

holding out hopes of still further economy and reductions in succeeding years. The time and circumstances under which this announcement was made are certainly suspicious; but, whatever the motive of the Government may be in making it, there is no broad inference to be drawn from the fact—namely, that if the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the First Lord of the Admiralty have satisfied themselves that 300,000l. may this year be easily saved on the Navy and Ordnance Estimates, keener eyes and bolder hands will be able to detect the ways and means of saving a much larger sum. We shall watch carefully the proceedings on the Reports of the Committees, which must speedily make their appearance.

In the meantime the Revenue Table for the year and quarter ending 5th July published on Thursday, by no means justifies the hopeful tone of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. That table shows a reduction of 337,741l. on the quarter, as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year. The decrease in all the ordinary sources of revenue for the year ending 5th July, 1848, as compared with the preceding year, amounts to 2,587,709l. In addition to this large falling off, it should also be recollected that, in the year 1847 there was a decrease in the ordinary revenue of 1,453,143l., as compared with the ordinary revenue of 1846. Putting these two items together, it appears that the total deficit in these two years of Whig financial mismanagement, amounts to 4,040,652l. To this must be added the 9,000,000l. loan for Ireland, which was so wastefully squandered in useless works, and degrading sub-kitchens; and not a penny of which is ever likely to be repaid; and it will then be seen, that the total cost to the nation of two years of Whig Government, amounts to upwards of 13,000,000l. sterling. What do their friends, the Shopkeepers and Special Constables, say to that fact? It is one which their education and habits will enable them to comprehend the full force of. If they are inaccessible to any other species of argument, they, at least, understand £, s. d.; that magical trinity, which is so faithfully worshipped by the profit-mongers. Surely even they will come to the conclusion, that we are "paying too dear for our whistle."

The Encumbered Estates (Ireland) Bill has again made its appearance, but so much altered as scarcely to be entitled to be considered the same measure. The culpable negligence in the manner of originally framing the Bill, and the tardiness which the Ministry displayed in pressing it forward, have raised general suspicion as to the sincerity of the Government respecting it. Nor did the summoning of the House for a special sitting on Tuesday morning, at twelve o'clock, for the express purpose of expediting it, do much to remove that impression. An amendment, by Sir Lucius O'Brien, to extend its provisions to England and Scotland—which seemed to have been moved in a spirit of irony—occupied the whole of the morning sitting, which at last terminated by the Bill being left exactly where it was before the commencement of the debate.

This is one of the few measures of public importance which have made their appearance during this Session. Until the lands of Ireland—and we will add of this country also—are emancipated from the shackles of entail, and allowed to be sold freely to those who have the means and the will to cultivate them as they ought to be, we shall continue, as at present, to witness the infamous spectacle of a country artificially converted into a desert, to please an aristocratic class, and the people at large forcibly driven into starvation, discontent, and, too frequently, crime, because that class chooses to lock up the soil—God's gift to man—from its proper use. If all monopolies, the monopoly of the land is the most deeply injurious to society. Yet, in these anti-monopoly days, not a voice is raised against this monster iniquity. Looking at the enormous mass of business that must be got through, somehow or other, in the course of a very short time, we have little hope of this first assault on the corrupt and mischievous system being successful. There is not time for its passing, even if its promoters are in earnest.

On Tuesday night, Ministers were successful in their defence of a job, by means of which they provided snug berths for a few of the hangers of the party. Under Peel's Government, and when the Railway business was nearly ten times what it now is, it was managed by the Board of Trade, at a cost of little more than £3,000 a-year. As soon as the Whigs got into power, however, they saw that this department presented a capital excuse for making new places. At the very close of the Session, and after the bulk of the Members had left town, under the impression that nothing but routine matters would be disposed of, they smuggled a bill through Parliament appointing a Railway Commission, with its due complement of First Commissioner, Clerks, Inspectors, &c., &c., and, under their management, the cost of conducting Railway business, has suddenly swelled from £3000 to £17,000. Mr. Banks moved for the abolition of this job, which has not even the merit of doing the business as well as it was done before, to justify the increased expenditure; but the jobbers were too many for him, the motion was lost: where the carcass is there will be the vultures gather. The House immediately counted out on the motion of Mr. Urquhart impugning the foreign policy of Lord Palmerston; the hon. member saw the dodge that was going to be tried to snuff out the question, and was just about to sit down, after a very brief remark, in order to let, as he said, Lord Palmerston reply, and prevent a count out, when he was anticipated by a motion to count, and less than the "forty" being present, members and reporters scampered off like boys let loose from school, quite delighted with their half-holiday.

The Public Health Bill has passed several stages in the House of Peers, and it is, after all, not unlikely that this solitary useful measure will succeed in being placed on the Statute Book; if so, it will be almost the sole act which will redeem the session of 1848 from utter condemnation.

To Readers & Correspondents.

J. G. NEWBERRY, Blackburn.—So many resolutions of a similar description are passed at different meetings that it is impossible to insert them all in the STAR to the exclusion of other matter. The resolutions were sent to the Land Office.

THE CHARTIST OF KILGILLY requests Dr. M'DONALD to say when he can lecture at Kilgilly, and to announce the same in the STAR. Address, Jonas Wells, Broadmoor, Greenock, Kilgilly, York.

CHILTERN.—J. P. Glenister suggests "that if 500,000l. Chartists would subscribe a penny a week for twelve weeks, the sum of £10,000 could be raised for the Defence Fund."

