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THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to consider the Report on the PETITION of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the City of *London*, praying for an extension of the time, and enlargement of the powers of an Act of the 55th Geo. III, c. 91, for providing a site for a New POST-OFFICE between Saint Martin's-le-Grand and Forster-lane, together with the ACCOUNTS of the Sums already expended, and the Estimate on which the additional Grant is required, to examine the matter thereof, and to report the same, with their Observations thereupon, to the House; and to whom the Petition of *Mr. Augustus Browne* was referred;—HAVE, pursuant to the order of the House, considered the matters to them referred; and have agreed upon the following REPORT:

YOUR Committee have proceeded to inquire into the matter of the said Petition; and having considered the Accounts of the sums already expended, and the Estimates on which the additional Grant of £. 100,000 is alleged to be required for the purpose of further carrying into effect the said Act; and having examined several Witnesses touching the same; are of opinion, that it is not at present expedient to recommend to the House a compliance with the prayer of the Petition upon which {Your Committee were directed to report their observations.

Your Committee further submit to the House, the Evidence taken, relating to the engagements entered into by the Committee of Improvement of the City of *London*; which engagements have not yet been discharged, owing to a deficiency of funds; and they do further report, that the Act of 55 Geo. III, cap. 91, expired on the 28th of June last; and are of opinion that, in the present state of the session, the previous steps necessary for renewing the said Act, cannot be taken.

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SIR WILLIAM CURTIS, Bart. in the Chair.

Joseph Bushnan, Esq. called in; and Examined.

IN what time will the present debt be extinguished upon the Orphans' Fund, supposing the fund to keep up to its present amount of produce?—I really cannot undertake to say, because I have not the calculation to enable me to give a correct answer to that question.

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Mr. Benjamin Whinnell Scott, called in; and Examined.

IN what time will the present debt be extinguished upon the Orphans' Fund, supposing the fund to keep up to its present amount?—By the last calculations which were made in 1816, it appeared that the debt will be extinguished by the 5th April 1836.

Mr.
B. W. Scott.

Since the year 1816, have you reason to believe that the fund has become more or less productive?—More productive.

In what proportion?—About 1,000*l.* a-year.

Have the goodness to inform the Committee in what particular article the increase of the produce of the fund has arisen?—The increase has been confined, I believe, wholly to the coal duty.

There has been, then, no increase in the duty on wine?—None.

And the little duty derived from the city of London continues much the same?—Yes, the same.

William Mountague, Esq. called in; and Examined.

WHY has the ground described upon the plan in yellow, situate between the new intended line of Aldersgate-street and St. Martin's-le-Grand, not been demised by the city of London, under the direction of the Act of the 55th Geo. III, sect. 51?—The committee thought that it would be prudent to see what would be the operations of the Post Master General with respect to the building upon the site intended for the Post-Office, and to determine, if built upon, what should be the character of the building to be erected; and they were also prevented, by the application of the inhabitants on the west side of St. Martin's-le-Grand, who stated, that it would be attended with great inconvenience to them, if the ground was so covered with building, and that it was their intention to apply to parliament to prevent it.

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How long has the ground in question been cleared, and become applicable to the provisions of the act?—I think, nearly two years; I am not quite certain.

You are certain it is not three years?—I do not think it is so long; I cannot be positive. It has been cleared certainly upwards of two years.

How long is it since the application of the inhabitants of St. Martin's-le-Grand stated the inconvenience to the committee of carrying this act into execution?—I think the application was made immediately after the new street was paved, and opened for public convenience. They then felt so much the inconvenience arising from the confined situation of the street, it being railed out to the line determined by the plan, that they requested of the city to widen that part of it, and it was altered accordingly.

Did the city of London, or the committee of management, feel themselves authorized in dispensing with the provisions of the act, as to the disposition of the property?—I cannot answer for their opinions or feelings.

They, however, yielded to the application?—Yes.

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Was there any estimate delivered to the committee of 1815, of the probable value of that ground?—Yes.

Of what amount was that estimate?—I think, 13,000*l*.

When was that valuation given in?—It was given in in 1814, and confirmed in 1815.

Then, according to your own admission, there is 13,000*l*. not applicable to the purposes of the act?—Yes. There is another circumstance which I forgot to mention, which operated upon the minds of the committee, they considered that the ground would be rendered more valuable when the Post-Office was erected, than if let previously.

Was that one of the reasons?—Yes, I think, that was one reason; but the reason, I believe, which operated most strongly with them was, the representation of the inhabitants on the west side of St. Martin's-le-Grand.

Upon what basis was the calculation you presented to the committee in 1815 founded?—Upon a statement made of the valuation or assessment to the property-tax. It was obtained from the collectors.

You are speaking of the estimate of 1815?—Yes.

Upon what basis is the calculation as to the value of the property now made?—Upon a detailed survey of the premises, and the possession of facts as to the holding of the property which were never before possessed.

Does the witness mean to state, that in the estimate delivered in 1815, he had not gone into that detailed survey?—I so stated, in my evidence before the Committee on a former occasion.

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Sir WILLIAM CURTIS, Bart. in the Chair.

William Mountague, Esq. called in; and Examined.

W. Mountague,
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WHAT paper have you in your hand?—This is an estimate of the several sums of money which may be saved to the fund, if part of the proposed improvements by the plan is postponed till the expiration of the leases, and other parts of it abandoned.

State the particulars?—The first consists of a plot of ground and buildings lying on the west side of Forster-lane, at the south end of it, the estimate of the purchase of which is 7,648*l*. 4*s*.; it has been suggested, that the improvement of the south end of Forster-lane is not absolutely necessary, and that of course that expense might be saved; in addition to the sum of 7,648*l*. so stated, there is to be considered the value of the good wills which we are not capable of estimating.

Were they estimated in your sum of 100,000*l*.?—In the sum of 100,000*l*. they were taken generally at the rate of twenty-five per cent, but twenty-five per cent upon the sum of 7,648*l*. will not pay these good wills. The plot of ground and buildings at the west end of Cheapside marked on the plan, the freehold property of the whole has been purchased, with the exception of the house at the corner of Paternoster-row; if the leases upon those houses are permitted to run out, the greatest term of which is sixteen years, the expense of those purchases will be saved.

At how much were they estimated?—At 11,064*l*. 10*s*.

They are so estimated in the 100,000*l*.?—Yes; but from that sum must be deducted the estimated sum of 5,243*l*. 15*s*. the value of this freehold up to the red line, which would make a saving of 5,820*l*. exclusive of what the parties might be entitled to for good will.

Which would be saved if their leases ran out?—Yes.

Is there any other saving which you have reckoned?—That is the whole that could be saved; with respect to the property in St. Ann's-lane, the leases are so long, that the purposes of the Post-Office could not be effected unless they were taken; the leases on part of that are for twenty-seven, and on other parts thirty-six years.

It is calculated that the vacant ground proposed to be appropriated for building the Post-Office, including the leasehold and freehold interests in the present buildings is worth 59,809*l*.; state what proportion of that sum is calculated as the value of the present ground?—29,825*l*.

Is that estimate founded on a calculation of what it will sell for building?—Founded on

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on an estimate of what it would let for on building leases, those building leases being sold at twenty years purchase, upon the estimated annual value.

What are the prices per foot?—They are varied according to the situations; I have considered how I could appropriate it to the best advantage.

Can you deliver in a detailed statement?—I can; it shall be done without delay.

Have the goodness to state the value of the several freehold and leasehold interests according to your estimate?—The several leasehold and freehold interests of which we are possessed, are valued to return to the fund 29,984*l.* and that estimate is founded upon reference to the estimates made for the purchase of the property, and which estimates were taken as compulsory sales, a deduction from those estimates to the amount of twenty-five per cent has been made, leaving the sum stated.

At what do you estimate the amount of the compensation to be made to Mr. Browne?—I have no means of estimating it.

Is the freehold of Mr. Browne included in your vacant ground?—No; that is part of the freehold property which I have estimated, taking it on the general arrangement of disposing of it for the sum to be paid for it (14,000*l.*) subject to the twenty-five per cent.

Is all the plot of ground laid down there paid for?—No; there is 20,000*l.* to be paid to the dean and chapter before any of that to which I have adverted could be sold, and 14,000*l.* to Mr. Browne; to realise the 60,000*l.* it will be necessary to pay 34,000*l.* and whatever may be estimated by a jury as Mr. Browne's good will.

Mercurii, 28^o die Junij, 1820.

Sir WILLIAM CURTIS, Bart. in the Chair.

William Mountague, Esq. was called in; and made the following statement.

ON reference to some papers, I find that the last houses comprised on that portion of ground which was proposed to be re-sold, according to the original plan, were not obtained possession of till August 1818.

As that ground was intended to be productive of money in aid of the execution of this work, why was it not amongst the first objects of attention of the committee to get possession of it?—The committee got possession of every portion of it as fast as they possibly could.

How much of the remainder of the site which was to be demised, in order to be productive to the fund, belonged to other persons than the dean and chapter of Westminster?—A small piece of ground at the south end of St. Martin's-le-Grand, containing about sixteen feet by nine, that belonged to the bishop of London.

As bishop of London, or individually?—It belonged to the see of London.

In fact it was all church land?—It was.

Joseph Bushnan, Esq. called in; and Examined.

YOU have stated, among other reasons why this ground had not been demised, that the title to it was not complete; what did you mean by that answer?—There was a rent of 296*l.* per annum, riding over the whole of the dean and chapter of Westminster's estate, as well as other property not included within the provisions of the act; the dean and chapter had a very large estate, a portion of which this act of parliament purported to take.

Did the persons entitled to this annuity, make any objection to the removal of the houses?—The persons entitled to the rent charge were not consulted; the dean and chapter sold to the city the estate unincumbered, and when we came to see their title, we required that the person entitled to the rent charge should join in a release of the rent charge; he was advised that by doing so he might sever the whole of his rent charge and lose the benefit of it, and he required of the dean and chapter to buy out his rent charge, by which means they would have been enabled to give a complete title to the whole, for the rent charge would have been then destroyed.

It appears that you have had possession of this ground upwards of a twelve-month, conceiving your title was a good one, and still did not obey the instruction of the act in offering it for sale?—We had the possession of the ground long before

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we saw any thing about the title, for they said we might pull down the houses, if we paid them the interest on the purchase-money; at what particular time we began to pull down the houses I cannot say, but I find, by referring to a case, with the opinion of the Attorney-General, Sir Samuel Shepherd, Mr. Bell, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Tyrrell, on those difficulties which had occurred, which is dated the 13th March 1819, the question put to them was, "Whether, by payment of the money into the Bank of England, as directed by the Act in cases of defective title, the site of the houses, &c. the property of the dean and chapter will become vested in the corporation, agreeably to the provisions of the said Act, so that the fee simple and inheritance of the said houses, &c. will be absolutely discharged from the said chief rent, now vested in Mr. Bowles, and to advise the committee what course they should adopt under all the circumstances of this case." The answer is this, "We do not think that this is a case of a defective title, so as to authorize the city of London to pay the money into the Bank of England, under the powers of the Act as applicable to such cases, and thereby to vest the site of the houses and the property of the dean and chapter therein in the corporation of the city discharged from the chief rent; we do not think the purchase can be completed so as to vest the estate discharged of the chief rent, without the aid of an act of parliament for that purpose." I should also state to the Committee that, prior to this case going for the opinion of those gentlemen, the dean and chapter had presented a petition, I think, to the vice-chancellor, with a view to enable them to buy out Mr. Bowles, out of the money agreed to be given for this estate, and it was not found expedient to proceed with that petition, on account of those difficulties which turned out to be insurmountable.

Can you assign any reason why the committee for improvement, after receiving this opinion of Sir Samuel Shepherd, and being satisfied that they could not obtain a title without a new act of parliament did not, in the course of that year, apply for an act?—They did last year.

In what shape or form?—They came with a petition to this house last November?

Mr. William Drummer, called in; and Examined.

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William Drummer.

WHAT are you?—I am deputy collector of the Orphans' Fund on coals, sub-collector under Sir William Curtis.

Are you collector of duties on coals under any other authority?—I collect four-pence per chaldron metage.

Under what act?—I think it is prescriptive.

What is the amount of that collection for the metage?—It is 15,000*l.* a-year.

What salary have you from the city of London for that?—I have from the city of London, for collecting that duty and managing the duty of sea coal meters, a salary of 400*l.* a-year.

What security do you give to the city of London for the execution of that office?—I give to the board of sea coal meters four sureties of 500*l.* each, and myself in a thousand pounds.

What salary do you receive for the duties you perform for Sir William Curtis?—100*l.* a-year.

What security do you give to Sir William Curtis for the performance of those duties?—Two sureties of 500*l.* each.

How often do you pay any duties to Sir William Curtis?—Every Monday.

What is the weekly collection?—It varies; it is somewhere about 1,000*l.*; it is about 50,000*l.* a-year.

What office do you hold as connected with the sea coal meters?—I am clerk to the board of sea coal meters in trust for the city of London.

What are the duties of that board?—They have the management of the body of deputy sea coal meters, consisting of 112 in number, whose accounts are daily brought in and examined by me and another clerk; those accounts are carried to the account of the different factors, the duties are then cast up on those accounts and collected weekly.

Have those offices ever been held separately, the collector of the metage by one person and the clerk to the board by another?—Never.

So that there has been no severalization of the salary or security?—No, never.

Have you got with you your accounts?—I have.

[The witness produced his weekly accounts.]

What number is there?—Five hundred and twenty-seven.

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Were there 527 ships?—Yes, that is the last month of May. These are the shorter accounts of consolidated quantities; when the ship has finished delivering, the quantities are consolidated.

What are your duties respecting those accounts?—I have to examine them all, and to examine them with a book I have for that purpose; I then have to cast the duties,

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Are those the statements on which you receive the duties?—Just so.

What is your time of attendance?—From nine in the morning till four in the afternoon.

How long have you held the office?—Six-and-twenty years.

Have you been perfectly satisfied with the salary for six-and-twenty years, or have you asked for an increase?—I obtained an increase from Sir William Curtis.

What was your original salary?—Fifty pounds.

Are you satisfied with the salary you now receive?—I am satisfied if the collection is made together; but if the collection was distinct, I could not undertake to collect 50,000*l.* a-year for 100*l.*

If it was the chamberlain of the city of London who was to receive the money, would the salary suffice, and would you be induced to give the same security?—If it was to go out of Sir William Curtis's hands, I do not know that I should be satisfied with that salary to give that security.

State your reasons?—If it was done upon the same terms it is now, and not separated, I should have no objection to do it for the same salary.

Besides these papers, you keep an account with the coal-factors, do you not?—I do; I have it here.

You keep an account with every factor for every ship?—I do.

[The witness produced his accounts.]

How many ships per month?—The average is about 480 ships per month; about 4,600 or 4,700 a-year.

What are the sums?—Upon the average about 1,000*l.* a-year.

From fifteen to twenty pounds a-week?—Yes; it depends upon the quantity.

You have to keep those accounts with the several factors, and to collect from them every Monday morning?—Yes.

Both this account and this book relate equally to the duty and metage due to the city, and to the Orphans' Fund?—Just so.

Do you keep distinct books for the Orphans' Fund?—No; I make out distinct accounts.

You keep them both in the same book?—Yes; the trouble of separating them would be immense.

Joseph Bushnan, Esq. again called in; and Examined.

THE act of parliament which expires this day, authorized the expenditure of 240,000*l.* for carrying the objects of it into execution, by what authority have any contracts been made, or engagements entered into, to pay money beyond that amount?—At the time the engagements which are alluded to were made, the act of parliament was in force; an application was made as applied to one part of it, namely the dean and chapter of Westminster, for a sum of 25,000*l.* to meet that engagement; money was granted, and when the difficulties arose in the way of title, that it could not be used, a meeting was had by a part of the committee of the corporation and the Post Master General.

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Who attended on the part of the Post Master General?—I think Lord Chichester and the Marquis of Salisbury were present, and Mr. Freeling; in consequence of this application, which went through their own office, as no money could be got under this act of parliament, but through the Post Master General, sanctioned by the lords of the Treasury, in virtue of the clause in the act of parliament; the circumstance was then referred to, a discussion took place upon it, and I believe it was considered generally that all the purposes of the act of parliament being to be carried into effect, this money might be as well applied to the other purchases as to that particular purchase.

The question refers not to the expenditure of money granted by parliament, but to engagements made to pay money not authorized by parliament?—I really cannot answer that question, further than by saying that the engagements never were made but while the act was in force, and under a conviction that the money would be granted by parliament to confirm all the purposes of the act of parliament.

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Do you mean to say that the committee entered into engagements for further expenditure of money, presuming that parliament would sanction their engagements?—I apprehend they did so; looking to the precise spot of ground, four-fifths of the whole of which on the plan was to be for the use of the Post-Office.

What is the nature and amount of the engagements, the committee have entered into beyond that which the act of parliament authorizes?—The one is to the dean and chapter of Westminster, the amount of a verdict by a jury for their freehold estate, amounting to 19,272*l.* which verdict was obtained with a view to bind the estate, and get quit of the supposed difficulties with regard to the dean and chapter, so as to give to the city the benefit of the statutable title; the other is a sum of 14,924*l.* for the purchase of the freehold estate from Mr. Browne, leaving the question of compensation for good will to be settled hereafter, when he should have been able by his removal and by rebuilding his house, and getting his business into a state of action; to know what his precise loss and claim for compensation would be, he had sent in a very large claim for compensation.

Are the committee bound by law to pay both these sums?—I apprehend they are; in the one case they have pulled down all the property, with the leave of the parties interested; in the other case the party, if he has not at present left his house, has bought another estate, and has fitted it up for the purpose, as we understand, of carrying on his business, and I have been in daily expectation of having an amended claim in consequence of the facts being now, I believe, fully known to him what his losses are to be; and I consider too, that as those contracts were respectively made during the time the act of parliament was in force, a court of equity would compel the city to pay that sum.

