

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 16th November 1905.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq; Governor,
William Middleton Campbell, Esq; Deputy Governor,
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq; The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
Herbert Brooks, Esq; Frederick North Jackson, Esq;
Brien Cochrane, Esq; Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq;
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq; Samuel Hope Morley, Esq;
Walter Curlype, Esq; Robert Lydston Newman, Esq;
James Pattison Currie-Blyth, Esq; Sir Augustus Prevost, Bart;
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq; The Rt Hon. Lord Revelstoke
George William Henderson, Esq; and
William Douro Hoare, Esq; Hugh Colin Smith, Esq;

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c,
to Bill Brokers, &c,
was read.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book
of special transactions, &c, was laid before
the Court.

Ordered,

16th Nov. 1905.Bank Notes, &c.
lost, etc.

Ordered,

At the recommendation of the
Committee of Treasury,That £74. 11. 3^d be paid for sundry
Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants,
lost, &c, as detailed in the Governor's
Declaration Book; the vouchers relating
thereto having been examined and
security given to indemnify the Bank.

Resolved,

That a pension of £82. 13. 4^d,
being 50/75^{ths} of his wages of £124, according
to the scale, be granted during pleasure
to George Edwin Ogle, Senior Messenger to
the Chief Accountant, as from today's
date when he attains the age of 65 years.G. E. Ogle,
Messenger to
the Chief
Accountant,
pensioned.Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
that T. Marsh,
of the Consols
Office, be
allowed to
retire with a
pension.The following Minute of the
Committee of Treasury having been read;

"Committee of Treasury,

"15th November 1905."A letter was read from Thomas
"Marsh, a 1st class clerk in the Consols
"Office, who in his 65th year and after
"45½ years' service asked permission to
"retire at the end of the month with
"a pension; and it was agreed to recom-
"mend to the Court of Directors that
"Marsh's resignation be accepted, and
"that he be granted during pleasure
"and according to the scale a pension
"of £252, being 50/75^{ths} of his salary of
"£378.

"Bank of England."

The Court agreed thereto.

agreed to

The

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Minute of the Committee of Treasury recommending that William Hocker of the Bank Stock Office, be allowed to retire with a pension.

The following Minute of the Committee of Treasury having been read;

Committee of Treasury,
"15th November 1905.

"A letter was read from William Hocker, a 2nd class clerk in the Bank Stock Office, who at 61½ years of age and after 39 years' service asked permission to retire with a pension at the end of the month, under the terms of the regulations relating to Pensions. It appears that it has been necessary in the interests of the Bank to press this course upon Hocker, and in view of this it was agreed to recommend to the Court, in accepting his resignation, to consider his service as 40 years, and to grant him during pleasure and according to scale a pension of £214.16. — being $45\frac{7}{8}$ ths of his salary of £358.

"Bank of England."

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

Minute of the Committee of Treasury recommending that Edward King of the Consols office, be allowed to retire with a pension.

The following Minute of the Committee of Treasury having been read;

Committee of Treasury,
"15th November 1905.

"A letter was read from Edward King, a 1st class clerk in the Consols office, who at 59 years of age and after over 40 years' service asked permission to retire at the end of the month on the ground of failing health. The Bank Medical Officer had certified that at King's age he was not likely to be again fit for regular duty, and it was agreed

"to

16th Nov. 1905.

"to recommend that his resignation be
 "accepted, and in view of all the circumstances
 "that his service be taken as 41 years,
 "and that he be granted during pleasure
 "and according to scale a pension of
 "£231. 16. 8, being $\frac{46}{75}$ ths of his salary
 "of £378.

"Bank of England."

agreed to

The Court agreed thereto.

Minute of the
 Committee
 of Treasury
 recommending
 that W. J.
 Hatch of the
 Colonial and
 Corporation
 Stocks office,
 be allowed to
 retire with
 a pension.

The following Minute of the
 Committee of Treasury having been read,
 "Committee of Treasury,
 "15th November 1905.

"A letter was read from William
 "James Hatch, a 1st class clerk in the
 "Colonial & Corporation Stocks office, who
 "though only 56 years of age and of 36
 "completed years' service, and therefore
 "not strictly eligible for a pension under
 "the Regulations, asked permission to
 "retire from the service at the end of
 "the present month. It appeared that
 "Hatch, though a 1st class clerk, had been
 "for some years unequal to the duties
 "of that class, and it was agreed to
 "recommend that his resignation be
 "accepted and that he be granted during
 "pleasure and according to scale a pension
 "on the basis of 37 years' service, and
 "the salary of a 2nd class clerk: - i.e. $\frac{42}{75}$ ths
 "of £338 = £189. 5. 8.

"Bank of England."

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

The

16th Nov. 1905.

Minute of the Committee of Treasury recommending changes in the list of those authorized to draw, &c, Bills on the Government of India

The following Minute of the Committee of Treasury, having been read;

Committee of Treasury,
"15th November 1905.

"In view of the changes which have occurred from time to time, it was agreed to recommend to the Court of Directors to propose to the Secretary of State in Council of India that the following alterations and additions be made in the list of persons authorized to draw Bills upon the Government of India, viz:-

To be withdrawn from the present list:-

- " B. B. Turner
- " S. R. P. Jones
- " A. C. Swinton
- " J. R. Dobson
- " E. M. Mansell.