BINGLEY.—An eye witness should forward information respecting witnesses to the attorney engaged to defend the prisoners.

SOUTH TOWNS.—The proposition of Mr. Robinson must be paid for as an advertisement.

SILKES.—William Devine informs us that, with the Royal Hotel Garden, the effigy of John Mitchell, with his name in full on the breast, is set up to be burnt by the visitors. Can this be true? If so, shrewdness is displayed by such a disgusting insult to a fallen man and his helpless family.

MR. THORNTON, Peterborough.—We have handed over your order for Mr. Watson. We only supply the NORTHERN STAR.

SUBJECT OF AN OFFICER OF THE 83d REGT.—On Wednesday week, a melancholy accident took place in the barracks at Castlemeath. A young officer, T. Stewart Lane, Esq., a lieutenant of the 83d Regiment, had been ill of fever for some days previously, and in charge of two servants, and, being labouring under the effects of delirium, during the temporary absence of the servants he left his bed, took a pistol from a table, charged it deliberately, and shot himself. The unfortunate gentleman only survived a few hours.

A WHITE ROSE.—A Manchester newspaper mentions that a white rose has been seen in the woods near the Nunner; and it is frequently attacked by the common black, which seem to enter into an extraordinary contest with their fairer fellow.

RECEIPTS OF THE NATIONAL LAND COMPANY.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1848.

PER MR. O'CONNOR.		
FRAMES.	£	s. d.
Graydon, 0 10 0	10	0
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Stratford-on-Avon, 0 10 0	10	0
Combs, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Campthorpe, 0 10 0	10	0
Westminster, 0 10 0	10	0
Lambeth, 0 10 0	10	0
Willesdore, 0 10 0	10	0
Exeter, 0 10 0	10	0
Farrington, 0 10 0	10	0
Worship, 0 10 0	10	0
Common, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

EXPENSE FUND.		
Common	£	s. d.
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

Land Fund.		
Expense Fund	£	s. d.
Common, 0 10 0	10	0
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

Bank.		
Expense Fund	£	s. d.
Common, 0 10 0	10	0
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

Wm. Dixon.		
Thos. Clark, (Corr. Sec.)	£	s. d.
Philip M'Graw, (Fin. Sec.)	0	10 0

RECEIVED AT BANK.		
Common	£	s. d.
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

NOTICE.		
Common	£	s. d.
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

RECEIPTS OF LIBERTY FUND.		
Common	£	s. d.
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

N.B.—The money noticed in last week's STAR appears before.		
Common	£	s. d.
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

RECEIVED BY W. RIDER.		
Common	£	s. d.
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

FOR MISS JONES.		
Common	£	s. d.
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

ANSWER TO A CALUMNY.		
Common	£	s. d.
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NORTHERN STAR.		
Common	£	s. d.
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

LATE SECRETARY TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE DEFENCE FUND.		
Common	£	s. d.
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

ELECTORS TAKE NOTICE.—That persons already on the Register, if they have changed their qualification must make a new claim, and that all poor-rates and assessed taxes due on the 20th April, must be paid on or before the 20th July, by all electors for cities or boroughs, or they will be disqualified from voting at the next election. And that the 20th July is also the last day for sending claims for counties.		
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HEALTH OF THE METROPOLIS.—Deaths in the week ending July 5th, 1848: Total, 1,100. In the week ending July 5th, 1847: Total, 1,050. The following note is appended to the return of the deaths of two girls from scarletina maligna:—'No one by Mr. Segrave, Registrar. The two girls were sisters, and died in D. Vanshore-place, Newington, on Sunday, July 5th, at ten o'clock, after a very short illness. In heavy rains, such as recently occurred, the sewer overflows its banks into this court, and into one of the houses around.'		
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SUPPOSED INCENDIARIES.—On Wednesday morning, Glasgow, a fire broke out on the premises occupied by Mr. Foster, No. 8, Midland-street, Strand. When first discovered, the flames were blazing furiously, and had obtained a firm hold on a large quantity of loose shavings and other inflammable material; greasy rags were scattered for the purpose of kindling, being chiefly composed of wood. The engines of the fire brigade were quickly on the spot, and there being a plentiful supply of water the fire was fortunately soon quenched. For some time past these premises have been in dispute between several parties, who in their mutual efforts to gain and maintain forcible possession thereof, have completely shattered the building in which not a door or window has been left whole, and from the fact that no fire or light was on the premises, it is strongly suspected that some malicious person must have thus attempted to destroy them.		
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BANKRUPT.		
Common	£	s. d.
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

BANKRUPT.		
Common	£	s. d.
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

BANKRUPT.		
Common	£	s. d.
Market Lavington, 0 10 0	10	0
Birmingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Kinghorn, 0 10 0	10	0
Tottenham, 0 10 0	10	0
Alva, 0 10 0	10	0
Thames Valley, 0 10 0	10	0
North, 0 10 0	10	0
Newark, 0 10 0	10	0
Nottingham, 0 10 0	10	0
Swale, 0 10 0	10	0
Hyde, 0 10 0	10	0
Stockton, 0 10 0	10	0

the Register, if they have changed their qualification must make a new claim. That all poor-rates and assessed taxes due on the 20th April, must be paid on or before the 28th July, by all electors for cities or boroughs, or they will be disqualified from voting at the next election. And that the 20th July is also