Is the government, according to your knowledge, bound in any way to make good any engagements beyond the sum of 240,000*l.* as specified in the act?—I do not consider that the government, in point of law, are bound to make good this engagement, because, in point of law, the sum of money authorized to be expended was the sum directed by the act of parliament; but I think, in point of honour, the government are bound, because I think they knew as much of the transaction nearly as we did, and at all events the Post Master General knew what was going on, at least I believe so; and at all events speaking of the money for the dean and chapter of Westminster, I must state that they distinctly knew it, because at this meeting, at which I was present, I considered that it was the general understanding, as the whole was to be done, that the money might be as well applied for the other purposes of the act, as for that particular purpose on which there was a difficulty in then applying the money.

Was it stated, that this sum of money to be paid to the dean and chapter would be beyond the 240,000*l.*?—Certainly not; for whenever we made an application for money, we applied for money on the authority of the act of parliament, and sent, with our application, the clauses of the act of parliament on which the right arose.

How much of the 240,000*l.* had been expended when this application, as to the dean and chapter of Westminster, was made?—I cannot undertake to say from recollection.

Can you state in what year this application, as to the dean and chapter of Westminster, was made?—I believe it was so late as the end of the year 1817; the dean and chapter were extremely anxious to have the purchase completed, and we have been paying interest upon it.

Do you mean, as to the expenditure of the extra money, that it was in 1817 it was appropriated to other purposes?—I think very soon after we had obtained the money for the specific purpose the difficulty arose.

When another appropriation of the money, that was set apart for the dean and chapter in consequence of their not making good their title, took place, was it by consent of the Post Master General?—I can only answer that question by what I have before answered; there was an interview, and the subject was stated, I do not undertake to say that it was distinctly asked of them whether we might so appropriate it, but I do undertake to say, that the subject was discussed, that I believe it was fully understood by every body, and the general impression was, that as the purposes of this act of parliament were to be carried into effect, the money might as well be appropriated for purposes that were capable of being accomplished, leaving the question open as to what was to be done about the dean and chapter, considering that we should have to come to parliament for other purposes.

Do you recollect whether the taking of the houses at the corner of St. Ann's-lane, intended for part of the two-penny post office, was not specially stated to the Post Master

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Master General, and whether, there being no other money at that time, it was not by their consent that this application of the money in hand took place?—My recollection has not served me further than I have stated, Mr. Mountague and Mr. Kay were both of them present.

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[Mr. Scott, from the chamberlain's office, produced the amount of the receipt and expenditure under the act, which was inspected by the Committee.]

William Mountague, Esq. again called; and further Examined.

It appearing by the book, that the first purchase completed was of premises situated in Paternoster-row, assign the reason why premises, so little essential to the execution of the great work, were first purchased?—Mr. Vaughan Griffiths's premises were included in the plan for the improvement, under the expectation that, as an additional depth of ground would be obtained from the front line of the new street proposed, there might be the means of giving to the persons occupying the site of ground, an opportunity of rebuilding their premises, without being obliged to be removed absolutely from their situation. Mr. Vaughan Griffiths was a printer; he petitioned the House of Commons stating, that his premises were so situated as not to be absolutely necessary for the purposes of the improvement suggested by the plan, the committee, feeling that the improvement might probably be effected at much less expense if that property was obtained, entered into a special agreement with him at a committee of this House, that, if he would withdraw his petition, his interest should be settled for within a certain period after the passing of the act, I think two months.

W. Mountague,
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Do you mean, that a committee of this House were parties to that agreement?—Certainly not; but that it was done by the persons attending in support of the bill, at a committee of this House. They never would have purchased that property up to this moment, but for the opposition of that individual.

What was the proportion for Mr. Vaughan Griffiths's freehold or leasehold interest, and what for good-will?—His leasehold interest was settled at 3,453*l.* and his good-will at 894*l.*

How many years of the lease had he unexpired?—I cannot at this moment tell, but a very long lease; I think, fifty or sixty years to come.

What is the nature of this property between Vaughan Griffiths's and Cheapside?—Held by persons under a lease from the bishop of London. It is church land, with the exception of the corner house.

For what term?—Those leases have been considered renewable for ever.

For what terms did they hold?—The terms are various, between the periods of eleven and sixteen years unexpired.

Did the powers of the act extend to the purchase of Vaughan Griffiths's premises?—Yes, they are the very first premises mentioned in the Schedule to the act; they consist of two houses in Paternoster-row, stated as the freehold property of Peter Stephens, in the occupation of Vaughan Griffiths as leaseholder, and Hamilton Griffiths and Souter as occupiers.

Martis, 4^o die Julij, 1820.

Sir WILLIAM CURTIS, Bart. in the Chair.

Joseph Bushnan, Esq. called in; and Examined.

IN what respect do you wish to alter the evidence you gave upon a former occasion?—The answer given before meant to apply to a conference which took place in 1819.

Joseph Bushnan,
Esq.
(4 July.)

With whom did that conference take place?—With the Post Master General; but I find, upon referring to papers, that the knowledge of the Post Master General, for the supposed wants of this act of parliament took place in 1818; and I wish to give in a document, which is a report of the conference, to which I beg to refer in preference to trusting my own recollection.

[It was read as follows:]

To the Worshipful Committee, for Improvements within the City.

We, of your select committee, whose names are subscribed, do certify, that the remembrancer having obtained an appointment for a conference with their lordships,
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No. 1.

Joseph Bushnan,
Esq.
(4 July.)

the Post Master General, Mr. Alderman Thorp, Mr. Deputy Vallance, Mr. Deputy Turner, and Mr. James Griffiths, attended by Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Remembrancer, Mr. Surveyor, and Mr. Deputy Town Clerk proceeded yesterday to the General Post-Office in Lombard-street, and there met their lordships (the Earl of Chichester and the Marquis of Salisbury,) the Post Master General attended by Mr. Freeling and Mr. Kay, when Mr. Alderman Thorp stated, that it appeared from the committee's proceedings that 190,000*l.* had been advanced to the corporation for carrying into execution the act of parliament for providing a site for a new Post-Office; and 176,312*l.* had been expended for those purposes, leaving a balance of 13,688*l.* in the hands of the chamberlain on the 24th instant, which, with 50,000*l.* remaining to be received by virtue of the said act, made together 63,688*l.* That engagements had been made for purchases of ground and premises, part of the proposed site, to the extent of 63,255*l.* which would leave a balance of 433*l.* only remaining. That in order to make all the purchases authorized by the act, an additional sum of about 75,000*l.* would be required; and that about 25,000*l.* part of the said 75,000*l.* would be returned to the fund from the sale of ground and premises which will remain to be built upon after the improvements are effected; and it appearing that the balance in hand, and the sum remaining to be received would be only sufficient for fulfilling the present engagements of this committee, and that the ground and premises so purchased would afford the opportunity of giving to the public the convenience of the new street, and to their lordships the opportunity of commencing the building of the new Post-Office; it was suggested to their lordships, whether under all the circumstances it would be desirable to apply to parliament for further aid, until the convenience to be afforded to the public had been given, and the building of the new Post-Office commenced; when their lordships expressed their decided opinion, that it would be for the general benefit of the concern to postpone any application to parliament on the subject, until further progress had been made, and therefore it would not be expedient to give the notices required by the standing orders of parliament of an intended application in the ensuing session. All which is respectfully submitted to the judgment of this worshipful committee, this 31st day of July 1818.

(Signed) *John Thomas Thorp.*
Thomas Vallance.
James Griffiths.
Jos. Turner.

The committee will please to recollect that the final difficulty between the dean and chapter of Westminster, and the corporation of London, was not discovered till March 1819. I also find, by referring to another report, that there was another conference, to which I beg to refer.

[It was read as follows:]

Saturday, 3d April 1820.

Select Committee.—Minutes of Conference with His Majesty's Post Master General.

The order of reference from the grand committee (of the 17th day of March last) appointing this select committee to hold a conference with the Post Master General, was read.

The committee proceeded to the Post-Office, and held a conference with His Majesty's Post Master General (the Earl of Chichester and Marquis of Salisbury,) upon the subject of Mr. Bowles's rent-charge, when it was suggested, that as the money intended to have been paid to the dean and chapter of Westminster for their interest in the property purchased of them, could not under the opinion of counsel be at present safely paid to them, the same might be used in further effecting the objects of the act of parliament, unless the Post Master General should think it advisable that an application should be made to parliament in the present session, to obviate the difficulty in the dean and chapter's title.

The Post Master General expressed their opinion, that it would not be advisable to make any application to parliament in the present session, which had now so much advanced, and that therefore the money might be used for the other objects of the act, and whatever difficulties there might be, might be remedied by an application in the next sessions; but they would advise the lords of His Majesty's Treasury of such intention.

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No. 1.Mr.
Mountague.
(4 July.)Mr. *Mountague*, was called in; and Examined.

SUBSEQUENT to the interview with the Post Master General in the month of July 1818, wherein it was stated, that in addition to a balance of the grant of 240,000 *l.* not then drawn for of 63,255 *l.* there would be wanted a further sum of 75,000 *l.*; the Committee wish to know, whether any of the contracts amounting to 35,000 *l.* have been entered into since that period?—At the period referred to by the Report, dated the 31st of July 1818, the committee were under engagements to pay to Mr. Whitehorn 900 *l.*; to Mr. Davis 140 *l.*; to Mr. Barton 2,342 *l.*; to Mr. Biden 9,600 *l.*; to Mr. Gatfield 9,393 *l.*; to Mr. Stephens 2,502 *l.*; to Mr. Matthews 3,000 *l.*; to Mr. Piper 1,182 *l.*; to Mr. Browne 14,924 *l.*; and to the dean and chapter of Westminster 19,272 *l.*; this sum together will make 63,255 *l.* the sum referred to in this Report.

Has the money been applied as in the foregoing estimate?—All those monies have been paid except Mr. Browne's, and the dean and chapter of Westminster, amounting together to 34,196 *l.*

Then engagements must have been subsequently entered into, which have absorbed the same sum that was intended to be applied to those objects?—Yes.

What engagements have been entered into subsequently?—I am sure I cannot say at this moment.

Do you recollect any conference in 1818 with the Post Master General, at which certain houses were pointed out by you and your colleague as necessary to be taken down, in order to complete the new street?—I cannot charge my memory with the specific houses; but I know there were a great number standing at that time, the leasehold interests of which were not purchased, and not being purchased, the improvements intended by the formation of the new street could not be accomplished.

Have you any recollection of any specific house or houses pointed out to the Post Master General, as necessary to be taken down?—I think, if I recollect right, the plan now before the Committee was produced at that time, showing a number of houses; the interests in which remained to be purchased, and for want of which the line of the street could not be formed.

That was in July 1818?—Yes; that was in July 1818.

In the conference on the 3d April 1819, did you point out what houses were standing and necessary to be pulled down for the improvement of the new street?—In April 1819, the street had been formed in part from Newgate-street, down to the opposite side of Angel-street, St. Martin's-le-Grand, and there was a considerable inconvenience occasioned by the houses which were standing between the extremities of the dean and chapter property, and the corner of St. Ann's-lane; having the power to take down the dean and chapter property we did it, and a board was erected.

Nineteen thousand pounds, stated to be then due to the dean and chapter, and the title not being then made, was it reported to the Post Master General, to be necessary to pull down certain houses?—At the conference, it was shown to the Post Master General by the plan, that the public might have the convenience of that street if we were permitted with that money to purchase the interests of parties in certain premises.

Did the Post Master General consent to that suggestion?—I understood them so to do.

Were you present at the conference?—I was; I certainly understood them to consent to it.

Did Mr. Alderman Wood, at the conference which has just been alluded to, particularly call the attention of the Post Master General to those particular parts that were then standing at the top of the new street, and at the bottom near St. Ann's-lane?—Yes.

In that suggestion you recollect that the Post Master General concurred?—Yes.

Joseph Bushnan, Esq. again called in; and Examined.

HAVE you any other minutes of any conference held with the Post Master General or the chancellor of the Exchequer, on behalf of Government, since the 3d of April 1819; and if you have, deliver them in?—I have no other minutes except what the books furnish.

Joseph Bushnan,
Esq.

Appendix,
No. 1.Mr.
Ald. Wood.
(4 July.)

Mr. Alderman Wood, a Member of the Committee, made the following Statement :

IN the conference of the 3d April with the Post Master General, it was stated, that the title to the property of the dean and chapter of Westminster, could not be made perfect; that there being 10,000*l.* and upwards, applicable to the payment, it was suggested to the Post Master General by the deputation, that all the houses at the north and south end of the new street remaining and intended to be taken down for the improvement of the new street, should be immediately purchased with that money; to which the Post Master General replied, they could see by no means the least objection, as they were desirous that the public should be so accommodated. There were also some other premises situated in Foster-lane, which were absolutely necessary to be purchased, together with a balance due to a Mr. Biden, which they also consented to be so applied. The deputation was most anxious to go to parliament to complete this object. Their lordships said, they would have a conference with the chancellor of the Exchequer, to consider what was the best to be done; and after that, I believe, some conference did take place, but I do not recollect the precise date. With respect to delays in taking down particular premises, there were certain difficulties. In the first place, some of the parties had demanded considerably more than what was thought to be the value. Another consideration which operated was, that there was not money enough till this conference. Another consideration was, that the property being intended for the two-penny post office, it was not pressed on the part of the Post Master General in the same way as that which was to give them the site for the General Post-Office; and the committee, finding that they were getting near to the end of the money granted them by the act of parliament, were not desirous of incurring further expenses until they had the consent of the Post Master General.

Was not the whole grant, with the exception of 450*l.* expended?—I should suppose not so much remained, as there must be debts due for taxes, and interest to the dean and chapter of Westminster.

Is the worthy alderman aware, that in the preamble of the act authorizing this expenditure, it is first stated, that the widening of Aldersgate-street, and the preparing a site for the new Post-Office, would be objects of great public utility, and it was those objects that induced parliament to make the grant; can the worthy alderman state why they began expending 240,000*l.* upon premises in Paternoster-row, never necessary to the improvement, and omitted, till the whole of the grant was expended; to purchase and take down those houses, which constituted the principal improvements contemplated by the act?—It was absolutely necessary for the improvement of the new street, that those purchases should be made in Paternoster-row, they being within the powers of the act; there was one reason for purchasing, namely, the peculiar advantage at that time occasioned by the removal of two tenants in Paternoster-row; the committee considered that it was more advantageous to purchase them at that time, contemplating that the whole of the improvements would be eventually carried into effect; the committee always carrying with them in their view, that it was better to make purchases at the most advantageous time; the committee were extremely cautious in the purchases they made with respect to the property likely to be wanted in the first instance for the public street, and also for that part which would be necessary for the Post-Office to carry their plan into execution.

What was the reason of delaying the completion of the purchase of Mr. Browne's premises, which were so absolutely necessary for this site of the new Post-Office?—The sum asked originally was a very large one; it was about 30,000*l.* and as the matters moved on but slowly, with regard to the clearing the site for the Post-Office, Mr. Browne remaining there, nothing was done.

Joseph Bushnan, Esq. again called; and Examined.

Joseph Bushnan,
Esq.

What was the reason of delaying the completion of the purchase of Mr. Browne's premises, which were so absolutely necessary for the site of the Post-Office?—The agreement with Mr. Browne for his freehold property, I observe was on the 28th of February 1816; a very large claim had been made by Mr. Browne for his good will, amounting to 30,195*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* for fixtures in the three dwelling-houses, Nos. 22, 23 and 24, together with such furniture as is adapted to the house No. 27, where the family resides, 616*l.* 14*s.*; there was a third charge for removing of the family, and a large stock of wine, &c. amounting to 300*l.* making a total of 31,111*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

What was the amount of the freehold?—14,000*l.*

What was the cause of the delay in completing the purchase?—The freehold appears to

to be purchased in 1816; I, at that time, was directed to prepare a draft of a conveyance for Mr. Browne, and which was sent to his solicitor, Messrs. Wadson and Co. for the purpose of finishing that contract with Mr. Browne, he seeming very anxious to have it completed; the committee felt that the claim was so very large they hardly knew how to grapple with it, and they thought it would be better as they understood that Mr. Browne wished to get other premises, that it would be more economical and better calculated to meet the justice of the case, that he should get a new place, and when he had got into his business and taken time to remove it, the committee thought they should be better able to judge as well as himself what his precise loss would be, and the following resolution was passed in consequence; "Resolved unanimously, that the claim of Mr. Augustus Browne, can only be decided by a jury agreeably to the provisions of the act of parliament, and the committee will take the earliest opportunity of having the claim so decided as soon as Mr. Browne shall have provided himself with other premises for his business, and informed the committee thereof." I must beg again to state, as I stated in my former evidence, that I have been in daily expectations of hearing from Mr. Browne and receiving an amended claim; I do not know when he left the premises, nor do I know whether Mr. Browne's business has commenced or not in his new premises, but he has not tendered the possession to the city of those premises; and I believe, in point of fact, we are not now in possession of any part of them. I have not had an amended claim from Mr. Browne.

[The following resolution of a Select Committee of the House of Commons, dated April 1815, was read.]

The corporation of the city of London, does not consider itself as bound by the specification made out in the Office of Works, Guildhall, as to the total value of the property, contracting only for one-third of the expense, whether it shall be less or greater than their estimate.

W. Mountague, Esq. again called in; and Examined.

ARE there any premises purchased and paid for, or contracted to be purchased and paid for, which are not included in the original plan, and if any, what are they?—None.

Mr. Benjamin Whinnell Scott called in; and Examined.

