

COMMITTEE
FOR
BUILDING

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Building & Repairs.

February, 1870.

Return showing the amount paid in each year. Febry 1849 to Feb. 1870

This Return was prepared by order of the Deputy Governor.

Put up with Coy D letters under Drawing Office while off. proposed alterations &c.

Year	Amount paid Quarterly	Amount paid Yearly	Remarks.
1849/50		£22.599	This amount includes the alteration of the drawing Office.
1850/51		5.937	
1851/2		8.427	
1852/3		8.781	The greater portion of this amount was for machinery &c. for supplying the Bank Tanks with water.
1853/4		3.732	
1854/5		4.968	
1855/6		5.333	
1856/7		5.067	
1857/8		8.474	
1858/9		13.155	Painting throughout - repairs.
1859/60		10.277	
1860/61		15.883	} Replastering - repairing - refitting of the stock Offices.
1861/2		12.353	
1862/3		10.837	
1863/4		13.777	
1864/5		11.476	
1865/6		13.641	
1866/7	£4.720 3.683 4.345 3.997	16.750	Large alterations, Building Sub-Room &c. in Printing Department, in connection with the Dividend Book Printing, & making New Fire Proof Bank note paper Stone.
1867/8	6.248 7.154 4.179 3.264	20.845	Alterations, re roofing &c. Bay Hall.
1868/9	2.268 5.404 4.561 5.601	17.833	Do Do Do
1869/70	6.929 6.375 6.378 (Estimated) 5.700	25.382	Making new Stereotype Printing Offices. (See Reports H & S Comm.)

Secretary's Department
31. January, 1870.

February 1870.

The following Report was prepared by the Clerk of Works and submitted to the Deputy-Governor.

Principal Building and Repairs between the years 1851 + 1870.

Put up with Co of Tutors under Drawing Office + Bill off: propos alterations.

Years	Cost	Description
1852-3	£8,701	Water Tanks and Mains on Roof. Alterations to Discount Office. D ^o to Bullion Office and Vaults.
1853-4	3,732	New Roof over Bullion Yard and lead flats round same.
1854-5	4,968	New Stone Balustrade and paving in Garden Court. Laying New River Company's mains for fire use. Painting part of Stock Office, and Treasury, Pay Hall, Vestibules and Passages. Altering approach to Bullion Yard and repairing same.
1855-6	5,333	New Lead Roofs over Secretaries and Accountants Residences.
1856-7	5,067	Lead Roofs over L ^d . of C. T. Office D ^o " Chief Cashiers do D ^o " Branch Banks do D ^o " Chancery do

Lead.

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Years	Cost.	Description.
1857-8	£8.474.	<p>Lead flat over Well Office. Do. " Front entrance Re-instating Stouework Front Court yard, Garden Court, and facing end of Bay Hall with Stone. New Plastering paving and Painting reduced Office and Consoles Dividend Office, and rebuilding Chimney Stacks on Roof.</p>
1858-9	13.155	<p>Painting Drawing and Bill Offices, Replastering paving and painting Consoles Transfer Office and recovering roof with lead, altering Discount Office, re-flooring, and refitting new light over Treasury. Repairing Residence Court yard. New Roof over Bullion yard and Clearing down walls, fitting up vaults under Branch Banks Office for old notes.</p>

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Years	Cost	Description
1859-60	£10,277	New Steps and landing Bullion yard, Fitting up vaults under Consols for old Bank notes, new closets in Consols yard, new kitchen for Bank note paper store, entirely refitting, flooring and painting the Accountants Bank Note Office, Chief Cashiers Office, and Branch Banks, Painting Court and Committee Rooms.
1860-61	15,883	Alterations in Printing Offices New roof over Governors Room and painting same, and Deputy Governors room, Part new fittings in Drawing and Bill Offices, and D ^o Bullion and Consols P ^o Office, New Storey over part of Consols Library additional fittings for same, and recovering roof with lead. Constructing new Kitchen for Printers, New closets in front area, Bill Offices and Printing offices. Entirely fitting up India office.

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Years

Cost

Description

1861-2

£12,353

New Gas meters and in
Bank and Street new skylights
Reduced, 2 per Cent. and
Transfer, Consols Dividend Offices,
Repairs to Stonework on Roof,
New steps and landings with
vaults under, on East & West
sides Lottbury Court yard,
Alterations to Secretarys Offices
and Parlours.