To be added:-

- " William Semphard Hibbert,
- " William Maclaine,
- " Manning Broad,
- " William Cartwright Williams,
- " Herbert Charles MaclCarthy.

Of those authorized to countersign Bills, and to certify to endorsements by letters of attorney.

To be withdrawn:-

- " John Cross.

To be added.

- " Ronald Gage Windle,
- " William Challis.

"Bank of England."

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

Report of the Committee on Advances at the Head Office recommending a name to be added

The following Report of the Committee on Advances at the Head Office having been read;

"The

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 added to the
 list of specially
 privileged
 Stockbrokers.

"The Committee on Advances
 "at the Head Office

"Report to the Court of Directors,

"With reference to the Order of Court
 "of the 16th July 1903 as regards delivery of
 "Securities by the Chief Cashier in the
 "case of what are known as "Stock Exchange
 "Advances", that they recommend that
 "the following name be added to the
 "list of Stockbrokers already sanctioned
 "by the Court,

"Heseltine, Powell & Coy.

"Fred. Auth Jackson."

"Bank of England,
 "15th November 1905."

approved.

The Court approved thereof.

Report of
 the Committee
 for the Exam-
 ination of
 Clerks
 recommending
 the Election
 of 13 Clerks.

The following Report of the
 Committee for the Examination of
 Clerks having been read,

"The Committee for the
 "Examination of Clerks

"Report to the Court of Directors,

"That pursuant to an Order of
 "Court of the 3rd November 1881, and
 "various subsequent Orders, the Exam-
 "ination of Candidates for the Election
 "of Clerks on the 16th instant has been
 "carried out under the control of the
 "Committee.

"The original number for which
 "the Election was declared on the 5th
 "ultimo was 20. In one instance no
 "eligible Candidate presented himself,
 "and six Candidates have failed to pass
 "the

16th Nov 1905.

"the Examination. The Committee now beg
 "to recommend that the 13 successful
 "Candidates be elected into the service in
 "the order of merit in which they are
 "classified, viz:—

<u>Order</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Marks</u>
" 1.	Alexander George Amos Bennett	20	Mr. Newman	571
" 2.	Frank Swizell Wawer	22	Mr. Johnston	523
" 3.	Herbert Douglas Hallett	19	Mr. Wallace	517
" 4.	Alured Leslie Duncan Long	18	Mr. Goschen	503
" 5.	Frederic Roy Freeman (Son of a Clerk)	18	The Governor	484
" 6.	Arthur Montagu Sturdy	18	Mr. Hubbard	482
" 7.	Henry Thomas Wallace Bidwell	18	Mr. Jackson	476
" 8.	Robert Halliburton	18	Mr. Cunliffe	472
" 9.	Hugo Reynell Taylor	18	Mr. Lubbock	458
" 10.	Walker Philip Tibbetts (Son of a clerk)	18	The Governor	441
" 11.	Thomas Rolleston Bosworth (Son of a Pensioner)	18	The Governor	438
" 12.	Sydney Lowther Abbott Smyth	19	Mr. Benson	435
" 13.	Eric Edward Smart	18	Mr. Brooks	429

"The foregoing state that they are
 "unmarried, free from debt, and that they
 "have no objection to go to a Branch if
 "required to do so. They have produced
 "satisfactory testimonials of character.

"They have been informed that they
 "have been chosen on the express condition
 "that their continuance and ultimate
 "confirmation in the service will depend
 "upon the Reports that will be made
 "upon them in the meantime by the
 "Principals of the offices in which they
 "have been employed.

"Favourable certificates have been
 "furnished by the Medical officer in every
 "instance, and the several Candidates have
 "been accepted for insurance (subject to
 "their election) by the Bank Provident Society.
 "In the case of Bosworth, however, the Report
 "is

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" is only moderately satisfactory, and the
 " Committee recommend that this Candidate
 " be informed that unless the Bank
 " Medical Officer can report more favourably
 " upon him in twelve months time, he
 " may not be continued in the service.

" W. Middleton Campbell

" Bank of England,

" Chairman."

" 13th November 1905."

approved
 and 13 Clerks
 elected.

The Court approved thereof,
 and the following persons were then
 elected Clerks to the Bank during
 pleasure at the Salaries hereinafter
 mentioned, viz:-

Alexander George Amos Bennett	at £90 a year
Frank Twizell Wawn	100
Herbert Douglas Hallett	80
Alured Leslie Duncan Long	80
Frederic Roy Freeman	80
Arthur Montagu Sturdy	80
Henry Thomas Wallace Bidwell	80
Robert Halliburton	80
Hugo Reynell Taylor	80
Walter Philip Tibbetts	80
Thomas Robeston Bosworth	80
Sydney Lowther Abbott Smyth	80
Eric Edward Smart	80

the said persons having previously
 signed the declaration approved by the
 Court of the 28th April 1842.

The Governor
 reports the
 appointment
 of a Woman
 Clerk.