WHAT has been the amount of the balances on account of the Orphans' Fund, in the hands of the city chamberlain, for the last five years?—From the accounts recently delivered to parliament of the monthly balances remaining in the hands of the chamberlain, on account of the Orphans' Fund, and which vary from 15,000*l.* to about 38,000*l.* it appears, that the average balance has been 28,718*l.*

How often are the surplusses of the fund applied to the discharge of the debt?—Twice in the year, in the months of March and September.

Would a more frequent or closer application of the surplusses be practicable, and to what extent?—It would certainly be practicable to an extent of about 2,000*l.* every half year; the applications of the surplus might be made quarterly, instead of half-yearly. In the months of March and September, the court of aldermen apply, in the discharge of debt, all the monies they receive for the preceding three months; in January and July there would be a surplus of about 2,000*l.* at each period, beyond the sum necessary to pay the dividends chargeable on the Orphans' Fund, and which might be so applied, at those periods, in the discharge of the debt.

It appears by your returns, that you have very large balances; what occasions them to be so large in amount?—There are several circumstances which occasion those balances to be so large; part consists of 8,000*l.* remaining in the hands of the chamberlain, on account of unclaimed principal and interest.

Is that 8,000*l.* included in the chamberlain's balance?—Yes; considerable sums have also remained in the hands of the chamberlain due to the proprietors of the Orphans' stock, whose principal has been ordered to be paid off, but who have not availed themselves of the privilege they had, under the Act of 52d Geo. III, of receiving such principal, on giving ten days notice.

Can you state the reason why they do not apply; they applied formerly, when money was very scarce?—I apprehend the reason why they have not applied and availed themselves of the privilege of receiving their money on such notice is, that they are allowed for the money remaining in the fund an interest of four per cent, whereas, in all probability, they would not obtain so great a rate of interest, if they invested it in any of the public funds.

Can you state what is the amount of those unclaimed demands?—It has varied and has sometimes amounted to 18,000*l.*

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No. 1.

Mr.
B. W. Scott.
(4 July).

At one time?—Yes, at one time; there was likewise a sum of 10,000*l.* recently paid to the court of Chancery, which was ordered by the court of aldermen to be paid off in October 1819.

Which you were liable to pay at every hour they might call upon you?—Yes.

And therefore obliged to be ready?—Yes.

Can you state to the Committee the origin of this Orphans' Fund?—I should find it extremely difficult.

Look at this account, (*handing a paper to the witness.*)—This account was prepared by me in pursuance of an order of the court of aldermen.

[The account was delivered in, and read as follows:]

AN ACCOUNT of the Gross Annual Produce of the Orphans' Duty on Coals from the year 1752, together with the estimated Amount of the Balances left in the Hands of the respective Collectors from time to time.

| GROSS ANNUAL PRODUCE OF THE DUTY. | | | Average Produce of the Duty during each Collectorship. | | | Estimated Amount of Duty left in the Hands of the respective Collectors from time to time. | | |
|---|------------|--------------------|--|----|----|--|---|-----------|
| | | | £. | s. | d. | £. | s. | d. |
| Sir Thomas Chitty, Collector, appointed 10 March 1752. | | | | | | | | |
| Amount of Duty for the year ending | | £. s. d. | £. | s. | d. | | | |
| 5 July | - - - 1753 | - - - 21,855 18 11 | 21,537 | 18 | 10 | } | from 2 months to 10 weeks, say 2 months 1 week. | 4,038 7 3 |
| D° | - - - 1754 | - - - 21,186 16 9 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1755 | - - - 20,920 18 11 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1756 | - - - 21,421 — 11 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1757 | - - - 22,961 2 10 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1758 | - - - 20,244 12 5 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1759 | - - - 22,349 12 5 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1760 | - - - 21,367 17 2 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1761 | - - - 20,488 17 9 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1762 | - - - 22,582 10 5 | | | | | | |
| Sir N. Nash, Collector, appointed 26 October 1762. | | | | | | | | |
| 5 July | - - - 1763 | - - - 22,334 1 7 | 24,710 | 7 | 1 | } | | |
| D° | - - - 1764 | - - - 25,997 2 8 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1765 | - - - 25,066 9 2 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1766 | - - - 25,613 1 3 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1767 | - - - 25,211 10 3 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1768 | - - - 24,039 17 7 | | | | | | |
| Sir James Esdaile, Collector appointed 29 November 1763. | | | | | | | | |
| 5 July | - - - 1769 | - - - 27,932 13 8 | 28,442 | 4 | 4½ | } | from 2 to 3 months, say 10 weeks. | 5,925 8 3 |
| D° | - - - 1770 | - - - 26,852 10 10 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1771 | - - - 26,137 14 10 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1772 | - - - 29,641 15 3 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1773 | - - - 27,461 17 4 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1774 | - - - 26,109 13 3 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1775 | - - - 26,671 — 1 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1776 | - - - 29,311 12 1 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1777 | - - - 28,882 19 4 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1778 | - - - 27,860 13 6 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1779 | - - - 26,639 — 5 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1780 | - - - 25,998 — 1 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1781 | - - - 26,927 17 11 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1782 | - - - 25,935 8 1 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1783 | - - - 28,746 11 — | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1784 | - - - 30,519 8 10 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1785 | - - - 29,660 9 4 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1786 | - - - 31,791 — — | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1787 | - - - 30,758 7 8 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1788 | - - - 32,728 17 3 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1789 | - - - 30,719 — 11 | | | | | | |
| Thomas Wright, Esq. appointed 15 December 1789. | | | | | | | | |
| 5 July | - - - 1790 | - - - 33,100 — 1 | 34,405 | 12 | 2½ | } | from 3 to 4 months, say 14 weeks. | 9,263 2 5 |
| D° | - - - 1791 | - - - 33,066 9 — | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1792 | - - - 35,538 5 8 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1793 | - - - 38,381 11 — | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1794 | - - - 34,285 8 8 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1795 | - - - 34,595 3 9 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1796 | - - - 35,539 — 7 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1797 | - - - 34,491 12 11 | | | | | | |
| D° | - - - 1798 | - - - 35,652 18 5 | | | | | | |

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Mr.
B. W. Scott.
(4 July.)

| GROSS ANNUAL PRODUCE OF THE DUTY. | | | | Average Produce of the Duty during each Collectorship. | | Estimated Amount of Duty left in the Hands of the respective Collectors from time to time. | |
|---|------------|--------|-------|--|---------|--|---------------|
| | | | | £. | s. d. | | |
| | | | | £. | s. d. | £. | s. d. |
| The Hon. Thomas Harley, appointed 8 May 1798. | | | | | | | |
| Amount of Duty for the Year ending | | £. | s. d. | | | | |
| 5 July - - - | 1799 - - - | 34,951 | 19 6 | } 37,921 | } 10 7½ | } from 3 months to 10 weeks, afterwards 2 months, say 2 months 1 week. | } 7,110 5 8½ |
| D ^o - - - | 1800 - - - | 39,155 | 10 3 | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1801 - - - | 38,391 | — — | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1802 - - - | 35,149 | 11 8 | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1803 - - - | 39,451 | 18 3 | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1804 - - - | 40,429 | 4 — | | | | |
| Nathaniel Newnham, Esq. appointed 18 December 1804. | | | | | | | |
| 5 July - - - | 1805 - - - | 39,538 | 10 5 | } 41,319 | } 2 2½ | } 2 months. | } 6,386 10 4½ |
| D ^o - - - | 1806 - - - | 40,292 | 15 2 | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1807 - - - | 38,409 | 7 — | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1808 - - - | 43,838 | 19 11 | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1809 - - - | 41,237 | 8 7 | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1810 - - - | 44,577 | 12 1 | | | | |
| Sir W. Curtis, Bart. appointed 20 February 1810. | | | | | | | |
| 5 July - - - | 1811 - - - | 46,084 | 12 2 | } 46,920 | } 1 4 | } 3 months till Sept. 1819, now paid in 3 months, say £.1,820. 0s. 3d. | } 11,730 — 4 |
| D ^o - - - | 1812 - - - | 45,019 | 4 11 | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1813 - - - | 43,466 | 12 6 | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1814 - - - | 42,585 | 13 11 | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1815 - - - | 50,884 | 7 — | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1816 - - - | 46,326 | 15 8 | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1817 - - - | 47,919 | 6 6 | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1818 - - - | 50,617 | 7 9 | | | | |
| D ^o - - - | 1819 - - - | 49,376 | 11 8 | | | | |

Note.—The amount of the duty retained in the hands of the several collectors, is estimated upon the presumption that no credit is given, or delay in the collection, but that the duty is paid into the hands of the collector by the end of each month, agreeably to the account rendered to the chamberlain.

The receipt of the duty applicable to the Orphans' Fund from coals, may be estimated at about 1,000*l.* a week?—Nearly at that sum; the average is about 50,000*l.* a-year.

It is paid in monthly to the chamberlain of the city of London?—Yes.

What is the amount of the wine duty?—About 4,000*l.* a-year.

Is that paid progressively?—Twice in a year.

What is the amount paid out of the city revenues?—About 11,800*l.*

How often is that payment made?—Twice in the year; the 5th of January and the 5th of July.

Are there any other revenues that constitute the Orphans' Fund?—There are several small duties; there is paid 5*s.* on the admittance of every freeman, and 2*s.* 6*d.* upon binding every apprentice, amounting to about 300*l.* a-year, which are paid in monthly; these, with the other revenues before alluded to, constitute the whole of the duties composing the Orphans' Fund.

From the growing receipts on the coal duties, it appears that the chamberlain receives 25,000*l.* half yearly, or an average balance of 12,500*l.* does he not?—He has not an average balance of 12,500*l.* arising from the coal duties, inasmuch as the coal duties received in the first three months of the year ending in March, are immediately applied to the discharge of the Orphans' debt. I think it is not so, for this reason, because he applies the coal duties quarterly; the application being so made, it cannot leave an average balance of 12,500*l.* The application in the one quarter is for the payment of dividends to the amount of about 14,000*l.* and in the subsequent quarter to the discharge of the principal stock.

Appendix,
No. 1.Joseph Bushnan,
Esq.
(7 July.)*Veneris, 7^o die Julij, 1820.*

SIR WILLIAM CURTIS, Bart. in the Chair.

Joseph Bushnan, Esq. again called in; and Examined.

WHAT is the amount of the engagements received by the committee of improvement, beyond the sum allowed by the act of parliament, for carrying the purposes of the act of the 55th of the late King into effect?—I know of no other engagements than an engagement of the dean and chapter of Westminster, to the amount of 19,272*l.* and the engagement of Mr. Browne's freehold 14,924*l.* subject also to the claim for good-will, or compensation for loss, as arising from Mr. Browne's removal and erecting of his premises.

Are there any and to what amount due for taxes and incidents?—There are deficiencies of taxes, which are to be charged in perpetuity upon the revenue of the Post-Office, when the houses were to be rebuilt, reducing that charge. I cannot tell the amount, it was, perhaps, 1,200*l.* a-year.

*Francis Freeling, Esq. called in; and Examined.*Francis Freeling,
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DID you, or did the Post Master General, with your knowledge, authorize or concur with the committee of improvement in the city, in contracting any engagements to pay any and what sum of money beyond the grant of 240,000*l.* as authorized by the act 57 Geo. 3, c. 91, for carrying the purposes of that act into execution?—The Post Master General and myself never did authorize or concur in any excess of expenditure beyond 240,000*l.* being the sum limited by that act.

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MR. ALDERMAN WOOD in the Chair.

*Francis Freeling, Esq. again called in; and Examined.*Francis Freeling,
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YOU recollect a deputation of the committee waiting on the Post Master General on the 3d of April 1819?—Early in the year 1819.

Have you any recollection of the balance then in hand within the amount of the sum voted by parliament?—I think I have satisfied my mind lately, that the balance was a very slender one at that time.

You do not remember the amount?—No, I do not.

Do you remember a suggestion made by the committee for the appropriating the 20,000*l.* that were put by for the payment of the estate of the dean and chapter of Westminster, and the applying it for the taking down of certain houses?—I remember, that among other things, the deputation stated, that a sum exceeding 19,000*l.* which they intended to apply to the payment of the dean and chapter of Westminster could not be paid, except in their own wrong; I remember that the deputation then pointed out, that it would be an economical expenditure of their own money and ours to make purchases of certain houses, thereby applying the sum they intended to pay to the dean and chapter of Westminster to the other object, to this the lords Post Master General consented.

Do you remember at what time this was?—I think it was in April 1819, the sum of 25,000*l.* I think, had been advanced on an application from the corporation of London for the general purposes of the act; and we understood, that a part of that sum could not be applied as they intended it.

In a conference had with the Post Master General in 1818, was not a detail of money advanced and expended laid before their lordships?—It was.

Do you remember what balance of the 240,000*l.* was then in hand?—I do not, but it was considerable; I am reminded that it was about 50,000*l.*

Was it stated in your presence, that the whole sum that had been granted by parliament was exhausted, or very nearly exhausted, at the last conversation referred to in April 1819?—It was not.

Were any questions asked relative to the state of the funds which the city of London had then at their disposal?—I think not; it was a simple application, whether
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a sum of money advanced for the general purposes of the act, and intended by the city to be applied for a specific purpose, might, under all the circumstances of the case, be applied to another advantageous object.

Did any thing pass which could lead you to form an opinion, that the whole money granted by parliament had been exhausted, or was very nearly exhausted?—The idea did not present itself to the minds either of the Post Master General or myself at the time the assent was given, to the different appropriation of the 19,000*l.*

Have you had an opportunity of consulting the Post Master General upon the subject of what passed in that conversation?—I have, and their impression is the same as my own.

You stated that you believe there was a very slender sum then in hand?—In point of fact it was so; if any thing could have led our minds to the contemplation of any other object than beyond the simple question, I think I may take upon me to say, the answer would not have been as it was; the thing did not present itself to our minds.

Mr. Benjamin Whimmel Scott, again called in; and Examined.

WHAT was the balance in hand on the 3d of April 1819?—21,988*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

Does that include the 19,000*l.* that was deposited for the payment of the dean and chapter's estate?—It does.

Then there was not above two or three thousand pounds beyond that?—About 2,700*l.*

Mr.
B. W. Scott.

Francis Freeling, Esq. again called in; and Examined.

IF the 20,000*l.* was to be used for the purpose of further improvements, you must have been aware that the dean and chapter would have to be paid their 19,000*l.*?—We were not aware of the circumstance, as I stated before; we made a plain answer to a plain question. If we could have understood that the object of the city was to consult us whether there should be an expenditure beyond the powers of the act, as I mentioned just now, the answer certainly must have been different to what it was.

Francis Freeling,
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Taking it for granted, that the houses pointed out to the Post Master General, in the completion of the new street by St. Martin's-le-Grand, came to the sum of 19,000*l.* still the dean and chapter, that being so expended, must ultimately be paid before the Post Master General could get possession of the land to build upon?—If the question had been put before us in that point of view, most certainly.

There is before the Committee a return made to parliament, through the Post Master General, on the first of March 1819; have the goodness to look at that (*It was handed to the witness*;) you observe by that, there was only 1,100*l.* in the hands of the corporation at that time; there is expended 219,000*l.* and a warrant signed for 19,972*l.* that makes a total of 238,985*l.* 13*s.* 1*½d.*; this deducted from 240,000*l.* leaves about 1,100*l.*; that was a return from the Post Master General?—Received from the city, we signed it as having received it from the city.

Therefore, on the 1st of March, a return was made from the Post Master General, that 239,000*l.* was expended out of the 240,000*l.*; that being previous to the deputation on the 3d of April?—I believe, not expended, but issued. I beg to state to the Committee, that all the powers of the act were entirely in the hands of the city; that the Post-Office had nothing to do with bargain, negotiation, arrangement, sale, or appropriation of monies, which brings me exactly to my first point, namely, that we conceived this was a question as to the application of the 19,000*l.* entirely put in courtesy to us, and that the question went no farther.

[A minute of the conference on the 31st of July 1818, was read.]

You have heard the statement of that conference, as to the necessity of an application to parliament?—The answer, that it would be better to postpone it, was under the direction of the King's government.

Therefore, in 1818, the Post Master General were aware that a much larger sum would be required?—No doubt.

The appropriation of the dean and chapter's money for other purposes, took place nine months after the delivering in of this report?—It did.

Was any communication made, in consequence of this conference in July 1818; to my Lord Liverpool, Mr. Vansittart or Mr. Lushington?—The purport of that paper was communicated to Mr. Vansittart, I believe, very soon after, either in a conversation

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conversation between Lord Chichester and Mr. Vansittart, or in a conversation between Mr. Vansittart and me, I cannot tax my recollection sufficiently to say in which. I hope the Committee will permit me to make one observation, that with respect to the Post Master General's concurrence as to the application of this 19,000*l.* to the purposes recommended by the Committee, there can be no doubt that they did consent to the application of that money.

When the Post Master General sanctioned the appropriation of the 19,000*l.* which had been granted to satisfy the dean and chapter, to other purposes, was it explained to them, or did they understand that the dean and chapter could not afterwards be paid without a grant from parliament of that additional sum?—Nothing was said upon that subject.

How did they understand it?—Entirely as an application whether the 19,000*l.* in hand might be applied to one purpose, instead of that to which the city intended originally to have applied it.

Without any explanation that if that 19,000*l.* was applied to a new purpose, another 19,000*l.* must be had to apply to that purpose?—Nothing was said upon that subject.

But you were satisfied when that application was made, that that money was already appropriated for the payment of the dean and chapter of Westminster?—It did not occur to us at the time.

Do you recollect that there was an application made to the Post Master General to hold a conference respecting the estate of the dean and chapter?—I have no recollection whatever that it was so; it possibly might.

[The minute of the Select Committee on Saturday the 3d April 1819 was read.]