1862-3

10,837

Alterations to Printing Offices,
new lift from Bullion vault
to Treasury. New Room over
Bullion Office, Removing and
refitting cheque Office and
unclaimed Dividend Office,
entirely refitting flooring and
painting the old cheque office
for use of Power of Attorney
office, Constructing new room
over Bank note paper store
offices for use of Binders
and rulers.

1863-4

13,777

Repairing passages and vaults
between Bullion Office, and
directors vaults, strengthening
roof over Power of Attorney
Office and recovering with lead,
Fixing hot water apparatus in
Drawing and Bill Offices.

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Years

Cost

Description

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1864-5

£11,476

New Sashes Court and Committee Room, & Conrols Transfers Office, new fittings in drawing office and vaults, new guard room and repairing waiting room Court. Refitting Cashiers Residence and Repairs on Roof.

1865-6

13,641.

New fittings in Bill office. Fitting up new rooms for night watch.

New fittings Reduced office.

&c. Conrols Div^l Office

&c. Account. B. N. Office

Reconstructing and refitting the Register & Will office.

Constructing gangways on roof.

1866-7

16,750.

New Iron Plate door, and winding apparatus to doorway, Bartholomew Lane Entrance, Constructing new fire proof Strong room for Bank note paper store. Constructing fire proof floor over Steam engine boilers. New fittings and fitting up R. T. armoury. Building foundry for Stereotypes and providing and fixing Cases, and supplying between

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Years

Cost

Description

1867-8 £20,845

40000 and 50,000 metal
Cases for Stereotype. Laying
new gas main and making
good paving round the outside
of Bank Walls.

Constructing new roof over
Pay Hall, facing front of
Hall below the cornice with
stone ashlar and part new
dressings, and replastering,
flooring, fitting up and painting
the interior. Alterations to
fittings in Drawing Offices.
Altering roof and partly
refitting Cashiers Residence.
Continuation of fittings for
Stereotype Printing. New Lamps
in front of Bank.

1868-9 17,833

Reinstating front of
stonework in Lothbury Courts,
and clearing down and
making good the whole of
the walls &c. Constructing
new building over Bank note
Printing Offices and fitting
up same. New Clock tower
on roof and fixing Clock,
new Clock and wind dials.
Having vestibule by Hall and
fixing sashes in same and gold
weighing room.

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Years

Cost

Description

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1869-70

£25,382

Preparing for and painting the following Offices, 3 per Cent. Reduced, 3 per Cent. Dividend and Transfer Rotunda, Consols Transfer and Post Warrant Offices, also Passage leading to Rotunda, and cleaning down Vestibule, new skylights over 3 per Cent. Dividend and Consols Transfer Offices, and additions to other skylights. Repairing Rotunda passage and reflooring inner part of Rotunda. Repairing vestibule and passages leading from entrance to Court room to Secretary's Office. Reinstating vestibule by Court Room, new skylight by Cashiers Office, new windows and doors by entrance to Parlours, and painting passages, vestibules, and staircases, altering, repairing, partly reflooring and painting the whole of the printing offices, staircases &c. except the new Storey. Alterations to Portus Lodge.

8. February, 1870.

M^r. Hardwick's letter in
regard to the
Proposed re-arrangement
of Drawing Offices &
Bill office.

Set up with C of J letters
under Drawing Office &
Bill office proposed

The Deputy Governor laid before the Committee the following Report accompanied by plans from M^r. Hardwick, in regard to the proposed re-arrangement of the Private Drawing, the Public Drawing, and the Bill Offices, and it was referred to M^r. Hankey, M^r. Latham, and the Deputy Governor (M^r. Lyall), to consider it more in detail.

Bank of England
7. February, 1870.

Dear Sir,

"I beg to enclose herewith
"the plan of the present arrangement
"of the Private Drawing Office, the Bill
"Office, and the Public Drawing Office,
"and the plan of the proposed alterations
"in them arranged in accordance with
"the suggestions of the Heads of the
"Departments.

By

"By the proposed plan, the relative
 "position of the three offices is improved, and
 "the arrangement of the desks is also
 "more convenient: On these points the
 "proposed arrangement is not only better
 "than the present, but after giving the
 "subject my best attention I can suggest
 "no alteration that I think would be an
 "improvement; except in some small details
 "that in no way affect the general —
 "distribution of the desks, and to which
 "I need not now particularly refer. I
 "have, however, to remark that though
 "the Private Drawing Office gains in
 "area, the Bill Office is confined to a
 "smaller space than it has at present,
 "and also that whilst the superficial area
 "for each Clerk in the Private Drawing
 "Office will be about what I usually
 "find sufficient in a Banking Office,
 "it will be much smaller in the
 "Bill Office than I have ever found to
 "work conveniently.