The Governor reported to the
 Court that he had appointed a
 Woman Clerk to fill a vacancy
 caused by a resignation.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 23rd November 1905.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq, Governor,
William Middleton Campbell, Esq, Deputy Governor.
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq, The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
Henry Cosmo Orme Bonser, Esq, Frederick Auth Jackson, Esq,
Herbert Brooks, Esq, Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq,
Brien Cottrayne, Esq, Edgar Lubbock, Esq,
James Pattison Currie-Blyth, Esq, Samuel Hope Morley, Esq,
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq, Robert Lydston Newman, Esq,
Samuel Stenart Gladstone, Esq, Sir Augustus Prevost, Bart,
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq, The Rt Hon. Lord Revelstoke
Everard Alexander Hambro, Esq, Albert George Sandeman, Esq,
George William Henderson, Esq, and
William Goura Hoare, Esq; Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

The following Report of the
Deputy Governor having been read;

"Bank of England,
" 22nd November 1905.

"The Deputy Governor,

"Reports

The Deputy
Governor's
Report of the
audit of
Exchequer
Bills, &c.

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" Reports to the Court of Directors,

" That the Chief Cashier's Statements
 " of the Securities and also of the Bank
 " Notes and Coin in his custody have
 " been examined by divers Directors and
 " found right.

" Further, that the Chief Cashier
 " has produced the joint Auditors Certificate
 " that the Bills and Securities held against
 " Advances made in the Discount office
 " and outstanding on the evening of the
 " 21st instant were in the joint custody
 " of himself and the Principal of the
 " Discount office.

" Also that the Chief Cashier has
 " produced a Certificate from the joint
 " Auditors that the Principal of the Bill
 " office had exhibited Discounted Bills
 " amounting to £ 6,297. 689. 8. 7, the
 " amount with which the account of
 " "Bills Discounted" was charged in the
 " Chief Accountants ledger on the evening
 " of the 11th instant.

" The Chief Cashier also exhibited
 " a Certificate that the following amount
 " of Bullion was in the possession of
 " the Bank, viz:-

" Bar Gold, including receipts " for sets delivered under " Governor's order to Mint	oz	2,714.572.089
" at the Mint, for which " Mint Bill was exhibited	"	475.843.924
" Victorian light Gold Coin, for " which Mint Bill was exhibited	£	220.000.
" Advanced on Gold in Bars	£	151.000.
" English light Gold Coin	oz	135.375
" French Gold Coin	"	505.975
" German Gold Coin	"	1.610.425
" Russian		

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"Russian Gold Coin . . . of 1.087.
 "Spanish Gold Coin . . . " 449.625
 "United States Gold Coin . . . " 1.808.738.45

"The Chief Cashier's Statement of the
 "amount of Stock (including India,
 "Corporation and Colonial Stocks) standing
 "in the name of the Governor and Company
 "of the Bank of England has been compared
 "with the Stock Ledgers and found right.

"W. Middleton Campbell."

approved.

The Court approved thereof.

Election of
 Governors
 for the
 year ensuing

In conformity with the Resolution
 of Court of the 30th November 1848, the Court
 proceeded to vote by ballot for a Governor
 and Deputy Governor to be recommended to
 the Court of Proprietors for the ensuing year,
 when Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esquire,
 was chosen to be recommended to the Court
 of Proprietors to be elected Governor, and
 William Middleton Campbell, Esquire, to be
 elected Deputy Governor.

Discounts
 and Advances
 to Bill Brokers
 &c.

The weekly Statement of Discounts
 and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c,
 was read.

Chief Cashier's
 weekly Report

The Chief Cashier's Report Book of
 special transactions, &c, was laid before
 the Court.

Ordered,

at the recommendation of the
 Committee of Treasury,

Bank Notes, &c,
 lost, &c.

That

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That £188. 14. - be paid for sundry Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants, lost, &c. as detailed in the Governor's Declaration Book; the vouchers relating thereto having been examined and security given to indemnify the Bank.

£100 to be invested in Consols "Lost Note account" for the benefit of J. Y. Johnson. 1902.

also that £100 be invested in Consols "Lost Note account", for the benefit of James Yule Johnson, in respect of two Bank Notes for £50 each, lost in August 1902.

Minute of the Committee of Treasury recommending a donation of £1000 to the Queen's Unemployed Fund.

The following Minute of the Committee of Treasury having been read;

"Committee of Treasury,
"22nd November 1905.

"It was agreed to recommend to the Court of Directors to make a donation of One thousand pounds to the Queen's Unemployed Fund.

"Bank of England."

agreed to

The Court agreed thereto.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 30th November 1905.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq; Governor.
William Middleton Campbell, Esq; Deputy Governor.
Henry Cosmo Orme Benson, Esq; William Douro Hoare, Esq;
Brien Cottrane, Esq; The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq; Frederick Huth Jackson, Esq;
James Pattison Currie Dyer, Esq; Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq;
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq; Samuel Hope Morley, Esq;
Samuel Stewart Gladstone, Esq; Robert Lydston Newman, Esq;
Charles Hermann Goschen, Esq; Sir Augustus Prevost Bart;
Everard Alexander Hambro, Esq; Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c,
was read.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book
of special transactions, &c, was laid
before the Court.