Mr. Freeling.—There is an expression at the end of that minute which I do not understand,—that the Post Master General would advise the lords of His Majesty's Treasury of such intention; my recollection does not serve me so far as to recollect that there was any observation or pledge of that sort on the part of the Post Master General.

Did not the returns to government in the year 1818, so satisfy the minds of the Post Master General, that there was no balance remaining, and that the sum must be a sum out of a future application to parliament; that it was not necessary for the committee to enter into an explanation at the deputation in April 1819?—If the city had stated its object in asking the Post Master General to consent to their proposition to apply the 19,000*l.* and that it would be an excess of the sum authorized by the act of parliament, the Post Master General would then have adverted to all those papers in order to have satisfied their own minds what their answer ought to have been; but as the question was merely whether the 19,000*l.* should be applied to other purposes, it did not occur to them to go at all into the state of the accounts.

Was it necessary that they should refer to those accounts to be reminded of the state of the account, having themselves sent an account in to the Treasury nine months before that?—That account being transmitted to us by the corporation of London.

A copy of it was of course kept in your possession?—Certainly.

There is an expression in the paper, that the Post Master General thought it better to postpone any application to parliament; did they understand that any sums had been or would be expended without the authority of parliament?—They did not.

Was it clearly understood by you and the Post Master General, in July 1818, that the whole sum granted by parliament was exhausted or engaged for, and that about 75,000*l.* more would be required for completing the objects of the act?—It certainly was.

Joseph Bushnan, Esq. further Examined.

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YOU have paid considerable sums of money for taxes under the act of parliament, have you not?—Yes; the act of parliament directed that compensation should be made for deficiencies in ward rates and land tax, during the execution of the act, and it directed that after three years from the passing of the act, the corporation should execute a deed, limiting in perpetuity, those deficiencies of taxes; but it was impossible to execute that deed, because the act had required that the monies were to be paid until all the new houses contemplated in that part where it is said the city ought to have built, had been re-built, and till the Post-Office should be re-built; not having had a conveyance of the dean and chapter's freehold property, they had no ownership in the freehold, and for the reason stated in my former evidence, they could

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not proceed to build upon it, because the dean and chapter could not then make out their title. A copy of a case, and opinion of counsel, were handed to the Post Master General, stating the difficulties; those papers were handed to the Treasury, and I should beg to refer to those very papers. They were to make this payment by clause 88 of the act of parliament.

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Henry Woodthorpe, jun. Esq. called in; and Examined.

WHAT paper have you in your hand?—This is an extract from the minutes of the committee relating to the conference with the Post Master General regarding the deficiencies of taxes.

Henry Woodthorpe, Jun.
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[The same were delivered in, and read as follows:]

Select Improvement Committee, Monday, 8th June 1818.

The order of reference from the grand committee of the 27th ultimo, relative to the progress made in the improvement, the state of the funds, the claims outstanding in respect of the agreements made and to be made, and the demands in respect of tithes, taxes, &c. was read.

Mr. Comptroller attending, was heard in relation to the deficiencies in taxes, rates, &c. of the several parishes within the act of parliament, and stated, that in consequence of difficulties having arisen in the complying with the directions of the said act in that respect, he had consulted with Mr. Preston thereon, who had given his opinion upon the same, as follows:

“All that the corporation can accomplish, is to execute a deed, declaratory of the amount of the assessments, and of the proportion to be paid by each of the parishes.”

7, Lincoln's-inn, 23d April 1818.

“*Richard Preston.*”

Mr. Comptroller further stated, that Mr. Preston having subsequently advised that other professional gentlemen should be consulted on the subject, he had obtained a further opinion from Mr. Preston, Mr. Bolland, and Mr. Tyrrell thereon, which was read as follows:

“The only mode in which the authority of the lord mayor, &c. can be duly executed, is to fix a certain and precise sum as the deficiency in each parish,

This sum should be computed from the probable deficiency in each parish, taking into consideration,

- 1st, The annual value of the new houses to be built in each parish, compared with,
- 2dly, The annual value of the houses in that parish, which have been and which are likely to be pulled down. The annual value of the houses likely to be built, to be deducted from the annual value of the houses to be pulled down, the balance will be the deficiency.

In any other mode than fixing a certain amount as the probable deficiency, the authority confided to the mayor, &c. would not be duly exercised; for a fluctuating and variable assessment of deficiency would not, in our opinion, be warranted by the act.

The draft, No. 1, is framed with a view to a fluctuating deficiency. The draft, No. 2, is that of which we approve, as ascertaining the probable amount of deficiency in each parish.

The scale of deficiency is of course to be calculated according to the provisions of the act, namely, by the assessments from the 25th of March 1814, to 25th of March 1815.”

(Signed)

“*William Bolland,*
Richard Preston,
John Tyrrell.”

Inner Temple, 7th June 1818.

Resolved, That it be referred to the surveyors to consider the opinions of counsel, and the clause in the act of parliament requiring the deed to be prepared in respect of the deficiencies of the church and poors rates, and to report to this select committee the amount of the said deficiencies in the respective parishes, calculated upon the basis set forth in the said opinion of counsel.

Select Improvement Committee, Wednesday 10th June, 1818.

Mr. William Mountague, surveyor, attending, laid before this select committee, a Report in writing, under his hands, relating to its being impracticable, in the present state of the improvement, to make out an account of the deficiencies of the church and

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and poors rates, for the purpose of enabling the proper deed to be prepared and executed agreeably to the directions of the act of parliament, which was read as follows:—

To the Worshipful Committee, appointed to consider of the several Improvements within the City of London.

Gentlemen,

Pursuant to your order of the 8th instant, whereby it is referred to the surveyors “to consider the opinions of counsel, and the clause in the act of parliament, requiring the deed to be prepared, in respect of the deficiencies of the church and poors rates, and to report to this select committee the amount of the said deficiencies in the respective parishes, calculated upon the basis set forth in the said opinion of counsel, which opinion states, that the only mode in which the authority of the lord mayor, &c. can be duly executed, is to fix a certain and precise sum, as the deficiency in each parish, computing that sum from the probable deficiency which will arise from taking into consideration the annual value of the new houses to be built, as compared with the annual value of the houses which have been, and which are likely to be pulled down.”

I beg leave to report that, in the absence of Mr. Kay, I have considered the subject, and I am of opinion that, in the present stage of the business, it is absolutely impracticable to make the calculations required, with any reasonable prospect of accuracy, as it is impossible to say what variations, with a view to economy and convenience, may be found necessary in the execution of a plan of such magnitude. And I am further of opinion, that it will not be prudent to determine upon the rate and character of buildings, in connexion with an improvement of so much consequence, at a period when so little is positively known of what is intended to be done, and when it is considered that the rate and character of the buildings must be the foundation of their value for assessment.

I am, gentlemen,
Your obedient and faithful servant,
William Mountague,
Clerk of the city's works.

Office of Works, Guildhall,
10th June, 1818.

Mr. Comptroller, attending, was heard thereon.

Ordered, that Mr. Comptroller do procure a conference with the Post Master General thereon, and that he do, in the mean time, transmit to their lordships a copy of the case and opinions of counsel, and the foregoing report of Mr. Surveyor.

Select Improvement Committee, Friday, 19th June, 1818.

Mr. Comptroller attending, informed the Select Committee that, in pursuance of the order of the 10th instant, he had written to the secretary of the Post-Office and their lordships, the Post Master General had appointed this day for holding the proposed conference on the subject of the deed to be prepared agreeably to the directions of the act of parliament; and the letter of the comptroller was read as follows:—

Sir,

Guildhall, 11th June, 1818.

I am directed by the special committee of this corporation, charged with the execution of the New Post-Office Act, to request the honour of a conference with their lordships, the Post Master General, on the difficulties that have occurred in the way of the making and executing the deed, required by section 88 in the said act to be made and executed prior to the 28th June, 1818, declaratory of the sums to be paid out of the Post-Office revenue, in perpetuity, in compensation for deficiencies in church and poors rates in the parishes mentioned in that section, with a view to the consideration of what is fit to be done, in respect of such deed, under the existing circumstances. In order to this inquiry, I am directed to transmit to you, for the information of their lordships, the copy of a case, with the opinion of Mr. Preston; and I have to state, that upon a subsequent consultation with Mr. Bolland, Mr. Preston, and Mr. John Tyrrell, on the practical difficulties, they wrote an opinion (a copy of which accompanies this,) stating a basis, under which it appeared to them the calculation of these deficiencies might be made; but the city surveyor (in the absence of Mr. Kay) having since reported to the committee the impracticability of making the calculations required with any reasonable prospect of accuracy, in the present stage of the business, the committee are reduced to the dilemma of either omitting

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omitting to make the deed previously to the expiration of the time prescribed by the act; or, if they make it, of making it in so imperfect a state, as will necessarily risque the doing too little for the several parishes, or of charging too much on the Post-Office revenue, neither of which, their lordships will see, would meet the justice of the case; and the committee therefore are advised, and hope that, on a conference with their lordships, some expedient may be devised to remedy the evil. The accompanying papers also contain a copy of the report of the surveyor; it only remains, therefore, for me to add, that the committee will attend their lordships at any time they may be pleased to appoint.

F. Freeling, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Joseph Bushnan.
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The select committee accordingly adjourned to the Post-Office, and held a conference with the right honourable the Earl of Chichester, one of His Majesty's Post Master General, when it was agreed, that in the present state of the improvement of St. Martin's-le-Grand, and under all the circumstances connected therewith, it would not be advisable at this time to execute the proposed deed; and his lordship stated, that as far as lay in his power, the parishes should not be injured thereby, and any inconvenience that may arise in consequence, might be remedied in any future application to the legislature; his lordship also stated, that he would lay the matter before the lords of His Majesty's Treasury.

Ordered, that Mr. Comptroller do not proceed any further in respect of preparing the deed for the church and poors rates of the several parishes directed by the act of parliament, and that he do wait upon Francis Freeling, esq. the secretary of the Post-Office, and furnish him with such information as may be required upon the subject.

Improvement Committee, Tuesday, 30th June 1818.

The several proceedings of the select improvement committee of the 8th, 10th, and 19th instant, in respect of preparing the deed for the church and poors rates of the several parishes, as directed by the act, were read.

Mr. Comptroller attending, was heard thereon, and laid before the committee a copy of a letter which their lordships, the Post Master General, had written to the lords of the Treasury in consequence of their conference with the Select Committee on the 19th instant, which was read as follows:

To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

My Lords,

We have the honour to send to your lordships copies of a letter from the comptroller of the city of London, stating, by direction of the special committee of the corporation, charged with the execution of the New Post-Office Act, (the 55 Geo. 3, cap. 91, being, "An Act for enlarging and improving the west end of Cheapside, in the city of London, also St. Martin's-le-Grand, Aldersgate-street, St. Anne's-lane, and Foster-lane, and for providing a site for a new Post-Office, between St. Martin's-le-Grand and Foster-lane aforesaid,") that difficulties has occurred in the way of making and executing the deed required by section 88 of the said act, to be made and executed prior to the 28th June, declaratory of the sums to be paid out of the Post-Office revenue in perpetuity, in compensation for deficiencies in church and poors rates in the parishes mentioned in the section, together with copy of the case submitted by the committee to Mr. Preston, his opinion thereon, and the further opinions of Messrs. Bolland and Tyrrell, a report on the subject from the city surveyor and from the solicitor of this department, all of which show the utter impossibility of complying with the directions of the section referred to by the time specified in the act, with any justice either to the parishes, or to the revenue of this department.

In compliance with the wishes of the special committee of the corporation, charged with the execution of the said act, we held a conference with them yesterday, and it appeared to them and to us, that it was not possible to execute any declaratory deed for the reasons already assigned, but that it would be right to apprise your lordships of the same, and to represent that an early application may be submitted to parliament on this, and other essential points connected with the act in question.

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The committee have stated to us, that they rely with the fullest confidence in this board, and in His Majesty's government, that their inability to make and execute the deed required, shall in no degree prejudice the several parishes in question, and that parliament will secure to these parishes the rights originally meant to be secured by the said act.

It is necessary to explain to your lordships, that the difficulty and consequent delay in this particular case, have arisen in the prudent and economical management of the various negotiations, as to the claims of the numerous parties interested, consistently with which a greater progress could not have been made. The details of the practical difficulty are fully stated in the case.

We are, &c. &c. &c.

General Post-Office, 22d June 1818.

(Signed)

Chichester.
Salisbury.

Committee of Improvements, Monday 20th July 1818.

Mr. Comptroller laid before the committee a letter he had received from Francis Freeling, esq. secretary to the Post-Office, which was read as follows :

Sir,

General Post-Office, 17th July 1818.

I am commanded, by my lords, the Post Master General, to state to you for the information of the special committee of the corporation of the city of London, charged with the execution of the act of 55th of the King, cap. 91, "For enlarging and improving the west end of Cheapside," &c. that my lords have fully represented to the lords commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury the difficulties stated in your letter, by direction of the special committee, which had occurred in the way of making and executing the deed required by section 88 of that act; and also the result of the conference between their lordships and the special committee on the subject.

The lords of the Treasury agree in the opinion of my lords, and of the special committee, that it is not possible to execute any declaratory deed, for the reasons assigned in the papers enclosed in your letter; and their lordships have desired that before the commencement of the next session of parliament, a draft of a bill shall be prepared for carrying the objects in question into effect.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your very obedient humble Servant,

Joseph Bushnan, Esq. &c. &c. &c.
Guildhall.

F. Freeling.

Resolved, That it be referred to the select committee to confer with His Majesty's Post Master General on the subject of the foregoing letter, and to take such steps as may be necessary from time to time, and to report thereon to this committee.

Select Improvement Committee, Thursday 23d July 1818.

Resolved and Ordered, That an application be made to His Majesty's Post Master General for a conference with this committee.

Select Improvement Committee, Thursday 30th July 1818.

The select committee proceeded to the Post-Office, and met their lordships, the Post Master General, and held a conference with them relating to further monies that will be wanting to complete the improvements, and the expediency of applying to parliament thereon, when their lordships expressed their decided opinion, that it would be for the general benefit of the concern, to postpone any application to parliament on the subject until further progress had been made; and therefore it would not be expedient to give the notices, required by the standing orders of parliament, of an intended application in the ensuing session.

Committee of Improvements, Friday 31st July 1818.

A report from the committee, relative to having held a conference with His Majesty's Post Master General relative to the further monies necessary for the improvement, was read as follows:—

To the Worshipful Committee for Improvements within this city.

We, of your select committee, whose names are subscribed, do certify, that the remembrancer having obtained an appointment for a conference with their lordships the Post Master General, Mr. Alderman Thorp, Mr. Deputy Vallance, Mr. Deputy Turner, and Mr. James Griffiths, attended by Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Remembrancer, M. Surveyor, and Mr. Deputy Town Clerk, proceeded yesterday to the General Post-Office

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Office in Lombard-street, and there met their lordships the Earl of Chichester and the Marquis of Salisbury, the Post Master General, attended by Mr. Freeling and Mr. Kay, when Mr. Alderman Thorp stated, that it appeared from the committee's proceedings that 190,000*l.* had been advanced to the corporation for carrying into execution the act of parliament for providing a site for a new Post-Office; and 176,312*l.* had been expended for those purposes, leaving a balance of 13,688*l.* in the hands of the chamberlain on the 24th instant, which with 50,000*l.* remaining to be received by virtue of the said act, made together 63,688*l.*; that engagements had been made for purchases of ground and premises, part of the proposed site, to the extent of 63,255*l.* which would leave a balance of 433*l.* only remaining; that in order to make all the purchases, authorized by the act, an additional sum of about 75,000*l.* would be required, and that about 25,000*l.* part of the said 75,000*l.* would be returned to the fund from the sale of ground and premises, which will remain to be built upon after the improvements are effected.

And it appearing that the balance in hand, and the sum remaining to be received, would be only sufficient for fulfilling the present engagements of this committee, and that the ground and premises so purchased would afford the opportunity of giving to the public the convenience of the new street, and to their lordships the opportunity of commencing the building of the new Post-Office, it was suggested to their lordships, whether, under all the circumstances, it would be desirable to apply to parliament for further aid until the convenience to be afforded to the public had been given, and the building of the new Post-Office commenced. When their lordships expressed their decided opinion, that it would be for the general benefit of the concern to postpone any application to parliament on the subject until farther progress had been made, and therefore it would not be expedient to give the notices required by the standing orders of parliament of an intended application in the ensuing session.

All which is respectfully submitted to the judgment of this worshipful committee, this 31st day of July 1818.

John Tho' Thorp, J^r Griffiths,
Tho' Vallance, Joseph Turner.

Resolved, That this committee do agree with the select committee in their said Report.

Francis Freeling, Esq. further Examined.

WAS any communication made to the Post Master General except that which has been explained with regard to the 19,000*l.* due to the dean and chapter of Westminster, of the diversion of any other sum of money, or of any purchases or engagements to purchase, or to expend any monies beyond the sum of 240,000*l.* limited by the act?—There was no communication whatever for any thing beyond the appropriation of the 19,000*l.* as before stated.

Francis Freeling,
Esq.

Joseph Bushnan, Esq. again called in; and Examined.

HAS there been any of the ground conveyed to the Post Master General?—An application was made on the part of the Post Master General, requiring under the clause of the act, which directs, that a conveyance shall be made, that such part of the property as can be conveyed to them should be conveyed to them accordingly. A deed has been prepared, and a conveyance executed, and possession delivered as to the small part, which was all the part we have had the means of conveying to the Post Master General.

Joseph Bushnan,
Esq.