"In

"In answer to this, it is quite true
"that a great deal of the business of the
"Bill Office is done out of doors, that it
"is very unlikely that all the Clerks should
"ever be in the office at one time, and
"further that they do not require so much
"width of desk as those in the Drawing Office.

"The superficial area for each Clerk in
"the Public Drawing Office according to the
"new plan is enough for those permanently
"engaged in the office; but will be much
"less than it ought to be at those times
"when additional help is required.

"I ought to add that I understand
"the Principals of these departments agree
"to accept this plan and think there
"will be space enough for the purpose,
"though at times they are prepared for
"some inconvenient crowding.

"I cannot advise you to reduce
"the area of the Private Drawing Office
"to make up the deficiency I have
"pointed

"pointed out in the others; as I think that
 "course would entail greater and more serious
 "inconvenience.

"There is one other point in the
 "new plan to which I must call your
 "attention, and that is that the counters
 "in all cases are placed opposite the
 "windows instead of as at present, in
 "such positions that the Clerks at the
 "Counter have their backs to the light,
 "a principle I have always considered
 "an important one.

"The objection of allowing the
 "public to stand with their backs to
 "the light which the Clerks then have to
 "face, is diminished, in the particular
 "case we have now to deal with, from
 "the fact that a great deal of the
 "light comes from skylights in the
 "roof, which neutralises the glare from
 "the windows and these also look to
 "the north and east; so that they
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"admit less light than if they had
 "either a south or a west aspect.

"Although under ordinary circumstances
 "I should think this a serious objection,
 "its importance is diminished by the
 "reason I have stated, also by the fact
 "that of late years much less work
 "is done over the counter than formerly.
 "The whole arrangement of this office is
 "much improved by the proposed position
 "of the counter, as it will not only give
 "greater space; but will also afford an
 "uninterrupted passage for the public
 "from one department to the others.

"I believe the cost of executing
 "this plan will amount to about the
 "sum of £3,500; but this includes
 "the new flooring that I anticipate
 "will be necessary and painting the
 "walls and ceilings, which has been
 "required for some time past; but
 "has

"has been postponed until these alterations
"were decided.

"I am induced to recommend you
"to adopt this plan, in spite of the
"narrow limits to which the Bill Office
"will be reduced; for I know of no
"better arrangement than that proposed
"and I can suggest no way of enlarging
"the whole area of the Office except by
"extending it to the north and this
"will involve so considerable a disturbance
"of the building in that direction and
"require so large an outlay and entail
"so much inconvenience during the
"progress of the works, that I cannot
"advise you to embark on such an
"extensive plan until a large increase
"in the business of the three offices
"we have under consideration, render
"this enlargement a matter of absolute
"necessity.

I am &c.

(signed) R. C. Hardwick

Mr. Hankey, Mr. Latham
 & the Deputy Governor
 Report in regard to
 the Proposed alterations
 in the Drawing Office
 & Bill Office

Report & other papers put
 up with C. J. Latham,
 in the Drawing Office &
 Bill Office proposed
 alterations

Mr. Hankey, Mr. Latham, and the
 Deputy-Governor met on several occasions,
 and various plans were submitted to them.
 Of these two were considered: one was
 that of Mr. Hardwick's proposed alteration
 to remove the Counters in the Private
 Drawing Office from the side nearest the
 blank walls to the side nearest to the
 windows looking into the garden, whilst
 by the other plan the Counter would
 remain as at present.

The following Report was then agreed
 to.

"Mr. Hankey, Mr. Latham and the
 "Deputy Governor having been requested
 "by the Committee of Treasury to report
 "to them on the expediency of accepting
 "Mr. Hardwick's plan for adapting the
 "space now occupied by the Private
 "Drawing, the Public Drawing and
 "the Bill Offices, in such a manner
 "as to economise the room, and make
 arrangements

"arrangements for the large increase in the
 "business of the former, have given the
 "whole subject a careful consideration.

"They first enquired into the
 "necessity for such a rearrangement of
 "the offices, and find from a record of the
 "transactions of the Private Drawing
 "Office kept by the Secretary since the
 "year 1850/1, that the Clerks who at that
 "time only numbered 67, have now
 "increased to 98; the greater part of this
 "increase arose during the last 5 or 6 years,
 "since the Bank joined the Clearing House.