Ordered.

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and Advances
to Bill Brokers
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Chief Cashier's
weekly Report.

30th Nov. 1905.Bank Notes
, &c., lost, etc.

£101. 5. 3^d
 Consols "Lost
 Note account"
 released in
 favour of
 Mr. Longbottom

Audit of
 Securities at
 the Law Courts
 Branch.

Audit of
 Securities at
 the Western
 Branch.

Report of the
 Committee for
 the Examination
 of Clerks on
 the clerks
 elected the 12th
 November 1903 &c.

Ordered,

at the recommendation of the
 Committee of Treasury,

That £15. 11. 10^d be paid for
 sundry Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants,
 lost, &c., as detailed in the Governor's
 Declaration Book;

Also that £101. 5. 3^d Consols, "Lost
 Note account", purchased in December
 1889, for the benefit of Henry Longbottom,
 in respect of a Bank Note for £100 alleged
 to have been lost in December 1883, be
 released in his favour;

the vouchers relating to the
 several cases having been examined
 and security given to indemnify the Bank.

A Report from Mr. Lubbock
 was read stating that he had audited
 the Securities at the Law Courts Branch
 comprised in the sections numbered 9
 and 11; and had found the same in
 the safe custody of the agent.

A Report from Mr. Jackson
 was read stating that he had audited
 the Securities at the Western Branch,
 comprised in the sections numbered
 1 and 2; and had found the same
 in the safe custody of the agent.

The following Report of the
 Committee for the Examination of
 Clerks having been read;

"The

30th Nov. 1905.

"The Committee for the Examination
of Clerks

"Report to the Court of Directors,

"That they have had before them the
"Two years' Reports on the undermentioned
"Clerks elected the 17th November 1903, viz:-

- "Robert Duncan Graham Dick
- "Robert Amherst Brace Hall
- "Gordon Ames
- "William Cecil Rickard Bratke
- "Roland Henry Cole Westmacott
- "Frederick Lionel Oakland De Carteret
- "Eric Myles Foster White
- "Louis Ronald Walsh
- "William James Carmichael Gibson
- "Evelyn Gladstone
- "Seymour Mowbray Gray
- "Leonard Peel Walker
- "Cybil John Sigby Clarke

"The Reports on Bratke and Walsh, as
"regards their work and handwriting, are
"distinctly unsatisfactory. They are however
"stated to be willing and to be improving.
"De Carteret's earlier Reports are not good, but
"he has since shown very considerable improvement.
"His handwriting, however, is still very poor.

"The Committee therefore recommend
"that these three Clerks be spoken to by the
"Deputy Governor, and that their probation
"be continued, pending further Reports to be
"made on them in Six Months' time.

"The Reports on the remaining Clerks
"are satisfactory, and the Committee recommend
"that these Clerks be now confirmed in the
"service on the usual conditions.

"The Committee also had before them
"the first Six Months' Reports on the Clerks
"elected the 11th May last, viz:-

- "James Cairns,
- "Denison Howard Allport,
- "Richard Dodson Cheveley, Junior,
- "Leonard Henry Astwith,

"George

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"George Leslie Pearse
 "Edmond Lee Gann
 "Ronald Edwin Houlding
 "Walter Clarence Leeson Webb
 "John Parson Greig
 "Edward Maitland Stapley
 "Herbert John Willis
 "Harold Webster Crowther
 "Bernard Cyril Wix
 "Roderick Arthur Lopingwell
 "Alexander Hamilton De Steiger
 "Nathaniel Marston
 "Alfred Bertram Hilgay Saunders
 "Maurice Edward Bryans

"These Reports are generally
 "satisfactory and the Committee recommend
 "that all these Clerks be continued in
 "the Service.

"W. Middleton Campbell"

"Bank of England,
 "27th November 1905."

approved

The Court approved thereof.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 7th December 1905.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq; Governor
William Middleton Campbell, Esq; Deputy Governor
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq; The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
Brien Cotnam, Esq; Frederick Huth Jackson, Esq;
James Pattison Currie Blyth, Esq; Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq;
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq; Edgar Lubbock, Esq;
Samuel Stewart Gladstone, Esq; Samuel Hope Morley, Esq;
Charles Hermann Goschen, Esq; Sir Augustus Prevoost, Bart; 8
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq; The Rt Hon: Lord Revelstoke
George William Henderson, Esq; Albert George Sandeman, Esq;
William Dours Moore, Esq; Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

Discounts
and Advances
to Bill Brokers
re.
The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c,
was read.

Chief Cashier's
weekly Report.
The Chief Cashier's Report Book of
special transactions, &c, was laid before
the Court.

Ordered.

7th Decr. 1905.Bank Notes, &c.
lost, etc.

Ordered,

at the recommendation of the
Committee of Treasury,

That £70,8^s. - be paid for sundry
Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants, lost, &c.
as detailed in the Governor's Declaration
Book, the vouchers relating thereto having
been examined and security given to
indemnify the Bank.

Audit of
Securities

A Report from the Committee
of Daily Waiting was read stating
that they had audited the Securities
contained in Drawers Nos 11 and 21,
and had satisfied themselves that the
same were in the safe custody of the
Chief Cashier.