In what manner have the law charges been generally settled?—When this act of parliament passed, I thought it my duty, in the first instance, to communicate to the committee as to the probable expenditure which might arise under this act of parliament; and as the city had had some difficulties before in a concern with the West India Dock Company, and that ultimately went into the court of Chancery, I suggested to the committee the propriety, in the first instance, of having a communication with His Majesty's Post Master General as to the mode of settling the law charges, previously to the same being paid; a communication was made by me to the Post-Office; the result was, that the Post Master General highly approved of the measure, and he, I think, selected Mr. Bicknell, solicitor to the Admiralty, who looks over, I understand, all bills of the solicitor in the Post-Office department; and with respect to the surveyors bills, he appointed Mr. Cockerell for the same purpose, and those bills previously to being paid, have been every one of them referred to a select committee, and have been read over by that select committee; ~~item~~ by item,

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item; they have examined the deeds to see that the purchase monies have been paid, that the stamp duties charged were affixed to the deeds, and ultimately they were sent to Mr. Bicknell for his consideration, and to Mr. Cockerell as to the surveyor's department.

Joseph Kay, Esq. called in; and Examined.

*Joseph Kay,
Esq.
(10 July.)*

YOU are surveyor to the Post-Office?—I am.

Have you, in the concern of the purchase of the estate necessary for the ground for building the Post-Office as well as the street, attended uniformly the committees of the corporation in carrying this act into effect?—Whenever I have been in town I have attended; I have been summoned to all the committees.

Have you been absent very many times during the progress of the business?—Certainly not.

Have you been acquainted with the whole transaction of purchases, and the whole concern as intrusted for the Post-Office?—The appointed duty to me on the part of the Post Master General, was to attend those committees to be a party with the clerk of the city's works, in giving my professional assistance in making valuations for the purchase of property.

In fact, you have been acquainted with all the purchases that have been made; they have undergone your inspection before they have been made?—All the property purchased by the direction of the committee, by our valuation, was of course known to me in detail; a great deal of the property was agreed for by the committee itself, upon questions of good will and compensations; generally speaking, the committee exercised very much their own judgment, and they were not referred to the clerk of the city's works or myself to make distinct valuations.

In general you have been present during those discussions?—I certainly have.

Do you know what quantity of ground is actually conveyed to the Post Master General?—I cannot point it out on this plan; there is a correct plan of it.

Mr. Hookey pointed it out upon the plan.

(*To Mr. Hookey.*) Is it about a twentieth of the whole?—Thereabouts.

(*To Mr. Kay.*) Have, in your opinion, the whole of the negotiations for purchases, good wills, and otherwise, been conducted on an economical plan?—I can feel no doubt upon that subject, that the committee have taken every possible pains to inform themselves of the nature of the claims brought before them, and the general result which has been stated of the comparative amount paid by the committee, with the amount of claims made by the parties, will show that great attention has been paid in the discharge of their duty.

If there had been any imposition attempted to be practised upon the committee, or any irregularity that had come to your knowledge, you would have felt it your duty to have stated it to that committee?—I should certainly have felt it my duty to state any irregularity that might occur in the course of the purchase of the property.

Did not the committee show a very great desire to carry this into effect with every possible attention as much as if they had been interested themselves?—I am quite sure that they did.

Veneris, 14th die Julij, 1820.

THOMAS WILSON, Esquire, in the Chair.

Joseph Bushnan, Esq. called in.

Mr. Bushnan.—Since the meeting of the Committee, the Improvement Committee have come to the following minute:

[The same was delivered in, and read.]

Tuesday, 12th July 1820.

“ Committee of Improvements appointed to carry into execution the act of parliament for enlarging and improving the west end of Cheapside, &c.

“ The several letters from Mr. Augustus Browne, in respect of his claim, together with his claim amounting to the sum of 26,701*l.* 1*s.* 7*d.* were read.

“ A copy of the petition of Mr. Browne to the Honourable the House of Commons, in respect thereof, was also read.

Mr.

“ Mr. Browne being called in, was heard on the subject of his said claim, and after debate thereon,

“ Resolved, That this committee by no means admitting any liability to the further claim now made by Mr. Browne, for a compensation, reinstatement, or other damages under the act of parliament of the 55th Geo. 3, (the powers of which, so far as relate to purchases, &c. have expired) nevertheless, in deference to the wishes intimated yesterday in the Select Committee of the House of Commons, (to whom Mr. Browne's petition has been referred) that the said claim of Mr. Browne should be investigated by this committee, this committee have considered the same, and are willing to refer the said claim to
and
and that the award of the said
and

or any two, shall be conclusive as to amount, but it must be distinctly understood, that by such reference, this committee do not in any degree admit their liability to the said claim, or to the payment of such amount as shall be awarded, in case parliament shall not grant funds for that purpose, and subject also to the approbation of the Select Committee of the House of Commons, to whom Mr. Browne's petition stands referred.

“ Mr. Browne being again called in, the said resolution was read to him, when he requested time to consider the same, and promised to return his answer to Mr. Comptroller.”

Mr. *Bushnan*.—I have since received the following answer from Mr. Browne:—

[The same was delivered in, and read.]

“ Sir,

Wood-street, July 13th, 1820.

“ In answer to your letter of the 12th of July, enclosing the copies of minutes, and of a resolution of the improvement committee, I request you to inform them, that having erected new works for the purpose of carrying on my business, on the faith of the act of parliament for making a new Post-Office, and in consequence of notice given to me under that act, that my premises would be taken from me for the purposes of the act, I should prefer that my compensation should be settled by a jury, according to the stipulations of the act. But as it is my wish to proceed in the most conciliatory manner on the subject, I will, in case sufficient funds be provided to answer all my claims, submit to a reference of them to arbitration, regard being had to all circumstances attending them; such reference being to three indifferent persons, and one of such referees to be named by the committee, another of them by myself, and the third by the two first-named referees; and that the award of the three referees, or any two of them, shall be binding on both parties. But I will not give up any right I have to enforce such award in any way I may be advised.

I object to any of the referees being a surveyor, but each party may examine before the referees such surveyors as witnesses, as they may think fit.

I have to request the favour of you to lay before the improvement committee this answer to their minutes and resolutions, communicated to me by your before-mentioned letter; and

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Augustus Browne.”

“ Joseph Bushnan, Esq.
Comptroller of the city of London.”

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To the Honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain,
in Parliament assembled.

The humble PETITION of Augustus Browne, late of Foster-lane, in the City of London, but now of Wood-street, in the same City, Gold and Silver Refiner.

Sheweth,

THAT, by virtue of an act of parliament passed on the 28th day of June 1815, intituled, "An Act for enlarging and improving the West End of Cheapside, in the City of London; also Saint Martin's-le-Grand, Aldersgate-street, Saint Anne's-lane, and Foster-lane; and for providing a Site for a New Post Office between Saint Martin's-le-Grand and Foster-lane aforesaid," it was enacted, That it should be lawful for the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled, to make a convenient site for a New Post Office, by taking down and laying open all the houses, buildings, lands, tenements and hereditaments, described in the Schedule to that Act annexed, between Cheapside aforesaid, and Newgate-street in the said city on the south, Saint Anne's-lane aforesaid on the north, Foster-lane aforesaid on the east, and Saint Martin's-le-Grand aforesaid on the west.

That for many years previous to and at the time of passing the said act, Your Petitioner carried on the trade or business of a gold and silver refiner in that part of Foster-lane, which was by virtue of the said act to be appropriated for the site of the said then intended Post-Office; and Your Petitioner was also owner of the fee-simple of the messuage or tenement, counting-houses and workshops wherein his said trade or business was carried on, and of two other houses in Foster-lane, adjacent thereto, and also of two houses in Bell-square, Foster-lane, also adjacent to your Petitioner's other premises.

That Your Petitioner, on the 6th of November 1815, at the request of the committee of the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons, appointed by virtue of the said act, called "The Improvement Committee," sent to the said committee an account of his claim for his said freehold property in Foster-lane and Bell-square, and such claim amounted to fifteen thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight pounds two shillings and eight-pence, besides the fixed plant, amounting to three thousand one hundred and forty-eight pounds nine shillings and sixpence, which valuations were made by three eminent surveyors employed by Your Petitioner.

That, on the 6th of January 1816, Your Petitioner received from the comptroller of the said city of London a letter, requesting Your Petitioner to send to the said committee the whole amount of his claims; in consequence of which application, Your Petitioner sent to the said committee the amount of his further claims, over and besides his claims for the said freehold premises and plant, and such further claims, comprising therein the good-will of his said trade, which Your Petitioner was then apprehensive would be lost to him; and fixtures and furniture and expense of removal, amounted to the sum of thirty-one thousand one hundred and eleven pounds sixteen shillings and eight-pence.

That, on the 21st of February 1816, Your Petitioner attended the said committee, and at their request entered into a treaty for the sale of the said freehold premises, Your Petitioner at the same time conceiving that the said committee would fully enter into his whole claims, and on the said 21st of February, Your Petitioner agreed with the said committee to sell his said freehold property, and the said committee agreed with him to purchase the same, at the sum of fourteen thousand nine hundred and twenty-four pounds; but the said committee then declined going into the consideration of Your Petitioner's further claims, and on the 12th of March 1817, Your Petitioner received a note from the town clerk of the said city, containing the following resolution of the said committee, viz. "The committee resolved unanimously, that Mr. Browne's claims can only be decided by a jury, agreeable to the provisions of the act of parliament, and that the committee would take the earliest opportunity of having the claim so decided, as soon as Mr. Browne shall have provided himself with other premises for his business."

That in consequence of this communication from the said committee, Your Petitioner proceeded to erect on some freehold ground in Wood-street, which he had purchased, a dwelling house and new works for the purpose of carrying on his said trade, and which Your Petitioner did reluctantly, but was compelled to do in consequence of his old works being about to be taken from him under the said act of parliament, and he not being able to purchase any other works fit for the purpose of carrying on his said trade, and the expense of such new dwelling house and works, with the interest of money and other charges incident thereto, will amount to the sum of twenty-eight thousand pounds, or thereabouts, the whole whereof Your Petitioner humbly submits he is entitled to receive under the said act of parliament, Your Petitioner being willing, on receipt thereof, to waive his former claims.

That inasmuch as Your Petitioner has been put to the aforesaid expense of erecting new works, necessary for carrying on his trade, in consequence of the said committee having

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required Your Petitioner to sell his own freehold, property for the purposes of the said act, and having give notice to Your Petitioner to quit the same, and Your Petitioner having incurred that expense on the faith that he should be repaid under the said act, what he should be fairly entitled to.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that the said act of parliament may be carried into execution, or that Your Petitioner may have such relief in the premises as this Honourable House shall think proper.

And Your Petitioner shall ever pray, &c.

(Signed) *Augustus Browne.*Appendix, No. 3, (A.)
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An ACCOUNT of Money received and paid by the Chamberlain of the City of London in pursuance of the Act of the 55th of his late Majesty King George the Third, for enlarging and improving the West End of Cheapside, in the City of London; also St. Martin's-le-Grand, Aldersgate-street, St. Anne's-lane, and Foster-lane; and for providing a Site for a New Post Office, from the 23d July 1815 to the 23d November 1819.

| | | £. | s. | d. |
|---|--|---------|---------|------|
| To cash of the receiver-general of the revenue of His Majesty's Post-Office, on account of the monies authorized to be raised for the purposes of the above-mentioned act | | 235,000 | — | — |
| On account of the sale of old materials | | 8,329 | 8 | 7 |
| To rents of premises purchased for the purposes of the act | | 2,850 | 17 | 5 |
| | | £. | 246,180 | 6 — |
| No. | | £. | s. | d. |
| 1. | By the purchase of ground and premises for effecting the purposes of the said act, compensations for good will, fixtures, and quitting possession | 213,062 | 7 | 3 |
| 2. | By parliamentary and other expenses incurred in soliciting and obtaining the act | 3,421 | 19 | 1 |
| 3. | By surveying and valuation of premises in obtaining and operating the act | 3,555 | 16 | 7 |
| 4. | By stamp duty, &c. on seven bonds of His Majesty's Post Master General, in pursuance of the said act | 785 | 19 | 4 |
| 5. | By ad valorem stamp duties, conveyancing, &c. | 5,357 | 7 | — |
| 6. | By law charges and expenses of juries on disputed claims | 4,279 | 17 | 6 |
| 7. | By taxed costs on the verdicts of juries in favour of claimants, pursuant to the said act | 2,776 | 3 | 8 |
| 8. | By the expense of shoring, boarding and securing ground and buildings | 1,929 | 17 | 9½ |
| 9. | By - d° - of forming of new church-yard and removal of bodies, pursuant to the act | 1,240 | 2 | 9 |
| 10. | By - d° - of altering old pavements and paving new street | 1,079 | 1 | 7 |
| 11. | By deficiencies of taxes, land tax, poor-rates, tithes, compensations in lieu of surplice fees, allowance to parish clerks, &c. as directed by the act | 2,888 | 12 | 9½ |
| 12. | By rents on property purchased | 966 | 5 | 10½ |
| 13. | By expenses of collecting rents, stamps, and insurance of premises | 296 | 18 | 3 |
| 14. | By disbursements of committee, and sundry incidental charges | 1,786 | 9 | — |
| 15. | By compensations to officers in lieu of charges, and clerks employed in the operation of the act | 2,555 | — | — |
| Balance in hand on 29th November 1819 | | 245,989 | 18 | 5½ |
| | | | 190 | 7 6½ |
| | | £. | 246,180 | 6 — |

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Explanation of Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure under the Act of Parliament for providing a Site for a New Post Office.

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AS soon as this act of parliament passed, the committee of the corporation of London, in conjunction with His Majesty's Post Master General, considered of the most proper arrangement to be made in respect to regulating the law charges and expenses of surveyors under the said act; and with a view to avoid unnecessary expense, it was agreed that the titles

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titles to the estates to be purchased should be laid before one counsel only, on behalf of the corporation and of His Majesty's Post Master General; and Mr. Preston, of Lincoln's-inn, was selected for that purpose. It was also agreed, that the law and parliamentary bills should be examined and settled by Mr. Bicknell, solicitor to the Admiralty, on behalf of the corporation and of His Majesty's Post Master General, previously to such bills being allowed and paid; and that the surveyor's charges should be referred to Mr. Cockerell, to be examined and approved on behalf of the corporation and of His Majesty's Post Master General, in like manner previously to payment.

This course has been invariably pursued in respect to all the charges in the accompanying account under those heads, with this additional check, that before the bills alluded to were sent to the respective referees for audit and allowance, the committee appointed by the corporation for carrying the said act into execution, have uniformly examined the several items in the said accounts, to ascertain that the business charged for had been ordered; that the several *ad valorem* stamp duties and other expenses specified therein had been paid, and that receipts for the consideration of the respective purchase monies were regularly signed on each of the conveyance deeds; and the several artificers bills have been investigated by the committee in like manner.

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Copy of REPORT of Surveyors.

To the Worshipful the Improvement Committee.

Gentlemen,

Pursuant to your order, we have proceeded to estimate what further sum of money may be necessary to be raised for the completion of the improvement of St. Martin's-le-Grand, &c. agreeably to the plan sanctioned by the House of Commons, in the year 1815; and we beg leave to report, that we have estimated the expense of the purchases remaining to be made, at the sum of £. 35,737; that there is now due for freehold interests agreed for and not paid £. 34,646, making together the sum of £. 70,383. We beg leave further to state, that on the several purchases already made, there has been an increase of expense for the purchase of good will only, to the extent of 25 per cent upon such purchases, and which, upon the statement above made, would amount to £. 17,395, making together the sum of £. 87,978. We are therefore of opinion, that to provide also for the contingent expenses, and the sums above stated, it will be necessary to raise the sum of £. 100,000.

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We are, Gentlemen,

Your obedient faithful Servants,

(Signed)

W^m Mountague.
Joseph Kay.

Guildhall,
25th November 1819.

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Saint Martin's-le-Grand Improvement, and Site for a New Post-Office.

THE original estimate submitted to parliament of the expense of the purchases, amounted to £. 232,162, founded upon a rental of £. 6,191 per annum, taken from the assessments to the property tax, at thirty years purchase, being equal to £. 185,730, to which was added 25 per cent, for purchase of good wills, &c. amounting to £. 46,432, and making together the said sum of £. 232,162; the difference, £. 7,838, making up the sum of £. 240,000, authorized to be raised, was taken for contingencies.

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The purchases actually made for freehold and leasehold estates, and the interests of tenants at will, purchase of land tax, fixtures and interest paid on purchases, have amounted to the sum of

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| £. 172,774 | 3 | 7 | | | |
| and the expense of compensation thereon, has amounted } 40,288 | | | 3 | 8 | |
| to the sum of | | | | | |
| | £. | s. | d. | | |
| | | 213,062 | 7 | 3 | |
| The expense of contingencies, as particularized in the items contained in } 32,927 | | | 11 | 2½ | |
| Account (A.) and numbered from 2 to 15, both inclusive, amounted to } £. 245,989 | | | 18 | 5½ | |

The material causes of the deficiency, are the inadequacy of the said sum of £. 7,838, to defray the actual expense of contingencies; also the insufficiency of the estimated amount of 25 per cent, to meet the expenses of good wills; and the circumstance of more than three-fourths of the land and estates to be purchased, proving to be the property of the church, and held under leases for 40 years term, which leases it had been the invariable practice to renew at the expiration of the first fourteen years thereof, upon payment of fines. The lessors not being under any covenant for renewal, insisted on the full value of the reversionary estates at the expiration of the existing terms, which the purchasers under the act were obliged to submit to; and the lessees also made large claims in respect of such reversionary interests, in consequence of the invariable practice of the church to renew as before stated; which claims, being in respect of estates the lessees were compelled to sell, the juries thought proper to accede to, and thus the value of such reversionary estates was, in most instances, paid for twice; that is, to the lessors and to the lessees, and which also materially affected the consideration for good wills.

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Explanation of Contingencies.