"The Balances were £5,669,533, in
 "1850; they are now £12,141,095. The
 "number of accounts were then 4667,
 "they are now 4985. This increase is,
 "however, really much greater than the
 "figures indicate, because a large number
 "of small accounts were got rid of. The
 "number of debits and Credits were then
 "737,052, they are now 1,259,210.

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"The Bank entered the Clearing House
 "in September 1864, and in 1867, the
 "office was re-constructed by the
 "addition of 28 Clerks and 1 Principal.

"In the Public Drawing Office there
 "has been no material change during
 "that period excepting the addition of
 "17 Clerks in consequence of the absorption
 "of the Bank Post Bill Office by that
 "Department.

"In the Bill Office there has been
 "a considerable change in the business
 "transacted, but this change has not
 "involved an addition to the number of
 "Clerks, nor the necessity for a larger
 "space.

"Thus it is only the Private
 "Drawing Office which necessitates a
 "Change, and of that there can be no
 "question from the accounts laid before us.
 "The real point for our enquiry was
 "which

"Which of the two plans which had been
"proposed was the more desirable under all
"the circumstances. Under the plan submitted
"by Mr Hardwick, the Counter would be
"shifted to the side of the Office nearest
"to the windows looking into the garden;
"and the Cost involved would be £3,500.
"According to the other plan drawn out
"by Mr Drummond at Mr Hanley's
"suggestion, the Bill office as in Mr Hardwick's
"plan would be moved, but the Counter
"would remain as at present. By retaining
"the Counter in its present position a saving
"of £1000 would be effected. We have,
"however, very fully considered whether this
"last plan could not be adopted, but
"after consulting Mr Hardwick, Mr May,
"and Mr Sperati, by whom the question
"has been examined with great care
"in all its parts, we find that all
"the objects sought to be attained for
"the efficient conduct of the business,
"can most effectually be promoted
"by

"by the plan first laid before the
"Committee."

(signed) "G. Lyall, D. G.

"Alfred Latham

"Thomson Hankey.

Bank of England

21st February, 1870.

2. March, 1870.

The Committee approved
thereof.

The Committee for Building, approved
of the foregoing Report, and it was agreed
that the plan proposed by Mr. Hardwick for
a rearrangement and repainting of the
two drawing offices and Bill office, at an
Estimated Cost £3500. estimated cost of £3500, should be carried
out.

23 February, 1870.

For List of Bills
see House and Servants
Committee.

23 February, 1870.

The Building Bills for the
Current quarter, amounting to £5945.15/-
were referred to the House and Servants
Committee.

This is considerably less than
than the amount for the previous quarter
(£7016.) but in excess of the average for
the past four years (£4519.) owing
principally to the repainting of the
Main passages and lobbies.

The usual Comparative Statement
of the principal Bills is annexed.

The sum of £5,946. is
distributed over the several departments
as follows.

	Part quarter	Previous expenditure November last.	Total cost	Remarks
<u>Pay Hall</u>				
Repairing marble pedestal for new bust &c.	326.	14,235	14,561.	See subsequent remarks No. 1.
Forward £	326			

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Department and nature of work

Past-quarter

Previous expenditure to Nov last

Total cost

Remarks.

Boat forward

326

Treasury

Living left

5

499

504

Remark No 2

Printing Offices

Painting throughout repairs and fittings

860

928

1788

3

Rotunda

Painting throughout: reflooring with oak, cleaning fittings &c

144

891

1035

Completed

Accountant's Issue Office

Iron Safe, painting & removing and altering fittings.

3

421

424

4

Consols Office

Painting throughout: and reflooring with wainscot, altering skylight &c

964

377

1341

Completed

Passages and Lobbies

Painting; repairing and new lantern lights.

2066

944

5

Carried forward

4,368

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Department and nature of work.

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Previous expenditure to Nov. last

Total cost

Remarks 22

Prot forward

4368

Post Warrant Office.

Lab Power of Atty Office, general alteration of old office, new stove and strong room.

123

529

Remark No 6.

New £2 per Cent Office and

53

367

420

Completed

New £2 Div^d Room.

5

670

675

Completed

Repainting, re-policing & altering skylight &c

Cheque Office

Fitting up vault for reception of warrants

78

Completed with reception of locks

Private Drawing Office.

Two Iron racks for Customer's Security vaults.

88

The work is in progress.

Various Offices

Lundry charges

258

Forward ---

4973

231
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Department and nature of work.	Present Quarter	Previous expenditure to November	Total Cost	Remarks.
Brought forward	4973			
<u>Works of a General character</u>	899			
<u>Western Branch</u>	74			
	5946			

1. Pay Hall. This has now been completed, the marble bust having been finally fixed during the present quarter.

The total cost has been £14,561.