Letter from
the Chancellor of
the Exchequer
applying for
an advance
of £750,000
under the 3rd
Section of the
Appropriation
Act 1905. 5 Edw⁷
VII. cap. 17.

The following letter from the
Chancellor of the Exchequer having been
read,

"Treasury Chambers,

"Whitehall, S.W.

"4th December 1905.

"Gentlemen,

"I request that you will have
"the goodness to move your Court to consent
"to advance on the 7th instant under the
"authority of the third section of the
"appropriation Act 1905 (5 Edward VII cap 17)
"a sum of seven hundred and fifty
"thousand pounds.

"I willingly accept your proposal
"that the sum so advanced should bear
"interest at the rate of three per cent
"per

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"per annum till the end of the month.

"I am, Gentlemen,

"your obedient servant,

"Austen Chamberlain."

"The Governor

"and Deputy Governor,

"Bank of England, &c."

Proposition
agreed to.On the recommendation of the
Committee of Treasury the Court agreed to
the proposition contained therein.Quarterly
Report of
the Committee
for the House
and ServantsThe following Report of the Committee
for the House and Servants having been
read;"The Committee for the
House and Servants

"Report to the Court of Directors,

"That the Chief Accountant has certified
"the payment of £ 6,573 . 16 . 4 entered in General
"Cash Books and ledgers all being for accounts
"ordered by the Committee to be paid in August
"last; and that the assistant Chief Accountant
"has certified the payment of £ 9068 . 16 . 9, as
"ordered by the Governors to be paid during the
"Quarter."The Secretary has certified that the
"Chief Cashier has produced Vouchers for
"£ 10,316 . 6 . 1 disbursed by him as payments
"in Petty Cash during the Quarter, and has
"produced his Cash Statement, showing a
"balance in his hands on the 15th instant of
"£ 6,120 . . . 2."The Committee have passed the accounts
"of the Wages of the Servants of this House,
"as follows, viz:-

"London	£ 58,389 . 2 . 6
"Branches	21,619 . 15 . 8
	<u>£ 80,008 . 18 . 2</u>

"and

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"and have ordered payment of the Pensions
"amounting to £11,040. 8. 10 for the Quarter
"ending the 30th November 1905.

"They have also ordered payment of
"the Tradesmens Bills and sundry Disburse-
"ments for the Quarter, as follows, viz:-

London . . .	£ 6421 . 4 . 8
Branches . . .	1123 . 12 . 6
	<u>£ 7544 . 17 . 2</u>

"From a Return made by the
"Principal of the Printing Department it
"appears that 4,761,000 Bank Notes have been
"printed numbered and examined during
"the Quarter ended the 31st October 1905 at a
"cost of 2. 10³/₄ per 1000 for material and mechanical
"labour only (Including paper the cost is £1. 2. 7³/₄
"per 1000).

"From the same Return it appears
"that 2,208,000 India Notes of Rs 10 and upwards
"have been printed numbered and examined
"during the same period at a cost of 2. 11¹/₄ per
"1000 for material and mechanical labour
"only. (Including paper and printing in green
"the cost is £1. 6. 5³/₄ per 1000). and that
"3,001,000 have been printed in green only
"at a cost of 2. - ³/₄ per 1000; also that 201,600
"India Notes of Rs 5 at a cost of 6. 1¹/₂ per 1000
"(Including paper printing in green and numbering
"the cost is 15. 3¹/₄ per 1000) and 342,000 printed
"in green only at a cost of 2. 5¹/₄ per 1000, and
"100,000 numbered at a cost of 8³/₄ per 1000.

"It also appears that 19,580,000 Postal
"Orders have been printed numbered and
"examined cut and packed during the quarter
"at a cost of 1. 2¹/₄ per 1000. (Including paper
"the cost is 3. 11¹/₄ per 1000).

"The Clerk of Works reports that the
"Electric alarms to the several gates have
"been tried once every week, those to the
"Residences, &c, once a month during the
"past quarter, and were all found in
"working order; and that the Fire Hydrants
"attached

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"attached to the New River Company's mains
"in the several Courtyards were tried on the
"21st instant, also the High Pressure Hydraulic
"Injector Hydrants, and were found in working
"order.

"The Gate Porter reports that the House
"Porters and Watchmen have been regular in
"their attendance at the Bank; that they have
"received instruction in the use of the Fire
"Hose and Hydrants under the superintendence
"of the Clerk of Works; that the Passages and
"Avenues about the Building have been kept
"clean and free from obstruction; and that
"the Telephonic communication from the Front
"Dodge to the Fire Brigade and Police Stations
"was in good working order. Also that the
"health of the men under his charge has
"been good since the last Report.

"The Secretary produced lists signed by
"the agents and Sub agents at the Branches,
"and by those Clerks not free of the Clerks
"Guarantee Fund, in declaration that their
"Sureties were living solvent and resident
"in the United Kingdom.

"W. Middleton Campbell."

"Bank of England,
"28th November 1905."

approved.

The Court approved thereof.

