1899.

Copy of Order in Council of 7th October 1899, Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, proving certain Pilotage Bye-laws made by the Cork Harbour Commissioners.

Ordered, That the said papers do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Public Revenue 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 years 1896-7, 1897-8, and 1898-9, with the Tots in each case (in continuation of Parliamentary Paper, No. 156, of Session 1898).—(Mr. Gibson Bowes.)

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Second Session Bill to explain references in the Acts of the last Session of Parliament to the next Session;—And that Mr. Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, and Mr. Solicitor General do prepare, and bring in:

Mr. Attorney General accordingly presented a Bill to explain references in the Acts of the last Session of Parliament to the next Session:—(Explanation) Bill 1.

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer reported Ways and Means, several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

Treasury Bills.
That towards raising the Supply granted to Treasury Bills, Her Majesty, the Treasury be authorised to raise any Sum not exceeding Eight million pounds by the issue of Treasury Bills.

Consolidated Fund.
That towards making good the Supply granted Consolidated to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March 1900, the Sum of £10,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The said Resolutions being read a second time:
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the First Resolution;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the Sir William Walrond, Yes, [Mr. Attorney];
Tellers for the Mr. Dillon, No. [Mr. William Redmond];
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer accordingly presented a Bill to raise Money by Treasury Bills for the Service of the year ending on the Thirty-first day of March, One thousand nine hundred;—And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow; and to be printed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the Second Resolution;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers 3 1 2.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 225. Yea, Mr. Austraker:]
Tellers for the [Mr. Dillon, 23. No, (Captain Donelan:]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.
And the Resolution was agreed to.
Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the
application; and that Mr. James William
Lothair, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, and
Mr. Hindley 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-
fifth day of March, One thousand nine hundred,
and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this
Session of Parliament: And the same was read
first time; and ordered to be read a second
time To-morrow.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of
the House of the 18th day of this instant October,
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then a quarter of an hour
after Four of the clock, till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 25th October, 1899.

The House met at Twelve of the clock.

P R AY E R S.
A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read;
and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Light Railways
Act, 1896.

Mr. Ritchie presented, by Her Majesty's
Command—Copy of Order made by the Light Railways Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified, and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways from Wallingford, in the County of Berks, to Bicester, in the County of Oxford, and near Didcot, in the County of Berks (Bicester and Wallingford Light Railway Extensions Order, 1899).

Light Railways
Act, 1896.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Montgomery between Wrexham and Llanfair Caereinion (Welshpool and Llanfair Caereinion Light Railway) Order, 1899).

Light Railways
Act, 1896.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Southend-on-Sea and District Light Railways) Order, 1899.

Light Railways
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Light Railways
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Light Railways
Act, 1896.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the Borough of Saint Combs (Fraserburgh, Aberdeen, and Saint Combs Light Railway Order, 1899).

Light Railways
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Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Cornwall, between Fowey and Liskeard (Fowey and Liskeard Light Railway Order, 1899).

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Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the Borough of Chatham, and the Urban District of Gillingham (Chatham and District Light Railways) Order, 1899.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of a Light Railway in the County of Kent, in the Borough of Chatham, and the Urban District of Gillingham (Chatham and District Light Railways) Order, 1899.

Copy of Order made by the Light Railway Commissioners, under the Light Railways Act, 1896, and modified and confirmed by the Board of Trade, authorising the construction of Light Railways in the United Alkali Company, Limited, at Saint Helens, on 12th May 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Berdieck presented, by Her Majesty's Command—Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, Miscellaneous Series, No. 516.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Secretary Sir Matthew White Ridley presented, Explosions by Her Majesty's Command,—Copy of Report (Respectfully submitted), to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department, by Colonel A. Ford, C.B., Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Explosives, on the circumstances attending an Explosion which occurred at the United Alkali Company, Limited, at Saint Helens, on 12th May 1899.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Ordered, That Government Business be not adjourned of the interrupted this day at Half-past Five nor Six o'clock, and may be entered upon at any hour though opposed.—(Mr. Balfour.)

The Second Session (Explanation) Bill was, Second Session 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 Consolidated Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill;
And a Motion being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;
The House divided.
The Yeas to the Right;
The Noes to the Left.
Tellers for the [Sir William Walrond, 224. Yea, Mr. Austraker;]
Tellers for the [Mr. Dillon, 28. No, (Captain Donelan:]
So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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—(Mr. Thomas Buxey.)