2. Treasury. The work, under the order for enlarging and increasing the accommodation in the Strong Room for the Customers Securities has been furnished at a cost of £504. The further enlargement for the receipt of the Bank's Securities is nearly finished. The cases are complete and the securities were transferred from the Committee Room

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Room early in the present month.

3. Printing Offices. This work included generally the repainting throughout of the Printing department, alterations in the fittings, repairing and re flooring various parts of the offices. This has now been completed at a total cost of £1,788.

4. Accountants' Issue Office. This office was made out of the Accountants' old Residence. The removing and altering the fittings, and painting throughout have now been finished at a total cost of £424, of which a sum of £121, is applicable to a new wrought Iron safe.

5. Passages & Lobbies. This work, which included the repainting of all the main passages; their repairing with stone; the repairing and enlargement of the skylights; the re roofing &c of the (skylights) vestibule, and the opening out of the arches opposite the Court room door, is now complete, but not quite all charged for. The cost up to the present time has been £3,010.

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6. Port Warrant Office. This office is now complete, with the exception of the fittings, which have not yet been decided upon. The cost for the alterations and strong room have been £652.

Western Branch.

The charge for the Western Branch is considerably less this quarter, being only £74, against £638.

Some alterations embracing the extension of the counter, have been in progress lately, but have not yet been brought into the account.

During the past quarter the system established at the city, by which all work will be done under the immediate superintendence of the Clerk of Works, and all alterations & involving outlay, will only be carried out under the express authority of the Deputy Governor, has been put in force

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force at this Branch, and it is believed that arrangements have already been made by which much work, such as Cleaning &c. hitherto done by Messrs Cubitt & Co; will be done by the present staff of Bank workmen.

(signed) Hammond Chubb Secy.

May. 1870.

For List of Bills
see House and Servants
Committee.

May, 1870.

The Building Bills for the current quarter, amounting to £2637 were referred to the House and Servants Committee.

This account again shows a large diminution on that for the previous quarter (£5946) very few new works have been undertaken, with the exception of the alteration of the Drawing and Bill offices, in connexion with which a very small sum only appears in the account. The outlay has been absorbed for the most part in completing those works which had been already far advanced; in small works of a
general

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general character, not involving alterations in the building; and in general repairs.

The sum of £2637- may be distributed over the several departments as follows; -

Mature and department of work.	Past quarter	Previous expenditure to February last	Total Cost	Remarks.
<u>Masonry</u>				
Additional fittings to accommodate Bank Securities	89	140	229	Completed see No 1.
<u>Gold weighing room.</u>				
Altering fittings; fixing new pedestals &c	47	13	50	Completed
<u>Passages & Lobby</u>				
Fixing skylights lead works &c Plastering painting &c making scroll ornaments &c	675	3010	3685	Completed No 2.
<u>Printing Dept</u>				
Making type cases	95			No 3
<u>Printing Offices</u>				
Fixing kitchen range, andundry works.	180			
Forward £	1086			

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Nature and
department of work.

Past quarter

Previous
expenditure
to
July lastTotal
Cost.

Remarks.

Brought forward £ 1086.

Chief Cashiers
Office.Providing & fixing
an iron safe, also
two new stoves &c.

40

15

See N^o 4Drawing and
Bill Offices.Preparing counter
and paring timber
&c.

143.

N^o 5Various Offices

Lundry charges

291

Works of a
general Charactermaterials, architect
&c.

888

Western BranchExtending counter
and providing
extra fittings.

189

N^o 6

£ 2,637

N^o 1

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1. Masonry. The work includes alterations to provide for the reception of Securities belonging to the Bank. The cases have been supplied, and all the necessary fittings of the room have been fixed. The whole is now complete at a total cost of £229.
2. Passages & Lobby. This work is now complete, at a total cost of £3685. It has included the entire repaving and repainting of the passages, the enlargement of most of the skylights, the removal of the gallery lately existing in the Lobby outside the Court room door, and the opening out and putting in new windows to the arches leading to the Bullion yard.
3. Printing Department. The cases and metal shelves to contain stereotype plates are required for the new method of printing Dividend Warrants by stereotype and dwarf type.

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At present a cost only of £95. has been incurred on the case, the shelves not yet being brought into account, though now partially supplied.