Quarterly
Reports

The Quarterly Reports of the
Committee of Treasury, the Committee
for Building, the Committee for Branch
Banks and the two permanent Committees
of Inspection were read and approved.

The deficiencies in the Cash
during the Quarter were reported to be as
follows, vizt. - Head Office £ 15. 18. 8.^d
Branches £ 12. 7. 11.^d

The

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Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
with regard
to the Bank
Medical officer.

The following Minute of the
Committee of Treasury, having been read,
"Committee of Treasury.
"6th December 1905.

"The Governor consulted the Committee
"with regard to Mr. John A. Kingdon, the
"Bank Medical officer, who has held that
"position since his appointment by the Court
"in 1885. Mr. Kingdon, it appeared, was
"now 77 years old, and, while his position
"as Medical officer to the Bank of England
"was greatly appreciated by him, and would
"only be relinquished with very keen regret,
"he felt that it would be a relief if, when
"circumstances allowed, he could absent
"himself from the daily attendance required
"of him and be represented by a substitute.
"Hitherto Mr. Kingdon, when prevented from
"attending, has made a private arrangement
"with Dr. A. J. Davies, of ¹⁷ ~~23~~ Finsbury Square^{Circus},
"(son of a former Medical Officer to the Bank)
"to represent him at the Bank; and the
"Committee now recommend to the Court that
"Dr. Davies (who is an M.D. of Cambridge and
"a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians,
"holds several important appointments and
"is the author of various medical pamphlets
"and papers of value) be appointed to represent
"and assist Mr. Kingdon at the Bank, when
"so required by him, and during the pleasure
"of the Court, with a salary of £100 per annum.
"Bank of England."

agreed to

The Court agreed thereto.

J. E. Hogarth,
Suptd of Women
Clerks Dept.
quits the service
at her request.

Miss Janet E. Hogarth, Superin-
tendent of the Women Clerks Department,
at her request had leave to quit the
service of the Bank on the 12th January
next.

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The following Minute of the
Committee of Treasury having been read;

"Committee of Treasury,
"6th December 1905.

"The Governor informed the Committee
"that Miss Janet Elizabeth Hogarth, the
"Superintendent of Women Clerks, had
"tendered her resignation as from the 12th
"proximo; and the Committee, in view of
"the excellent work she had performed
"since her appointment in 1893, agreed to
"recommend to the Court that on Miss
"Hogarth's resignation taking effect, she be
"granted a donation of one hundred guineas."

"Bank of England."

The Court agreed thereto.

The following Report of the
Committee of Inspection for the Accountants'
Offices having been read;

"The Committee of Inspection
"for the Accountants' Offices,

"Report to the Governor,

"That they have had before them a
"memorandum from the Chief Accountant
"containing the following proposals, viz:-

"(1) for filling the vacancy that will occur
"in the Women Clerks Department on the
"retirement of Miss Janet Elizabeth Hogarth,
"the Superintendent, who has tendered her
"resignation as from the 12th proximo.

"(2) recommending increases in the maximum
"salaries of the Superintendent and Deputy
"Superintendent of Women Clerks, and

"(3) for the appointment of two additional
"assistants to the Superintendent.

"Miss

of the Decr 1905.
Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
that Miss Janet
E. Hogarth,
Supt. of the
Women Clerks
Dept be granted
a Donation
of One hundred
Guineas on
quitting

agreed to

Report of
the Committee
of Inspection
for the Accountants'
Offices
recommending
an increase
in the maximum
salaries of the
Superintendents
of the Women
Clerks Dept, &
with Minute
of the Committee
of Treasury
concurring
therein.

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"Miss Mary Elsee, the Deputy Superintendent,
 "who is absent on Sick leave, does not return
 "until the 5th proximo and it is considered
 "desirable that the promotions consequent
 "on the pending retirement of Miss Hogarth,
 "and the Chief accountants proposals, should,
 "if approved, be made at once in order that
 "the Clerks promoted may be initiated into
 "their new duties before Miss Hogarth retires.

"It appears that in 1894, when Miss
 "Hogarth and Miss Elsee were appointed
 "Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent,
 "respectively, only a portion of the Bank Note
 "sorting was undertaken by the Women Clerks
 "and that the typewriting Department had
 "not been established. The whole of the Bank
 "Note sorting is now performed by Women
 "Clerks, and a shorthand and typewriting
 "Department has since been created. The
 "total Staff, which formerly occupied one
 "room, has increased from 25 to 59 and now
 "occupies practically four rooms. In view of
 "the large increase of the Staff and the rapid
 "development of the typewriting work, it is
 "recommended that two additional Assistants
 "to the Superintendent should now be appointed
 "- one to take charge of the shorthandwriters
 "and the other to assist in the general
 "supervision of the Staff.

"As regards the salaries of the
 "Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent,
 "the remuneration of Miss Hogarth was in
 "the first instance placed at £157. 10.-, and
 "that of Miss Elsee at £105. It was
 "subsequently agreed (Order of Court 21st
 "June 1894) that their salaries should be
 "advanced £10. 10.- and £7. 10.- annually
 "until attaining £210 and £157. 10.- respectively.