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of the Cost of the Elections of County Councils, Town Councils, and Parish Councils in Scotland, as first held simultaneously in 1896, in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1894, under the following Headings:

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Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table; and be printed.
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Whereupon, in pursuance of the Order of the House of the 18th day of this instant October, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, it being then ten minutes after Four of the clock, till this day.

Friday, 27th October, 1899.

The House met at half an hour after Ten of the clock.

PRAYERS.

A PUBLIC Petition was presented, and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table.

Peace Conference at the Hague (Materials, No. 1, 1899.) Trade Reports (Annual Session.)

Mr. Brodrick presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Correspondence respecting the Peace Conference held at the Hague in 1899 (in continuation of Russia No. 1, 1899).

Copy of Diplomatic and Consular Reports, No. 2692.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

West Indies.

Mr. Secretary Chamberlain presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Correspondence relating to the Hurricane in the West Indies on 10th and 12th September 1898, and Relief of Distress caused thereby.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Agrarian Outrages in Ireland.

Mr. Gerald Balfour presented, by Her Majesty’s Command,—Copy of Return on Sanitary Measures in India in 1897-8, Vol. XXXI.

Ordered, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table.

Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1899 (Explanation Notices.)

Copy of Return, under Section 7 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1899, of the Number of Eviction Notices filed in the High Court of Justice and County Courts in Ireland during the Quarter ended 30th September 1899.

Ordered, That the said Papers do lie upon the Table.

Public Revenue (Interception.)

No. 14.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie upon the Table; and be printed.

Parliamentary Papers.

No. 21.

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 Exeter, in the room of the Honourable Mr. Henry Stafford Northcote, Baronet, who, since his election for the said Borough, hath accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty’s Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stow, Desborough, and Bannockham, in the County of Buckingham.—(Sir William Walrond.)

The Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

The Treasury Bills Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Lords by one of their Clerks, as followeth:—

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Treasury Bills Bill, without any Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Second Session ( Explanation) 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 Commissioners, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Communications read.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Communication under the Great Seal was read, giving, declaring, and notifying the Royal Assent to the several Acts therein mentioned; and the Lords, thereto authorised, declared the Royal Assent to the said Acts, as follow:

1. Appropriation Act, 1899 [Session 2].
2. Treasury Bills Act, 1895.

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,

I am happy to be able to release you from the exceptional duties which have been imposed upon you by the exigencies of the public service.

I congratulate you on the brilliant qualities which have been displayed by the brave regiments upon whom the task of repelling the invasion of my South African Colonies has been laid. In doing so, I cannot but express my profound sorrow that so many gallant officers and soldiers should have fallen in the performance of their duty.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I acknowledge with gratitude the liberal provision which you have made to defray the expenses of military operations in South Africa.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

I trust that the Divine blessing may rest upon your efforts and those of My gallant Army to restore
By virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, Parliament 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 Monday the fifteenth day of January next, to be then here helden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Monday the fifteenth day of January next.
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CIVIL SERVICES AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS, 1899—1900 (Vote on Account) 100 14,781,000 —

16 April:

| 167. | Royal Palaces and Marlborough House (to complete) | 123 | 35,000 | — |
| 167. | Royal Parks and Pleasure Grounds (to complete) | 123 | 70,000 | — |
| 167. | Houses of Parliament Buildings (to complete) | 123 | 4,000 | — |
| 167. | Miscellaneous Legal Buildings (to complete) | 123 | 35,000 | — |
| 167. | Science and Art Department (Great Britain) Buildings (to complete) | 123 | 20,000 | — |
| 167. | Diplomatic and Consular Buildings (to complete) | 123 | 25,000 | — |
| 167. | Customs, Inland Revenue, &c. Buildings (Great Britain) (to complete) | 123 | 228,000 | — |
| 167. | Public Buildings (Great Britain) (to complete) | 123 | 166,000 | — |
| 28 April:

| 167. | CIVIL SERVICES AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS, 1899—1900 (Vote on Account) | 100 | 14,781,000 |
| 5 May:

| 167. | Board of Trade. | 129 | 155,988 |
| 12 May:

| 167. | Inland Revenue Department (to complete) | 222 | 1,315,232 |
| 167. | Lunacy (England) (to complete) | 222 | 9,440 |
| 167. | Mint (to complete) | 222 | 67 |
| 167. | National Debt Office (to complete) | 222 | 9,874 |
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| 167. | Public Works Loan Commissioners (to complete) | 222 | 13 |
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