4. Chief Cashiers Office. This work simply embraces the fixing of some new stores. The new Iron Strong Safe, which it is proposed to make for holding the Securities upon which temporary advances have been made is in hand, but no charge has yet come to account.
5. Drawing & Bill Offices. Although a very small charge is made in the present account, a good deal of the preparatory work has been done especially in the Public Drawing Office and Bill Office end of the Building. The fittings also are in hand.
6. Western Branch. The whole of the work included in the Deputy-Governor's order, of the 6th January last, which embraces the extension of the Counter to the Lobby Entrance, and the providing

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providing extra fittings &c. for the office is now furnished. The total charge at the Branch this quarter on Messrs Cubitt & Co's Building Account is £189. It is believed that the actual cost of the new counter &c. does not exceed the estimate of £130., but unfortunately work is still done at the Branch without direct instructions, and the Accounts are so mixed up that any accurate separation of them is extremely difficult.

(signed) Hammond Chubb, Secy.

August. 1870.

For List of Bills
see House and Servants
Committee.

August. 1870.

The Building Bills for the current quarter amounting to £6405.- were referred to the House and Servants Committee.

This is considerably in excess of the amount for the previous quarter (£2637.) or than the average quarterly amount

amount for the past four years (£4544.) but the large account this quarter is principally owing to the alterations &c. which are being carried out in the Drawing and Bill Offices.

The sum of £6405. may be distributed as follows; viz:-

Department and nature of work.	Present quarter	Previous expenditure to May last	Total Cost	Remarks
<u>Printing Dept.</u>				
Providing type cases &c. metal shelves &c.	699	95		See No 1
<u>Drawing Offices</u>				
Re-flooring, repairing and rearranging fittings, painting throughout.	4434	143		No 2
<u>Chief Cashier's office.</u>				
Iron safe &c.	351	55		Completed with the exception of fixing the safe.
<u>Printing Offices</u>				
Sundry works	69	180		
<u>Various Offices</u>				
Sundry charges	246			
Forward £	5799			

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Department and nature of work	Present quarter	Previous expenditures to May last	Total cost	Remarks
Brought forward	£ 5.799			
Works of a general character materials, Architect &c	547			
Western Branch				
Alterations &c repairs of a general character.	59	189		
	£ 6.405			

1. Printing Department. The greater part of this amount (£699.) is applicable to the cost of metal shelves, in regard to which a further cost of £1000 has been sanctioned.

2. Drawing & Bill Offices. This work which was commenced under the sanction of the Committee for Building on the 2nd March last, and order of the Deputy Governor of the 10th June, embraces the re-flooring re-paving, rearranging the whole of the

the fittings with part new, and painting the walls and ceilings throughout the three offices: also replacing the present windows by new mahogany sashes, skylights &c; The cost to this date is £4577, but it is difficult to judge at present the exact manner in which this should be apportioned. The painting will shortly be commenced.

(signed) J. T. Worley, Dep Secy.

November. 1840.

November, 1840.

The Building Bills for the current quarter amounting to £6684 were referred to the House & Servants Committee.

This is a little in excess of the amount for the previous quarter (£6405.4.4) and considerably in excess of the average quarterly amount for the past four years (£4683) owing principally to the alterations that are being carried out in the Drawing and Bill Offices.

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The amount, £6,685, may be distributed over several Departments as follows; vizt

Department & nature of work	Present Quarter	Previous Expenditure to Aug. last	Total Cost	Remarks
<u>Printing Dept.</u>				
Providing type cases & Metal shelves &c	1067	794		See subsequent remarks N ^o 1.
<u>Drawing & Bill Offices</u>				
Reflooring, repairing & re-arranging the offices. Painting throughout. New Windows. Iron safe &c	4577	4095		" N ^o 2
<u>Chief Cashiers Office</u>				
Iron safe & Lock &c	36	406	442	Completed
<u>Postal Dormitories</u>				
Partitioning off rooms over Bullion Store & Accountants Dining Room, providing Bedsteads, Linen &c		56		" N ^o 3
<u>Various Offices</u>				
Sundry charges	108			
<u>Works of a General Character</u>				
Materials, Architect &c	543			
<u>Western Branch</u>				
Painting Woodwork. Distemper ceilings & colouring Walls of Customs. Bank Road		298		" N ^o 4
			6,685	

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1. Printing Department. It was originally estimated that 125 - cases and 20,000 shelves would be required to contain the Stereotype Plates in connection with the Dividend - Warrant Printing. These have now been supplied, but it has since been found necessary to sanction an additional order of 64 cases and 10,240 shelves, of which the greater number have also been supplied.

The cost up to the present time has been £1861 - Probably the whole order will have been completed in next quarter's accounts.