THE Contingencies were originally computed at £.20,000, (£.8,000 included in the £.240,000 granted by the act, and the old materials expected to produce £.12,000,) but contingencies to a large amount have accrued in the progress of the business, which could not have been contemplated previously to the passing of the act, particularly the heavy expense of juries and costs paid to claimants, amounting to upwards of £.7,000, occasioned chiefly by the claims of lessees of the church estates for rights of renewal, not warranted by the leases and verdicts of juries in favour of such illegal claims, which subjected the concern to payment of the costs of the several claimants. The expense of hoarding and securing ground and buildings, providing a new church-yard, altering pavements and new paving, amounting to upwards of £.4,000. The deficiencies of taxes, &c. nearly two-thirds of the amount of this charge, have been an additional burthen on this fund, in consequence of the delay (two years beyond the time specified in the act of parliament) which has necessarily taken place in the erection of new houses required to be built by the act, and which has not been done, because the purchase of the ground could not be completed with the dean and chapter of Westminster.

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NEW POST OFFICE.—Recapitulation of Calculations of Purchases, &c.

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| The whole amount of purchases made and agreed for is - - - - - | £. s. d. |
| | 245,831 14 10 |
| This is exclusive of an allowance to Mr. Dollman of £. 300. | |
| The above sum is composed of the following items: £. s. d. | |
| Freeholds - - - - - | 92,100 11 5 |
| Leaseholds - - - - - | 105,170 5 8 |
| Compensations to tenants at will, for fixtures, goodwills, &c. - - - - - | 48,560 17 9 |
| | £. 245,831 14 10. |
| The amount of claims upon which these settlements have been made, is - - - - - } £. 382,238 2 6 | |
| To the above sum is to be added the estimate for completing the improvement, amounting to - - - - - } | 34,452 — — |
| Compensations, estimated at - - - - - | 17,595 — — |
| | £. 298,878 14 10 |
| Original valuations were freeholds and leaseholds - - - - - | |
| | £. s. d. |
| | 185,730 — — |
| Compositions - - - - - | 46,432 — — |
| | £. 232,162 — — |

An increase of expense in purchases beyond estimate of about £. 25 per cent.

In the above statement there was settled for by reference, by agreement with the committee, and by verdict of jury, for freehold and leasehold interests as under, upon which the actual valuation of the surveyors was,—

| | CLAIM. | | Surveyor's Valuation. | | Sum Paid. | |
|---------------------|------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| | £. | s. d. | £. | s. d. | £. | s. d. |
| Reference - - - - - | 113,514 | 4 2 | 80,909 | 13 8 | 85,492 | 18 4 |
| Juries - - - - - | 64,553 | 12 — | 40,769 | 18 3 | 48,585 | — — |
| Committee - - - - - | 57,733 | 16 8 | 41,618 | 14 8 | 44,442 | 16 — |
| | £. 235,801 | 12 10 | 163,298 | 6 7 | 176,520 | 14 4 |

In the purchases already agreed for and completed, amounting to £.245,831.14s.10d. the proportion of such purchases upon church property has amounted to £.162,627.2s.8d.

Office of Works, Guildhall, }
June 1820.

Appendix, No. 3. (G.)

NEW POST OFFICE.

Detailed Statement of the ESTIMATE presented to the Select Committee of the Honourable House of Commons, in the Year 1815.

| No. | SITUATION. | FREEHOLDERS. | LEASEHOLDERS. | OCCUPIERS. | Assessments to the Property Tax. | | |
|-------------------|---|---|--|--|----------------------------------|----|----|
| | | | | | £. | s. | d. |
| 2. | Paternoster-row | Peter Stephens | Vaughan Griffiths | { Arch ^d Hamilton, and others | 60 | - | - |
| 1. | - Ditto | - Ditto | { John Souter Vaughan Griffiths | { John Souter Vaughan Griffiths | 50 | - | - |
| 3. | Cheapside | { Malcolm Dunnett Parish St. Michael-le-Quern. | Malcolm Dunnett | Malcolm Dunnett | 120 | - | - |
| 2. | - Ditto | The Bishop of London | Malcolm Dunnett | Lawrence Ingram | 160 | - | - |
| 1. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Charles Kinder | Charles Kinder | 102 | - | - |
| 57. | Newgate-street | - Ditto | { Elizabeth Matthews Frederick Cole | { Elizabeth Matthews Frederick Cole | 41 | - | - |
| 56. | - Ditto | - Ditto | { Thomas Harris Captain Dowbiggen | Thomas Harris | 115 | - | - |
| 55. | - Ditto | - Ditto | { Thomas Harris Captain Dowbiggen | John Harris | 63 | - | - |
| 54. | - Ditto | Corporation of London | Henry Pritchard | Henry Pritchard | 40 | - | - |
| 148. | Cheapside | { The Governors of Christ's Hospital | { Ellis Shipley Lobb John Kynaston | Ellis Shipley Lobb | 100 | - | - |
| 61 ^a . | Newgate-street | Gilbert Burn | John Epps | John Epps | 50 | - | - |
| - | { Horse Shoe Tavern Horse Shoe Passage | William Sowerby | Henry Baker | Henry Baker | 10 | - | - |
| 61 ^b . | Newgate-street | { Gilbert Burn Sarah Mitchell William Bannister | William Bradley | William Bradley | 60 | - | - |
| 62. | { - Ditto (assessed in Round-court) - | Bishop of London | Charles Gatfield | Charles Gatfield | 170 | - | - |
| 63. | - Ditto | - Ditto | William Matthew | William Matthew | 42 | - | - |
| 64. | - Ditto | { Dean and Chapter of Westminster - | Benjamin Stephens | Benj. Stephens & son | 60 | - | - |
| 65. | | | Samuel Smith | Samuel Smith | 20 | - | - |
| 34. | St. Martin's-le-Grand | - Ditto | Samuel Smith | Samuel Smith | 20 | - | - |
| 1. | Round-court | - Ditto | { William Newman Caleb Welch Collins | William Newman | 30 | - | - |
| 2. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Caleb Welch Collins | Empty | 20 | - | - |
| 5. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Charles Gatfield | James Bill | 18 | - | - |
| 6. | - Ditto | - Ditto | John Leonard | Elizabeth Stephens | 18 | - | - |
| 7. | - Ditto | - Ditto | { Thomas & Charles Jones Samuel Smith | Thomas & Charles Jones | 14 | - | - |
| 8. | - Ditto | - Ditto | { Mary Hood Samuel Smith | Mary Hood | 14 | - | - |
| 9. | - Ditto | - Ditto | George Whitfield | Empty | 26 | - | - |
| 10. | - Ditto | - Ditto | { John Williams The Rector & Churchwardens of St. Leonard | Thomas Hacon | 95 | - | - |
| 11. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - Ditto | William John Millward | 20 | - | - |
| 12. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - Ditto | { Sarah Watkins Elizabeth Bateman | 18 | - | - |
| 13. | - Ditto | - Ditto | William Abud | McLellan | 16 | - | - |
| 14. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - Ditto | Elizabeth Flanders | 14 | - | - |
| 15. | - Ditto | - Ditto | { Ann Read William Abud | Ann Read | 20 | - | - |
| 16. | - Ditto | - Ditto | John Powell | John Powell | 24 | - | - |
| 17. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Michael Sheeres | Michael Sheeres | 70 | - | - |
| 35. | St. Martin's-le-Grand | - Ditto | William Jeffery | William Jeffery | 30 | - | - |
| 1. | New Rents | - Ditto | { George Longstaff Edward and Peter Cox | George Longstaff | 16 | - | - |
| 2. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - Ditto | Thomas Cancy | 25 | - | - |

Appendix, No. 3. (G.) Detailed Statement of Estimate, &c.—*continued.*

| No. | SITUATION. | FREEHOLDERS. | LEASEHOLDERS. | OCCUPIERS. | Assessments to the Property Tax. |
|-----------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| | | | | | £. s. d. |
| 3. | New Rents - - - | { Dean and Chapter of Westminster - - - | { Hugh Thorp Kernot - Edward and Peter Coxe - | { Joseph Cohen - - - | 16 - - |
| 4. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | - Ditto - - - | Hugh Thorp Kernot - - | 14 - - |
| 5. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | - Ditto - - - | John Witham - - - | 16 - - |
| 6. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | - Ditto - - - | Edward Young - - - | 16 - - |
| 8. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { William Rogers - Geary Salte - - - | { Herbert Fox - - - | 15 - - |
| 9. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | - Ditto - - - | Inmates - - - | 15 - - |
| 10. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | - Ditto - - - | Peter Smith - - - | 15 - - |
| 11. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | - Ditto - - - | Jane James - - - | 15 - - |
| 12. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | - Ditto - - - | Hugh Price - - - | 15 - - |
| 13. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | - Ditto - - - | John Cannon - - - | 15 - - |
| | { Eagle and Child Ale- house St. Martin's- le-grand - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { Messrs. Dickenson & Co. Geary Salte - - - | { Joseph Mortimer - - - | 41 - - |
| 37. | St. Martin's-le-grand - | - - Ditto - - - | { Rob ^t Bennett Thompson - Robert Holmes - - - | { Rob ^t Bennett Thompson - | 50 - - |
| 38. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { William Freeman - Marshall - - - | { William Freeman - - - | 40 - - |
| 39. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { Edward and Peter Coxe - George Lee & Son - - | { George Lee and Son - - - | 40 - - |
| 40. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { James Bullions - Edward & Peter Coxe - | { James Bullions - - - | 40 - - |
| 41. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { Goodwin, Skinner & Co. Joseph Ventom - - - | { Thomas Murray - - - | 45 - - |
| 42. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { John Lewis - - - William Purser - - - | { John Lewis - - - | 25 - - |
| 43. | The George Alehouse | - - Ditto - - - | - - - - - - - | Mary Ann Appleton - - | 40 - - |
| 44. | St. Martin's-le-Grand | - - Ditto - - - | { Joseph and Edw ^d Godwin, The Executors of the late James Wyatt - - - | { Joseph and Edward Godwin - - - | 35 - - |
| 45. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { Richard Knight & William Smith - - - John Hillman - - - | { Richard Knight - William Smith - - - | 35 - - |
| 46. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { Thomas Duddell - Marriott - - - | { Thomas Duddell - - - | 30 - - |
| 47. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { Mary Ford - - - Stephen Stephens - - - | { Mary Ford - - - | 30 - - |
| 48.) | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { Matthew Peter Davis - Peter Holmes - - - | { M. P. Davies - - - | 33 - - |
| 49.) | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { Robert Coleman - John Grant - - - James Beveridge - - - | { Robert Coleman - - - | 32 - - |
| 1. | Dean's-court - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { Robert Coleman - John Grant - - - James Beveridge - - - | { Robert Coleman - - - | 26 - - |
| 2. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { Henry Watts - - - John Grant - - - James Beveridge - - - | { Henry Watts - - - | 20 - - |
| 3. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | Thomas Rumball - - - | William Barrett - - - | 22 - - |
| 4. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { Philip Hitter - - - William Abud - - - | { Philip Hitter - - - | 16 - - |
| 5. ^a | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { George Hitter - - - William Abud - - - | { George Hitter - - - | 16 - - |
| 5. ^b | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { John Marston - - - William Abud - - - | { Robert Ward - - - | 14 - - |
| 6. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | Alex ^r Russell & Son - - | Alex ^r Russel and Son - - | 21 - - |
| 7. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | William Abud - - - | John Godfrey Warner - - | 13 - - |
| 8. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | William Abud - - - | Robert Fish - - - | 14 - - |
| 9. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { Henry Rider - - - Thomas Chanless - - - | { Henry Rider - - - | 40 - - |
| 10. | - Ditto - - - | - - Ditto - - - | { Samuel Evans - - - William Abud - - - | { Samuel Evans - - - John Martin - - - | 25 - - |

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Appendix, No. 3. (G.) Detailed Statement of Estimate, &c.—*continue 1.*

| No. | SITUATION. | FREEHOLDERS. | LEASEHOLDERS. | OCCUPIERS. | Assessments to the Property Tax. | | |
|-----|--------------------------|--|---|---|----------------------------------|----|----|
| | | | | | £. | s. | d. |
| 1. | Little Dean's-court | {Dean and Chapter of Westminster | William Abud | James Bellamy | 20 | - | - |
| 2. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - Ditto | Hannah Leak | 20 | - | - |
| 3. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - Ditto | Edward Wikey | 24 | - | - |
| 4. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - Ditto | James Bird | 24 | - | - |
| 5. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - Ditto | James Robinson | 24 | - | - |
| 6. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - Ditto | William Baker | 21 | - | - |
| 50. | St. Martin's-le-Grand | - Ditto | {Richard Gould Eliza Frances Simmons Robert Fisher | Emanuel Morris | 20 | - | - |
| 51. | - Ditto | - Ditto | {Eliza Frances Simmons Robert Fisher | Martha Hearn | 24 | - | - |
| 52. | - Ditto | {Parish of St. Ann and Agnes | David Bligh | David Bligh | 24 | - | - |
| 53. | - Ditto | - Ditto | William Shepherd | William Shepherd & Son | 35 | - | - |
| 54. | - Ditto | - Ditto | {Henry Budd John Whitburn | Henry Budd | 42 | - | - |
| 55. | The Bell Alehouse | - Ditto | Henry Meux | Eliza Sarah Langton | 29 | - | - |
| 56. | St. Martin's-le-Grand | - Ditto | John Bailey | John Bailey | 32 | - | - |
| 57. | - Ditto | - Ditto | William Matthews | William Matthews | 30 | - | - |
| 58. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Mary De Grave | Mary De Grave | 31 | - | - |
| 10. | St. Ann's-lane | - Ditto | John Connop | John Connop | 25 | - | - |
| 11. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Henry Stobart | Henry Stobart | 30 | - | - |
| 12. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - | Benjamin Simms | 24 | - | - |
| 13. | {White Swan Public-house | - Ditto | Calvert and Co. | Thomas Croxall | 40 | - | - |
| 14. | St. Ann's-lane | {Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's and Minor Canons | John Diggins | John Diggins | 30 | - | - |
| 15. | - Ditto | - Ditto | {John Diggins Elizabeth Prickett Tho ^s J ⁿ & Ben ⁿ Fowles George Cromwell | {Tho ^s J ⁿ & Ben ⁿ Towles George Cromwell | 70 | - | - |
| 16. | - Ditto | - Ditto | {John Diggins Thomas Smith Charles Drake | Charles Drake | 70 | - | - |
| 17. | - Ditto | - Ditto | — Barber | John Biden | 30 | - | - |
| 18. | - Ditto | - Ditto | {James Payne Rev. John Moore | James Payne | 60 | - | - |
| 18. | Foster-lane | - Ditto | — Meriton | John Biden | 200 | - | - |
| 20. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1. | Bell-square | Goldsmith's Company | {Thomas Sawyer John Hall | {Thomas Sawyer John Hall | 115 | - | - |
| 2. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Sawyer and Hall | {Henry Mills Hannah Sberborn | 20 | - | - |
| 4. | - Ditto | Rev. John Davis | {George Darling Warne Edmund Warne | James Sharp | 20 | - | - |
| 5. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Robert Fisher | Robert Fisher | 20 | - | - |
| 6. | - Ditto | {Parish of St. Ann and Agnes | John Whitburn | John Theobalds | 13 | - | - |
| 7. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - Ditto | James Leverton | 20 | - | - |
| 8. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Samuel Bellingham | Samuel Bellingham | 23 | - | - |
| 9. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Henry Stobart | Cornelius Rich | 15 | - | - |
| 10. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Cornelius Rich | Cornelius Rich | 15 | - | - |
| 11. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Executors of the late W ^m Nunn | James Swetman | 26 | - | - |
| 12. | - Ditto | Augustus Brown | {— Humphreys — Brooks | {Alice Latham John Allan | 15 | - | - |
| 21. | Foster-lane | Francis & Eliza Percy | {William Browne William Blundstone | {William Brown William Blundstone | 60 | - | - |
| 22. | - Ditto | Augustus Brown | - | Thomas Brind | 50 | - | - |
| 23. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - | Augustus Brown | 60 | - | - |
| 24. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - | Isaac Kellett | 50 | - | - |
| — | White Hart Alehouse | {Dean and Chapter of Westminster | William Whitehorn William Abud | William Whitehorn | 60 | - | - |

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Appendix, No. 3 (G.) Detailed Statement of Estimate, &c.—continued.