"It is now suggested in view of the
 "large increase in the Staff since 1894,
 "and the fact that it is most improbable
 "that future Superintendents will be
 "appointed at such an early age as the
 "first Superintendents were, that the
 "salary of the Superintendent should be
 "fixed at £200 rising by annual increments
 "of £10 to £250, and that of the Deputy
 "Superintendent

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"Superintendent at £150 rising by annual
"increments of £5 to £175.

"It is further suggested that Miss Mitty
"Helena Georgina Hall, who has been an
"assistant to the Superintendent since 1898,
"be granted a "personal" additional salary of
"£15; and that Miss Edith Petrie, a Shorthand
"writer, be granted a "personal" additional
"salary of £10.

"The Committee have examined the
"Chief accountant, who explained his proposals
"to them, and have also consulted Miss
"Stofarth.

"as a result of their enquiries the
"Committee are of opinion that the adoption
"of the foregoing proposals, which involve no
"increase in the Staff and no present increase
"in salaries (though they will eventually
"increase the cost of the Women Clerks Depart-
"ment by about £60 per annum), is fully
"justified by the facts which have been laid
"before them, and they accordingly recommend
"them for adoption.

"Assuming that the above proposals
"meet with the approval of the Court, the
"Committee suggest that the promotions and
"appointments recommended in the accompanying
"Minute should be made.

"Charles F. Arbutnot."

"Bank of England,"
"4th December 1905."

Committee of Treasury,
6th December 1905.

It was agreed to concur in the
above proposals.

Bank of England.

The Court approved thereof.

approved

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Minute of
the Committee
of Inspection
for the Accountants
offices
recommending
appointments
in the Women
Clerks Dept.

The following Minute of the
Committee of Inspection for the Accountants
Offices having been read;

"The Committee of Inspection
for the accountants offices

"Resolved,

"That it be recommended to the
Governor to propose to the Court of Directors
to make the following appointments and
promotions in the Women Clerks Department,
viz:-

"Miss Mary Elsee, Deputy Superintendent,
to be Superintendent, in place of Miss J. E. Hogarth,
about to retire,

"Miss Louisa Sarah Edwards, 2nd Short-
handwriter, to be Deputy Superintendent, in
place of Miss M. Elsee to be promoted,

"Miss Jeannie Edith Gertrude Henderson,
Senior Shorthandwriter, to be an additional
Assistant to the Superintendent; her salary
to commence at £116, and her "personal" additional
salary of £15 to cease, and

"Miss Mabel Emily Kirtton, a Bank Note
Sorter, to be an additional assistant to the
Superintendent.

"The foregoing appointments, &c. to date
from the 12th proximo, when Miss Hogarth
retires.

"The Staff of the Department will then
be as follows:-

	Salary per annum		Total Salary per annum
	Ordinary	Personal	
"Mary Elsee, . . . Superintendent	£200		£200
"L. S. Edwards, . . . Depy — D ^o —	150		150
"M. H. G. Hall . . . asst to — D ^o —	108	15	123
"Emma Tyson . . . D ^o — D ^o —	100		100
"M. E. Kirtton . . . D ^o — D ^o —	90		90
"Shorthandwriters			
"J. E. G. Henderson . asst to Superintend- ent	116		116
"Edith Petrie . . . te. n. n.	92	10	102

"Bank of England, " Charles G. Arbuthnot "

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agreed to

The Court agreed thereto.

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Report of the
Committee for
the Examination
of Clerks on a
Woman Clerk
appointed in
Novr 1903, and
on two others
appointed in
Novr and Decr
1904.

The following Report of the Committee
for the Examination of Clerks having
been read;

"The Committee for the Examination
of Clerks

"Report to the Court of Directors,

"That they have had before them the
"Two years' Reports on Margaret Castelfranc
"Cheveley, a Woman Clerk appointed the 30th
"November 1903.

"These Reports are satisfactory and the
"Committee recommend that she be confirmed
"in the service for the remainder of the term
"of seven years.

"They have also had before them the
"first Twelve Months' Reports on

"Mary Clive Sacheverell, and
"Phyllis Joy Purdie,
"two Women Clerks appointed in November
"and December 1904.

"These Reports are satisfactory and the
"Committee recommend that these two Clerks
"be continued in the service.

"W. Middleton Campbell."

"Bank of England,
"6th December 1905."

approved.

The Court approved thereof.

Report of
the Committee
of Inspection
for the Cashiers'
offices in
regard to the
loss of a sum
of £8 in the
Private Drawing
office on the
28th September
last.

The following Report of the
Committee of Inspection for the Cashiers'
offices having been read;

"The Committee of Inspection
"for the Cashiers' offices

"Report to the Governor,

"That at their Quarterly Meeting
"the loss of a sum of £8 in the Private Drawing
"office

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"Office, on the 28th September last, was
"brought to their notice.

"It appears that when Aeneas Adam,
"a Counter Clerk, was making an early
"agreement in his cash (about 11.40 a.m.)
"he discovered his money to be £8 short.
"Adam is reported to be a most careful
"clerk and no suspicion whatever attaches
"to him; and as he had made only three
"small money payments that morning
"and had not taken in any coin it is
"considered practically impossible for him to
"have made a mistake. There is no conclusive
"evidence to show that the coin was taken
"out of his till, but in view of certain facts
"which have been brought to their knowledge
"the Committee are of opinion that this was
"the case and that the theft was committed
"by a clerk no longer in the service of the
"Bank.