2. Drawing & Bill Offices.
 Reflooring - repairing - and re-arranging -
 Painting throughout - replacing Windows
 with New Mahogany Sash Frames -
 Iron Safes &c.

This work, which was commenced in March last, has now been virtually finished; but the whole cost incurred has not yet been charged.

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November 1840.

It is difficult to apportion any specified amount of the present cost to each office, as the work has been carried out under one head.

The cost up to the present time has been £8,529, and it is estimated that a further sum of £1,600. will complete the whole work.

The few works remaining unfinished are the fixing of the windows. Heating apparatus. repainting some desks, and the supply of some few articles of furniture.

3. Porters' Dormitories. In order to provide for the better ventilation of the various offices, in which, - hitherto, the porters on nightly watch have been accustomed to sleep, the Deputy Governor sanctioned, in August last, the partitioning off some rooms over the Bullion Office, and over the dining room of the house lately occupied by the Chief Accountant to form Dormitories.

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November 1840.

This work is now in hand, but only a small charge of £56, for timber, yet appears in the accounts. The cost of the whole work is - estimated at £350.

During the past quarter several works have been commenced of - which the following are the most important -

In the Bullion Office. Providing Iron gates between the Office and Vault. constructing openings &c for better ventilation - and the removal of the roof over the yard.

The cost is estimated at £

Treasury. Supplying an additional wainscot case with trays to hold securities at an estimated cost of £70.

In the Drawing Offices. Providing and fixing deal cases with shelves for Strong Room at a cost of £45 - and several other orders, which - though separately are for small -
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amount, in the aggregate will represent a total sum of £125.

4. Western Branch. This work has been carried out in accordance with the Deputy Governor's order of the 27. July last, and embraces the painting of the woodwork, coloring walls &c in the basement of the Agents and Porter's residences.

The whole cost in the account of £298 includes the supplying of boxes for customers' securities at a cost of £25.

(signed) Hammond Chubb
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The Building Bills for the current quarter amounting to £4599. were referred to the House and Servants Committee.

This is considerably less than the amount for the previous Quarter (£6684.17.6) and rather less.

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less than the average quarterly amount for the past four years (£4682). Of this amount the large sum of £2367 is due to the Drawing and Bill Offices only, and applies for the most part to work done last quarter, but not then brought to account.

The amount, £4599, is applicable to several Departments, as follows—

Department and Nature of Work	Present Quarter	Previous Expenditure to 31st Dec	Total Cost	Remarks
<u>Printing Depart^t</u>				
Providing type cases metal frames —	241	1861		See subsequent Remarks No. 1.
<u>Drawing & Bill Offices.</u>				
Reflooring repairing and rearranging the Offices painting throughout New Windows. See list.	2367	8673		Do No. 2.
<u>Porters Dormitories</u>				
Partitioning off rooms for Bullion Office and Accountants Dining Room Providing Bedsteads &c.	331	56		Do No. 3.
<u>Bullion Office</u>				
Iron gates between Office and Vaults. Shafts for ventilation —	297		297	Completed
Forward £	3236			

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Department and Nature of Work	Present Quarter	Previous Calendar M. Nov. last	Total Cost	Remarks
Rest forward	3236			
<u>Treasury</u> Raisinet case with trays to hold securities	69		69	Completed within the estimate
<u>Various Offices</u> Sundry charges	157			
<u>Works of a General Character</u> Materials. Architects	1054			See subsequent Remarks p. 4
<u>Western Branch</u> Painting Woodwork Distinking Cupines coloring Walls. Bottom Security Boxes. Floor cloth. Porter Water	83	298	381	Completed
	$\frac{1}{2}$ 4599			

1. Printing Department. The greater number of the cases (189) and Metal Shelves (30240) the outlay for which has been sanctioned at different times, have now been supplied at a total cost up to the present quarter of £2,102, but the charge for about 6,000 Shelves has still to be brought to account. The total estimate for the whole amounted to £2,950.

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2. Drawing & Bill Offices. The alterations throughout these Offices are now virtually completed, and but a small further charge may be looked for next quarter, on account of sundry fittings of an inexpensive character. The total cost amounts to £11,039. The difference between the original estimate for these works (£6,500) and the actual expense incurred, was brought under investigation by the Committee last quarter.

3. Porters' Dormitories. These alterations are now nearly completed. The total charge up to this quarter is £384, and includes the cost of Bedsteads and bedding, making and fixing partitions and doors and providing lavatories.