| No. | SITUATION. | FREEHOLDERS. | LEASEHOLDERS. | OCCUPIERS. | Assessments to the Property Tax. |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | | £. s. d. |
| 28. | Foster-lane | { Dean and Chapter of Westminster | William Anderson William Abud | William Anderson | 45 - - |
| 1 ^a . | George-street | - Ditto | William Billinghamurst | Isaac Jacques | 16 - - |
| 1 ^b . | - Ditto | - Ditto | James Davenport Thomas Wick | James Davenport | 23 - - |
| | Blue Anchor Ale-house | - Ditto | George Oakly Thomas Wick | George Oakly | 47 - - |
| 4. | George-street | - Ditto | William Guthrie John Hillman | William Guthrie | 16 - - |
| 5. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Thomas Habgood William Abud | Thomas Habgood | 52 - - |
| 6. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Thomas Habgood John Herbert William Abud | John Herbert | 24 - - |
| 7. | - Ditto | - Ditto | George Elles | George Elles | 24 - - |
| 8. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Thomas Habgood William Abud | William Pickersgill | 25 - - |
| 9. | - Ditto | - Ditto | George Archer John Hillman | George Archer | 20 - - |
| 10. | - Ditto | - Ditto | William Edwards | William Edwards | 14 - - |
| 11. | - Ditto | - Ditto | John Marston William Abud | John Marston | 16 - - |
| 1. | Mould Makers Row | - Ditto | John Land | Mary Gurner | 75 - - |
| 2. | | | - Beveridge | William Garland | 15 - - |
| 3. | | | John Grant | Mary Madcraf | 15 - - |
| 4. | | | John Hillman | Frederic Otto | 20 - - |
| 5. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Samuel Sherman Thomas Wick | Thomas Coste | 24 - - |
| 6. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Richard Dixon | Richard Bagwell | 20 - - |
| 8. | - Ditto | - Ditto | John Mayne John Tanner | John Mayne | 12 - - |
| | Hoop and Falcon Ale-house | - Ditto | John Tanner | Evan Evans | 36 - - |
| 10 ^a . | Mould Maker's Row | - Ditto | William Piper | William Piper | 16 - - |
| 10 ^b . | | | - Ditto | John Hillman | - Ditto |
| 11. | - Ditto | - Ditto | William Guthrie John Hillman | George Clarke | 14 - - |
| 12. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Abraham Beard John Grant | Abraham Beard | 14 - - |
| 13. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Joseph Page | Joseph Page | 14 - - |
| 29. | Foster-lane | - Ditto | John Hillman | Hillman and Bacon | 90 - - |
| 30. | | | - Ditto | - Ditto | |
| 31. | - Ditto | - Ditto | - Ditto | { James Crookey John Holme | 70 - - |
| 34. | - Ditto | - Ditto | Ambrose Welchman Clement Pool John Stirtevant | Ambrose Welchman | 60 - - |
| 35. | Foster-lane | Henry Hoare | William & James Lowndes & Co. | William and James Lowndes & Co. | 85 - - |
| 36. | - Ditto | - - - - | John Kesterton | Dennis Gardner | 19 - - |
| 37. | - Ditto | Charles Corbould | - - - - | Charles Corbould | 27 - - |
| 38. | - Ditto | - - - - | Henry Evans | Empty | 70 - - |
| 39. | - Ditto | Samuel Wright | John Land | Thomas Duplock | 24 - - |
| 40. | - Ditto | { Richard and George Knight, Grocer's Company | R. and G. Knight | R. and G. Knight | 150 - - |
| 41. | | | - - - - | - - - - | |
| 176. | Aldersgate-street | Dean and Chapter of Westminster | William Lloyd | William Lloyd | 61 - - |
| 177. | | | - - - - | Robert Fisher | |
| 178. | - Ditto | { Governors of Christ's Hospital | Lawrence Dorgan | Lawrence Dorgan | 100 - - |
| 179. | - Ditto | - Ditto | William Bosher | William Bosher | 60 - - |

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Appendix, No. 3, (G.) Detailed Statement of Estimate, &c.—continued.

| N ^o | SITUATION. | FREEHOLDERS. | LEASEHOLDERS. | OCCUPIERS. | Assessments to the Property Tax. | | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|----|----|
| | | | | | £. | s. | d. | |
| 1. | Magpie-court - | Governors of Christ's Hospital - | William Bruce - John Chettle - John Newberry - Joseph Bryaut - | John Silvanus - | 125 | - | - | |
| 2. | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | John Chettle - | Thomas Crew - | | | | |
| 3. | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | Hucan Hewett - | | | | |
| 4. | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | John Hume - William Matthews - | John Hume - | | | | |
| 5. | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | John Hume - John Chettle - | Thomas Williams - | | | | |
| 6. | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | John Chettle - - Ditto - | William Hart - Richard Ellis - | | | | |
| 1. | Upper Magpie-court - | - Ditto - | William Matthews - | John Hawkins - | | | | |
| 2. | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | Empty - | | | | |
| 3. | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | James Pratt - | | | | |
| 4. | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | William Capel - | | | | |
| 5. | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | Samuel Knight - | | | | |
| | The Nag's Head Public-house - | - Ditto - | Thomas Burleigh - | Henry Twelvetree - | | | | 65 |
| 1. | St. Martin's-le-grand | Corporation of London | Thomas Reynolds - | James Waugh - | 46 | - | - | |
| 2. | | | Wood - | | | | | |
| 3. | - Ditto - | Christ's Hospital | John Norminton - William Todd - | John Norminton - | 25 | - | - | |
| 4. | - Ditto - | - Ditto - | William Todd - | William Todd - | 40 | - | - | |
| 1. | Bull and Mouth-street | Corporation of London | Joseph and Charles Delafons - | Joseph and Charles Delafons - | 20 | - | - | |
| 27. | - Ditto - | Governors of Christ's Hospital - | Sarah Goddard - Barber - John Long - | Sarah Goddard - | 24 | - | - | |
| 5. | St. Martin's-le-grand - | - Ditto - | Henry King - | Henry King - | 80 | - | - | |
| 6. | | | - Ditto - | Robert Bedford - John Long - | Robert Bedford - | 36 | - | - |
| | | | | | £. | 6,191 | - | - |

| | | | | | | |
|--|----|---------|----|---|----|--------------------|
| Amount of the foregoing Assessments - | £. | 6,191 | s. | - | d. | - |
| | | | | | | 30 years purchase, |
| | £. | 185,730 | s. | - | d. | - |
| Add 25 per cent for compensations and good wills - | | 46,432 | s. | - | d. | - |
| | £. | 232,162 | s. | - | d. | - Total. |

Office of Works, Guildhall.
June 1820.

W^m Mountague,
Joseph Kay.

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TABLE showing the VARIATIONS of actual Payment, by Compromise

| DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY. | DETAIL OF ESTIMATE, 1815. | | | | ACTUAL PAYMENTS. | | |
|---|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|-------|
| | Assessment to Property Tax. | Property. | Compensation. | TOTAL. | FREEHOLDS. | | |
| | | | | | By Compromise. | Arbitration. | Jury. |
| | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | |
| PATERNOSTER ROW - No. 2. | 60 - - | | | | | | |
| 1. | 50 - - | | | | | | |
| | 110 - - | 3,300 - - | 825 - - | 4,125 - - | 2,100 - - | | |
| CHEAPSIDE - - - - No. 3. | 120 - - | 3,600 - - | 900 - - | 4,500 - - | not purchased. | | |
| ESTATE OF BISHOP OF LONDON. | | | | | | | |
| CHEAPSIDE - - - - No. 2. | 160 - - | | | | | | |
| 1. | 102 - - | | | | | | |
| NEWGATE STREET - - No. 27. | 41 - - | | | | | | |
| 56. | 115 - - | | | | | 9,895 - 7 | |
| 55. | 63 - - | | | | | | |
| 62. | 180 - - | | | | | | |
| 63. | 42 - - | | | | | | |
| | 703 - - | 21,090 - - | 5,272 10 - | 26,362 10 - | | 9,895 - 7 | |
| ESTATE OF CORPORATION OF LONDON. | | | | | | | |
| NEWGATE STREET - - No. 54. | 40 - - | | | | | | |
| ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND - 1. | 45 - - | | | | | 3,319 - - | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| BULL AND MOUTH STREET, 1. | 20 - - | | | | | | |
| | 106 - - | 3,480 - - | 795 - - | 3,975 - - | | 3,319 - - | |
| ESTATE OF CHRIST'S HOSPITAL. | | | | | | | |
| CHEAPSIDE - - - - No. 148. | 100 - - | | | | | | |
| ALDERSGATE STREET - 178. | 100 - - | | | | | | |
| 179. | 60 - - | | | | | | |
| MAGPIE COURT - - - 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| a. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |
| 6. | 125 - - | | | | | | |
| UPPER MAGPIE COURT - 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | | | | | | 9,279 - - | |
| 3. | | | | | | | |
| 4. | | | | | | | |
| 5. | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 9,279 - - | |
| NAG'S HEAD PUBLIC-HOUSE - | 65 - - | | | | | | |
| ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND, No. 3. | 25 - - | | | | | | |
| 4. | 40 - - | | | | | | |
| BULL AND MOUTH STREET, 27. | 24 - - | | | | | | |
| ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND - 5. | | | | | | | |
| & | 80 - - | | | | | | |
| 6. | | | | | | | |
| 8. | 36 - - | | | | | | |
| | 655 - - | 19,650 - - | 4,912 10 - | 24,562 10 - | | | |
| NEWGATE STREET - - - a 61. | 60 - - | | | | 3,500 - - | | |
| Gibert Burn, and Mitchell | | | | | 480 - - | | |
| and Bannister - - - b 61. | 170 - - | | | | | | |
| | 230 - - | 6,900 - - | 1,725 - - | 8,625 - - | | | |
| | | | | | 3,950 - - | | |
| NEWGATE STREET. | | | | | | | |
| HORSE-SHOE TAVERN - - - | 60 - - | 1,800 - - | 450 - - | 2,250 - - | | 2,132 - - | |
| ESTATE OF PARISH OF ST. ANNE AND AGNES. | | | | | | | |
| ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND { 52. | 24 - - | | | | | | |
| { 53. | 35 - - | | | | | | |
| { 54. | 42 - - | | | | | | |
| { 55. | 29 - - | | | | | | |
| { 56. | 32 - - | | | | | | |
| { 57. | 30 - - | | | | | 8,605 10 10 | |
| { 58. | 31 - - | | | | | | |

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of by Verdict of Jury; distinguishing the several Heads of Value.

ACTUAL PAYMENTS.

| LEASEHOLDS. | | | TENANTS AT WILL. | | COMPENSATIONS. | | Fixtures. | TOTAL. |
|---|------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Compromise. | Arbitration. | Jury. | Compromise. | Jury. | Compromise. | Jury. | | |
| £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. |
| | 3,453 10 | | | | 894 11 10 500 - - | | | |
| | | | | | 1,394 11 10 | | | 6,948 1 10 |
| not settled. the same. the same. 100 not settled. | in part only. | 5,400 1,700 | | | | 2,193 5 1,100 - - | 1,800 200 | |
| 100 | | 7,100 | | | | 3,293 5 | 21,000 | 22,488 5 7 |
| not settled. {not to be Leases to | purchased. run out. | | | | | | | 3,979 - - |
| not settled for. {not to be Leases to | purchased. run out. | | | | | | | |
| 100 | | | 50 30 21 21 21 | | | | | |
| | | 300 | | | | 450 230 | | |
| 750 | | | 40 | | | | | |
| | 188 12 | | | | 75 | | | |
| 850 | 188 12 | 300 | 155 | | 75 | 680 | | 11,555 12 - |
| {not to be Leases to | purchased. run out. | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 540 | | | | | 710 | | 74 18 - | |
| 700 | | | | | | | | |
| 1,197 | | | | | 1,303 | | 156 5 6 | |
| 2,437 | | | | | 2,013 | | 251 3 6 | 8,681 3 6 |
| | | 1,000 | | | | 1,400 | 232 4 - | 4,764 4 - |
| | | 235 250 | | | | 650 215 | 45 6 - 91 11 6 | |
| 20 500 350 150 | 387 | | | | 450 500 700 850 281 | | 74 2 - 141 8 6 7 1 6 | |
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Appendix, No. 3, (H.) Variations of Actual Payments, &c.—*continued*

| DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY. | DETAIL OF ESTIMATE, 1815. | | | | ACTUAL PAYMENTS. | | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Assessment to Property Tax | Property. | Compensation. | TOTAL. | FREEHOLDS. | | |
| | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | By Compromise. | Arbitration. | Jury. |
| Estate of Parish of St. Anne and Agnes <i>continued.</i> | | | | | | | |
| ST. ANNE'S LANE 10. | 25 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | } | | |
| 11. | 30 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| 12. | 24 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| 13. | 40 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| BELL SQUARE 6. | 13 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| 7. | 20 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | } | | |
| 8. | 23 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| 9. | 15 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| 10. | 26 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| | 439 - - | 13,170 - - | 3,292 10 - | 16,462 10 - | - - - | 8,605 10 10 | - - - |
| DEAN AND CHAPTER OF ST. PAUL'S. | | | | | | | |
| ST. ANN'S LANE 14. | 30 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | } | | |
| 15. | 70 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| 16. | 70 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| 17. | 30 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| 18. | 60 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | } | 2,741 - - | |
| FOSTER LANE 17. | 200 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| | 460 - - | 13,800 - - | 3,450 - - | 17,250 - - | - - - | 2,741 - - | - - - |
| ESTATE OF GOLDSMITH'S COM- PANY. | | | | | | | |
| FOSTER LANE No. 20. | } 115 - - | | | | | 2,460 - - | |
| BELL SQUARE 1. | | | | | | | |
| 2. | 115 - - | 3,450 - - | 862 10 - | 4,312 10 - | | | |
| Rev. JOHN DAVIES. | | | | | | | |
| BELL SQUARE 3. | 20 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | } | | |
| 4. | 20 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| 5. | 20 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| | 60 - - | 1,800 - - | 450 - - | 2,250 - - | 670 - - | - - - | - - - |
| AUGUSTUS BROWN. | | | | | | | |
| BELL SQUARE 11. | } 15 - - | | | | | 14,924 - - | |
| 12. | | | | | | | |
| FOSTER LANE 22. | 50 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | } | | |
| 23. | 60 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| 24. | 50 - - | - - - - | - - - - | - - - - | | | |
| | 175 - - | 5,250 - - | 1,312 10 - | 6,562 10 - | - - - | 14,924 - - | - - - |
| FRANCIS & ELIZABETH PERCY. | | | | | | | |
| FOSTER LANE 21. | 60 - - | 1,800 - - | 450 - - | 2,250 - - | 2,672 - - | - - - | - - - |
| HENRY HOARE. | | | | | | | |
| FOSTER LANE 35. | 85 - - | 2,550 - - | 637 10 - | 3,187 10 - | 4,500 - - | - - - | - - - |
| JOHN KESTERTON. | | | | | | | |
| FOSTER LANE 36. | 19 - - | 570 - - | 142 10 - | 712 10 - | - - - | - - - | 525 - - |
| CHARLES CORBOULD. | | | | | | | |
| FOSTER LANE 37. | 27 - - | 810 - - | 202 10 - | 1,012 10 - | - - - | - - - | 1,200 - - |
| JOHN COOPER. | | | | | | | |
| FOSTER LANE 38. | 70 - - | 2,100 - - | 525 - - | 2,625 - - | 1,850 - - | - - - | - - - |
| SAMUEL WRIGHT. | | | | | | | |
| FOSTER LANE 39. | 24 - - | 720 - - | 180 - - | 900 - - | 626 - - | - - - | - - - |
| KNIGHT & Co. | | | | | | | |
| FOSTER LANE 40 & 41, &c. | 150 - - | 4,500 - - | 1,125 - - | 5,625 - - | not purchased. | | - - - |
| CHANDLESS. | | | | | | | |
| DEAN'S COURT 9. | 40 - - | 1,200 - - | 500 - - | 1,500 - - | - - - | 1,380 - - | - - - |

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ACTUAL PAYMENTS.

| LEASEHOLDS. | | | TENANTS AT WILL. | | COMPENSATIONS. | | Fixtures. | TOTAL. |
|---|---|-----------|------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Compromise. | Arbitration. | Jury. | Compromise. | Jury. | Compromise. | Jury. | | |
| £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. |
| 285 -- -- not settled. the same. lease expired. | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 915 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- |
| Leasehold included with 54, St. Martin's-le-Grand. | | | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- |
| | | | 50 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- |
| | Leasehold included with 11, St. Ann's-lane. | | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- |
| | 300 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 250 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- |
| Lease expired. | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 140 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- |
| 1,305 -- -- | 806 -- -- | 485 -- -- | 190 -- -- | -- -- -- | 3,926 -- -- | 865 -- -- | 359 9 6 | 16,548 -- 4 |
| not settled. the same. the same. 150 -- -- not settled. | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- |
| 2,800 -- -- 9,559 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 3,850 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- |
| 12,509 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 3,350 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 18,600 -- -- |
| not settled. | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 2,460 -- -- |
| 570 -- -- 400 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- |
| 970 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 1,640 -- -- |
| -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 100 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 22 16 -- | -- -- -- |
| -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- |
| -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 100 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 22 16 -- | 15,046 16 -- |
| -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 850 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 500 -- -- | 400 -- -- | 4,422 -- -- |
| -- -- -- | 1,052 12 -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 5,558 12 -- |
| -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 525 -- -- |
| -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 500 -- -- | -- -- -- | 1,700 -- -- |
| 600 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 2,450 -- -- |
| not settled. | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 626 -- -- |
| -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- |
| -- -- -- | 400 -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | -- -- -- | 350 -- -- | -- -- -- | 197 12 -- 35 -- -- | 2,362 12 -- |

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Appendix, No. 3, (H.) Variations of Actual Payments, &c.—continued.

| DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY. | DETAIL OF ESTIMATE, 1815. | | | | ACTUAL PAYMENTS. . . . | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|------------------------|--------------|-------|
| | Assessment to Property Tax. | Property. | Compensation. | Total. | FREEHOLDS. | | |
| | | | | | By Compromise. | Arbitration. | Jury. |
| | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | |
| ESTATE OF DEAN AND CHAPTER OF WESTMINSTER. | | | | | | | |
| NEWGATE STREET - No. 64. | 60 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 65. | | | | | | | |
| ROUND COURT - - - - 1. | 30 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 2. | 20 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 5. | 18 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 6. | 18 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 8. | 26 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 9. | 95 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 10. | 20 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 11. | 20 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 12. | 18 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND, 34. | 20 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| ROUND COURT - - - - 7. | 28 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 16. | 24 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 17. | 70 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 13. | 16 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 14. | 14 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 15. | 20 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| DEAN'S COURT - - - - 4. | 16 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 5. ^a | 16 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 5. ^b | 14 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 6. | 21 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 7. | 13 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 8. | 14 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 10. | 25 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| LITTLE DEAN'S COURT - 1. | 20 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 2. | 20 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 3. | 24 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 4. | 24 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 5. | 24 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 6. | 21 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| FOSTER LANE—WHITE HART No. 28. | 50 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 45 - - | | | | | | | |
| GEORGE STREET - - - - 5. | 32 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 6. | 20 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 8. | 25 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 11. | 16 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND - 35 | 30 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| NEW RENTS - - - - - 1. | 16 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 2. | 25 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 3. | 16 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 4. | 14 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 5. | 16 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 6. | 16 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND - 39. | 40 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 40. | 40 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| NEW RENTS - - - - - 8. | 15 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 9. | 15 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 10. | 15 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 11. | 15 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 12. | 15 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 13. | 15 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND, EAGLE & CHILD No. 37. | 41 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 50 - - | | | | | | | |
| 38. | 40 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 41. | 45 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 42. | 25 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| GEORGE ALEHOUSE - - 43. | 40 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND - 44. | 35 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |