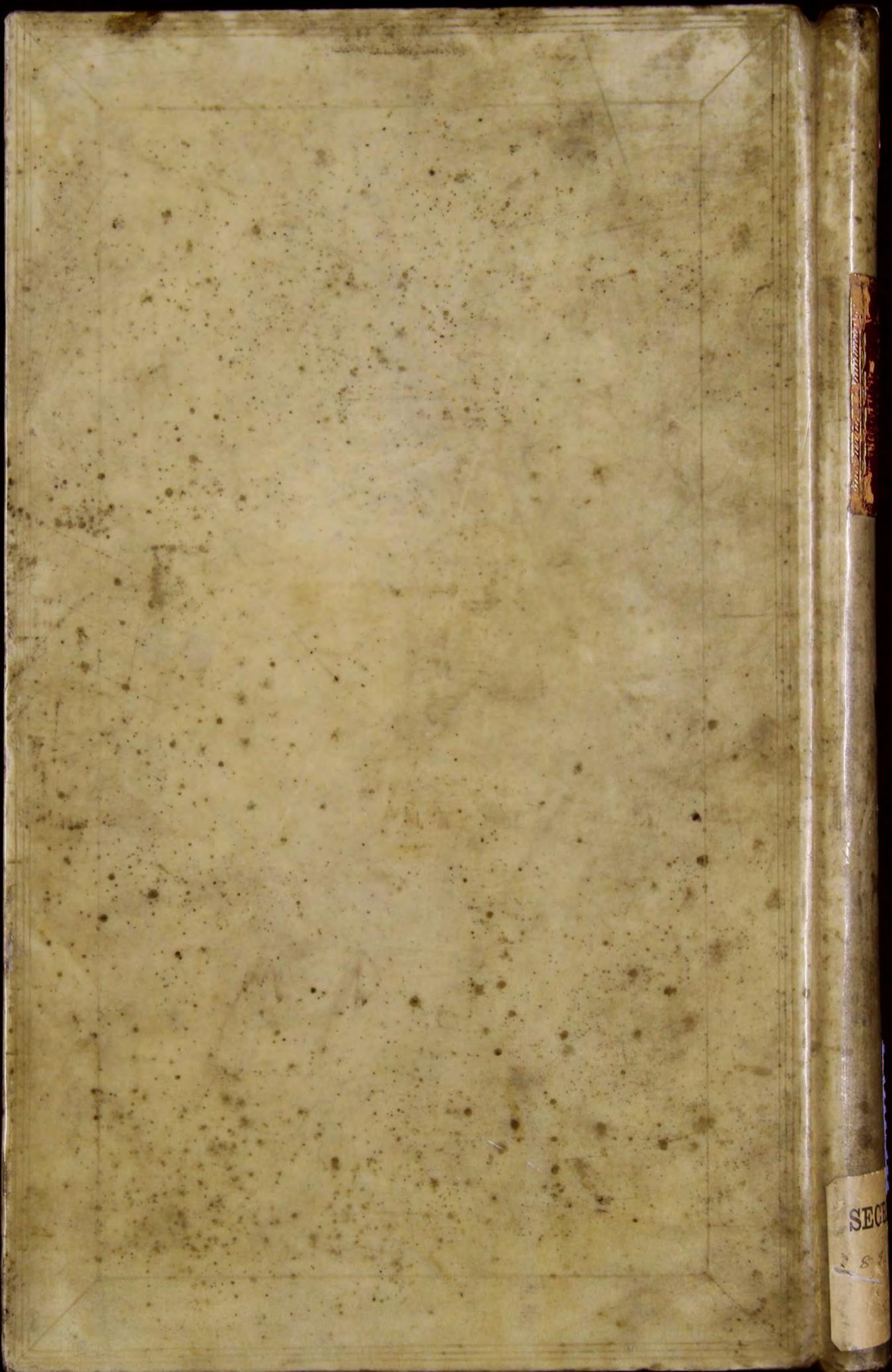
4. Works of a General Character. The amount under this head may be distributed generally throughout the Bank, but it is difficult to name any locality which can be charged with a considerable portion of it.

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The fittings to the Lamps in the Passage have been cleaned and repaired at a cost of £25. and an item of £87. also appears for removing the roof from the Bullion yard; as a set off, however, against this last charge, there is an estimated credit of £350, for old materials, a large proportion of which may be reckoned upon to reduce the amount of the bill next quarter.

The works at the Western Branch sanctioned last July have been completed at a total cost of £381. and it may be stated that no special works involving any considerable cost are now being carried out in London, or at the Branches.



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