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ACTUAL PAYMENTS.

| LEASEHOLDS. | | | TENANTS AT WILL. | | COMPENSATIONS. | | Fixtures. | TOTAL. |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Compromise. | Arbitration. | Jury. | Compromise. | Jury. | Compromise. | Jury. | | |
| £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| - - - | 2,342 - - | 852 10 - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 1,650 - - | - - - | - - - |
| 1,800 - - | - - - | 292 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 408 - - | 24 14 4 | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 100 - - | - - - | - - - | 60 - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | 135 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 265 - - | - - - | - - - |
| 1,800 - - | - - - | - - - | 100 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 221 19 - | - - - |
| { 1,905 10 } { 360 - - } | - - - | - - - | 50 - - | - - - | 5 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 225 - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | { 2,860 } { 300 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 650 - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | 350 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 400 - - | - - - | - - - |
| { 1,300 } { 100 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 200 - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 1,180 - - | - - - | 170 - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 150 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 500 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 250 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 60 4 10 | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | 286 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 550 - - | - - - | 117 12 - | - - - |
| - - - | 88 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 170 - - | - - - | 43 8 - | - - - |
| - - - | 415 - - | - - - | 65 6 - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 50 - - | - - - | 300 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 50 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | { 9,521 } { 450 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | 250 - - | 20 - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 50 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 50 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 75 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 100 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 225 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | 800 - - | - - - | - - - | 485 - - | - - - | 130 - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 990 6 - | 124 6 - | - - - |
| 225 - - | 1,155 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 325 - - | 115 - - | - - - |
| - - - | 382 5 - | - - - | 140 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 25 14 - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 50 - - | - - - | 250 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 5 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 15 - - | - - - |
| { 102 13 } { 102 13 } { 100 - - } { 100 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 275 - - | - - - | 50 - - | - - - |
| 200 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 20 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 150 - - | 5,228 - - | - - - | 10 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 100 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | 242 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 500 - - | - - - | 25 18 - | - - - |
| 180 - - | - - - | - - - | 50 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 30 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 20 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | { 3,195 } { 1,002 10 } | - - - | 150 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 150 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 600 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 500 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 500 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 30 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | { 550 } { 250 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | 100 - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | { 200 } { 360 - - } | - 1 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 209 19 - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | { 150 } { 800 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | 450 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | 856 9 8 | - - - | - - - | - - - | 1,000 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 500 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |

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| DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY. | DETAIL OF ESTIMATE IN 1815. | | | | ACTUAL PAYMENTS | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------|--|--|--|------------|
| | Assessment to Property Tax. | Property. | Compensation. | TOTAL. | FREEHOLDS. | | | | | | |
| | | | | | By Compromise. | Arbitration. | Jury. | | | | |
| | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | | | | | |
| Dean and Chapter of Westminster— <i>continued.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND 45. | 35 - - | } | | | | | | | | | |
| GEORGE STREET - - - 4. | 16 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. | 20 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOULDMAKERS ROW - - 4. | 20 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 ^a . | 16 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 ^b . | 12 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11. | 14 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| FOSTER LANE - - - - 29. | } 90 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31. | | | | | | | 70 - - | | | | |
| ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND 46. | 30 - - | } | | | | | | | | | |
| 47. | 30 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 48. | 35 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 49. | 32 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| DEAN'S COURT - - - - 1. | 26 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. | 20 - - | } | | | | | | | | | |
| MOULDMAKERS ROW - 1. | 15 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. | 15 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | 15 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12. | 14 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| DEAN'S COURT - - - - 3. | 22 - - | } | | | | | | | | | |
| 50. | 20 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 51. | 24 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| GEORGE STREET - - - 1 ^a . | 16 - - | } | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. | 14 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 ^b . | 28 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| BLUE ANCHOR - - - - | 47 - - | } | | | | | | | | | |
| MOULDMAKERS ROW - 5. | 24 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| GEORGE STREET - - - 7. | 24 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOULDMAKERS ROW - - 6. | 20 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. | 12 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOOP AND FALCON - - - | 36 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| MOULDMAKERS ROW - 13. | 14 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| FOSTER LANE - - - - 34. | 60 - - | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALDRSGATE STREET - 176 | } 61 - - | | | | | | | | | | 19,272 - - |
| 177. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2,483 - - | 74,490 - - | 18,624 10 0 | 93,112 10 - | | 19,272 - - | | | | | |
| | | | £. 232,162 10 - | | | | | | | | |

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| LEASEHOLDS. | | | TENANTS AT WILL. | | COMPENSATION. | | Fixtures. | TOTAL. |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|----------|---------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| Compromise. | Arbitration. | Jury. | Compromise. | Jury. | Compromise. | Jury. | | |
| £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. | £. s. d. |
| 100 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 400 - - | - - - | 52 4 - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 105 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 334 4 - | - - - | 40 16 - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | 85 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | 10,950 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | 552 10 - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 630 - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 4,235 - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | 150 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 550 - - | - - - | - - - |
| { 950 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 66 9 9 | - - - |
| { 300 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | { 400 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | 150 - - | - - - | 22 9 - | - - - |
| - - - | { 92 10 - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | 600 - - | - - - | 192 3 - | - - - |
| - - - | 875 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | 700 - - | - - - | 160 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | 350 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 350 - - | - - - | 103 4 6 | - - - |
| - - - | { 622 10 - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | 30 - - | - - - | 30 5 6 | - - - |
| - - - | { 280 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | { 800 - - } | - - - | 50 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | { 694 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 237 13 - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 100 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 500 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 250 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| Expired leases. | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | { 187 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | 200 - - | - - - | 42 - - | - - - |
| - - - | { 530 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | 440 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 250 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 2,000 - - | 563 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 800 - - | 20 - - | - - - |
| 150 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | 1,000 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 481 - - | - - - | - - - |
| { 325 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| { 300 - - } | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | 1,650 - - | 40 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 100 - - | - - - | - - - |
| - - - | 483 10 - | - - - | - - - | - - - | 100 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 405 - - | - - - | 1,200 - - | - - - | - - - | 180 - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| Not to be purchased, leases run out. | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - |
| 15,140 16 - | 27,919 14 8 | 27,703 1 - | 1,595 6 - | 150 - - | 10,237 1 10 | 12,529 5 - | 1,651 3 1 | 116,198 7 7 |
| | | | | | | | £. | 245,831 14 10 |

W^m Mountague.
Joseph Kay.

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General Statement of Result of the Abandonment, in its present state, of Ground proposed to be provided for the New Post-Office.

| | £. | s. | d. | £. | s. | d. |
|---|---------|----|----|---------|---------|-----|
| Total Amount expended as stated to Parliament to the 29th Nov. 1819 | 245,989 | 18 | 6 | | | |
| Deduct amount received for old materials and rents | 11,180 | 6 | - | 234,809 | 12 | 6 |
| Further expenditure since | - | - | - | 1,062 | 16 | - |
| Additional engagements entered into with dean and chapter of Westminster | 19,272 | - | - | | | |
| Mr. Brown | 14,924 | - | - | 34,196 | - | - |
| | | | | £. | 270,968 | 8 6 |
| Estimated amount of return from the sale of all the vacant ground, and of the leasehold and freehold interests in the present buildings | | | | £. | 59,809 | - - |
| Loss on balance | | | | £. | 211,159 | 8 6 |
| | | | | £. | 270,968 | 8 6 |

In addition to the above balance, there will be the further loss of the compensation to be paid to Mr. Browne, that remains to be ascertained, and a deficiency of rates to be provided for, for the parts of the ground laid open to the public.

It should also be considered, that the surplus-ground available, if the Post-Office is built, is estimated at £.27,000, to be returned to the fund, and about £.14,000 for surplus-ground, that would belong to the Post-Office.

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A Statement, showing the estimated Amount of the Sums of Money which may be saved to the Fund, if part of the proposed Improvement by the Plan is postponed till the expiration of the Leases, and other part abandoned.

| | £. | s. | d. |
|--|--------|--------|------------|
| If the formation of the improvement at the south end of Foster-lane is abandoned, there will be a saving of purchases estimated at | 7,648 | 4 | - |
| Exclusive of what the parties might obtain for good-wills, and the return from the re-sale of the freehold interest of Mr. Lobb's house. | | | |
| If the purchases of the property at the west end of Cheapside is deferred until the expiration of the longest lease, there will be a saving of purchases estimated at | 11,064 | 10 | - |
| But from this sum must be deducted the value of the freehold interest of Dunnet and St. John Zachary | 5,243 | 15 | - |
| | | | 5,820 15 - |
| And these calculations are exclusive of what the parties might be entitled to as compensations for good-wills, and the return from re-letting part of the property for the longest term. | | | |
| Saving, exclusive of good-wills | £. | 13,468 | 19 - |

N. B.—The property in St. Anne's-lane will be necessary to be purchased, on account of the length of the leases, which, if not done, will prevent the completion of the building of the New Post-Office.

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▲ Statement, showing the estimated Value of the uncovered Ground in Saint Martin's-le-Grand, and the Value of the several Interests purchased in Premises not pulled down, if offered for Sale.

| | £. | s. | d. |
|--|--------|--------|-----|
| Vacant ground, including the slip of ground between Saint Martin's-le-Grand and the new street, estimated to produce | 29,825 | - | - |
| The several interests purchased in property not pulled down, estimated to produce | 29,984 | - | - |
| | £. | 59,809 | - - |

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An Abstract of the Money received and paid by the Chamberlain of the City of London, in pursuance of the Act of the 56th of his late Majesty George the Third, for enlarging and improving the West-end of Cheapside in the City of London; also, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Aldersgate-street, St. Anne's-lane and Foster-lane; and for providing a Site for a New Post-Office, from 23d July 1815 to the 2d June 1820; distinguishing the Amount expended in Purchases for Freehold and Leasehold Premises, and for Good Wills, &c.; and the Amount paid to the several Officers of the City employed in carrying the said Act into execution.

| | £. | s. | d. |
|---|---------|---------|------|
| To cash of the receiver-general of the revenue of His Majesty's Post-Office, being the money authorized to be raised for the purposes of the above-mentioned act | 240,000 | - | - |
| To the sale of old materials | 9,262 | 18 | 1½ |
| To rents of premises purchased for the purposes of the act | 3,428 | 13 | 5. |
| To cash of Mr. Comptroller, being the consideration for the purchase of premises in Magpie-court, returned by him in consequence of difficulties having arisen on the appointment for the payment of the same | 263 | 12 | - |
| | £. | 252,955 | 3 6½ |

| Nº | By the purchase of grounds and premises for effecting the purposes of the Act; viz. | £. | s. | d. | £. | s. | d. |
|----|---|----------|---------|------|---------|----|----|
| 1. | Freeholds | 57,904 | 11 | 5 | 216,288 | 15 | 3 |
| | Leaseholds | 105,236 | 5 | 8 | | | |
| | Tenancies at will | 2,063 | 6 | - | | | |
| | Good wills and compensations | 41,503 | 3 | 8 | | | |
| | Fixtures | £. 5,234 | 8 | 1 | | | |
| | Purchase of land-tax | 687 | - | - | | | |
| | Interest on purchase money | 3,666 | - | 5 | | | |
| 2. | By parliamentary and other expenses incurred in soliciting and obtaining the act | - | - | - | 4,688 | 17 | 8 |
| | By the several officers of the city employed in carrying the said act into execution; viz. | | | | | | |
| 3. | Joseph Bushnan, esq. comptroller for stamp duties, conveyancing, &c. | - | - | - | 5,724 | 12 | 6 |
| | W. L. Newman, esq. solicitor for law charges and expenses of juries on disputed claims | - | - | - | 4,135 | 16 | 2 |
| | William Mountague and Joseph Kay, for surveys and valuations, &c. | - | - | - | 1,913 | 13 | 3 |
| | By compensations to officers and clerks employed in the operation of the act | - | - | - | 2,951 | - | - |
| 4. | By taxed costs on the verdicts of juries in favour of claimants | - | - | - | 2,776 | 3 | 8 |
| 5. | By stamp duty, &c. on bonds delivered to His Majesty's Post Master General pursuant to the act | - | - | - | 898 | 3 | 4 |
| 6. | By the expenses of shoring, hoarding and securing ground and buildings | 1,939 | 3 | 9½ | 4,266 | 8 | 1½ |
| | By the expenses of forming new church-yard, and removal of bodies pursuant to the act | 1,248 | 2 | 9 | | | |
| | By the expenses of altering old pavements and paving new street | 1,079 | 1 | 7 | | | |
| 7. | By deficiencies of land tax, and other taxes, poor rates, tithes, compensations in lieu of surplice fees, allowance for parish clerks, &c. as directed by the act | 3,680 | 6 | 3 | 5,012 | 9 | 8 |
| | By rents on property purchased | 1,065 | 1 | 3 | | | |
| | By expense of collecting rents, stamps and insurances of premises | 267 | 2 | 2 | | | |
| 8. | By disbursements of committee, and sundry incidental charges, including £. 553. 4s. 3d. for valuations and appraisements of property purchased | - | - | - | 2,498 | 17 | 8 |
| | By the purchase money for premises in Magpie-court returned to the fund (see above) | - | - | - | 263 | 12 | - |
| | | £. | 251,418 | 9 3½ | | | |
| | Balance in the hands of the Chamberlain | - | - | - | 1,536 | 14 | 3 |
| | | £. | 252,955 | 3 6½ | | | |

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THE Application of the Surplusses of the Orphans' Fund, taken upon the average of the produce of the duties for the last five years, (viz. £.65,22s. 8s. 10d.) together with the monies to arise by the sale of the ground, &c. in Moorfields, it is calculated will pay off and discharge the several sums charged upon that fund, for effecting public works, amounting to £.686,300, by the 5th July 1834.

The application of the surplusses of the said fund, taken upon the above average, together with the unclaimed stock and dividends thereon, and the monies to arise by the sale of property in Moorfields, it is calculated will pay off and discharge the said sum of £.686,300 charged on the fund, and also the sum of £.33,666. 13s. 4d. now proposed to be charged with interest thereon, commencing the 5th January 1821, by the 30th April 1835.

The application to the surplusses of the said fund, taken upon the average of the produce of the duties for the last two years, (viz. £.66,859. 1s. 5d.) together with the monies to arise by the sale of the Moorfields property, it is calculated will pay off and discharge the several sums charged on the fund, by the 5th January 1834.

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Bridges, Mayor.—Tuesday, the 25th January 1820, and in the 60th year of the reign of George the Third, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, &c.

Resolved, THAT a Committee of the whole court be appointed to investigate the receipt, dues and income of the fund, called the Orphans' Fund, and to report their opinion, whether any better or more useful mode of collection can be resorted to with safety and propriety than at present is adopted.

Bridges, Mayor.—Tuesday, 28th March 1820, and in the 1st year of the reign of George the Fourth, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, &c.

The Committee appointed on the 25th day of January last, in relation to the present mode of collecting the Orphans' dues, did this day deliver into this Court a Report in writing under their hands in relation thereto; which was read as follows:—

“ To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen.

“ In obedience to the order of this honourable court to investigate the receipt, dues and income of the fund, called the Orphans' Fund, and to report our opinion, whether any or more useful mode of collection can be resorted to with safety and propriety than at present is adopted: We do certify, that we have investigated the same, and have been attended by Sir Wm. Curtis, Bart. the collector and receiver of the Orphans' Duty on Coals, who laid before us a monthly statement of the balances in his hands, from the 30th day of June last to the 29th ult. inclusive, as follows:

| | | £. | s. | d. |
|--------------|-------------|--------|----|----|
| 1819. | | | | |
| 30 June | - - Balance | 11,097 | 9 | 1 |
| 31 July | - - — | 10,945 | 10 | 11 |
| 31 August | - - — | 11,941 | 8 | 7 |
| 30 September | - - — | 7,671 | 19 | 8 |
| 31 October | - - — | 6,689 | 17 | 3 |
| 30 November | - - — | 7,586 | 5 | 8 |
| 31 December | - - — | 7,991 | 9 | 4 |
| 1820. | | | | |
| 31 January | - - — | 7,013 | 19 | 3 |
| 29 February | - - — | 5,505 | 11 | 8 |

“ We have also inspected the books and papers necessary to enable a proper collection of the said duties to be made, and have examined Mr. William Drummer, the person employed by Sir Wm. Curtis therein, and having duly considered all the circumstances, are of opinion, that no better or more useful mode of collection can be resorted to with safety and propriety than is at present adopted; but that the collector and receiver of the Orphans' Duty on Coals should not retain in his hands more than the balance of two clear months collection, as a remuneration for his trouble and risk in collecting and settling with the coal factors for the several ships consigned to them; and that the said collector should be required at all times to pay into the Chamber of London before the expiration of every month the whole amount of the second preceding month's collections; all which we submit to the judgment of this honourable court. Dated this 21st day of March 1820.

R. Glyn, Chⁿ,
W^m Leighton,
Claud^s Stephen Hunter,

John Atkins,
C. Magnay,
Samuel Birch.”

Which Report was well liked and approved, and ordered accordingly.