"Herbert Brooks."

"Bank of England,
"1st December 1905.

approved

The Court approved thereof.

Report of the
Committee of
Inspection for
the Cashiers
offices
recommending
that the balance
of a loan
granted to
Geoffrey Butler
of the Private
Drawing Office
in November
1901, be remitted.

The following Report of the
Committee of Inspection for the Cashiers
offices having been read;

"The Committee of Inspection
"for the Cashiers' offices,

"Report to the Governor,

"That they have had before them the
"case of Geoffrey Butler, a second class
"clerk in the Private Drawing Office, who
"on making up his cash on the 18th
"October 1901 found it was £190 short.

"The circumstances of the loss were
"investigated by the Committee of Inspection
"for the Cashiers' offices in November of
"that year, and set forth at length in their

"Report

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"Report to the Governor, which was laid before the Court of the 28th November 1901.

"In view of certain circumstances mentioned therein the Committee in November 1901 placed on record their opinion that, when Butler had repaid, say, about £100, the case might be reconsidered with a view of remitting the remainder of the loan.

"This sum has now been repaid by Butler, and the Committee, after carefully reviewing all the circumstances of the case, recommend that the outstanding balance of the loan, namely £90, should be remitted, and the amount in question carried to the debit of the account of "Sundry charges and receipts."

"Herbert Brooks."

"Bank of England,
"1st December 1905."

approved

The Court approved thereof.

M. A. L. Thomas, a Woman Clerk, quits the service at her request.

M. A. L. Thomas, a Woman Clerk, at her request had leave to quit the service of the Bank, at the end of the current month.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 14th December 1905.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq; Governor.
William Middleton Campbell, Esq; Deputy Governor.
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq; William Dowse Hoare, Esq;
Henry Cosmo Arne Benson, Esq; The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
Herbert Brooks, Esq; Frederick Auth Jackson, Esq;
Brien Collyer, Esq; Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq;
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq; Edgar Lubbock, Esq;
James Pattison Currie-Wythe, Esq; Samuel Hope Morley, Esq;
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq; Robert Lydston Newman, Esq;
Samuel Stewart Gladstone, Esq; Sir Augustus Prevoost, Bart;
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq; Albert George Sandeman, Esq;
George William Henderson, Esq; Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last
Court were read.

Discounts
and Advances
to Bill Brokers
re.

The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c.
was read.

Chief Cashier's
weekly Report.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book
of special transactions, &c. was laid
before the Court.

Ordered,

14th Decr 1905Bank Notes, &c,
lost, &c.

Ordered,

At the recommendation of the
Committee of Treasury,

That £67, 4, 2 be paid for sundry
Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants lost, &c,
as detailed in the Governor's Declaration
Book, the vouchers relating thereto having
been examined and security given to
indemnify the Bank.

Out Cash

A Report from Mr Jackson was
read stating that he had taken in the
Out Cash on the 13th instant and had
found it right.

Minute of
the Committee
on "Bank
Buildings"
with a letter
from Messrs
Freshfield
recommending
that the
Bank Seal be
affixed to a
supplemental
agreement
with the
Yorkshire
Insurance
Coy.

The following Minute of the
Committee on "Bank Buildings" with
a letter from Messrs Freshfield having
been read;

"Committee on the subject of
"the Premises comprised in Bank
Buildings"
"26th October 1905.

"The Committee considered a letter
"which the Bank Architect had received
"from the Architect to the Yorkshire Assurance
"Company, proposing - in variation of the terms
"of the agreement dated 10th March 1900 - to
"give the Bank vacant possession of No. 2
"Bank Buildings, for purposes of building
"their complete new premises at one time,
"the Assurance Company to pay the Bank
"a rent of £1200 a year during the
"rebuilding, (instead of the rents specified
"in the said agreement); and it was agreed
"to accede to the proposal.

"Bank of England."

"New

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" New Bank Buildings,

" 31 Old Jewry, E.C.

" 13th December 1905.

" Dear Sir,

" We beg to hand to you the engrossment
 " of the Supplemental agreement between the
 " Governor and Company of the Bank of
 " England and the Yorkshire Fire Insurance
 " Company relating to Nos 1 and 2 Bank
 " Buildings. The agreement has been prepared
 " in accordance with the instructions contained
 " in your letter to us of the 1st ultimo.

" By the terms of this agreement the
 " Insurance Company undertake to obtain
 " temporary premises for their business
 " and to notify the Bank of England to
 " that effect as soon as they have done so.
 " On receipt of the notice the Bank of
 " England are to have possession of No 2
 " Bank Buildings for the purpose of erecting
 " upon that site and on the site of No 1
 " Bank Buildings the new building referred
 " to in the original agreement of the 10th
 " March 1900.

" The present rent of £2400 will be
 " reduced to £1200 from the date of the
 " notice until the architect to the Bank
 " shall have certified that the new buildings
 " have been completed fit for occupation.
 " On the completion of the new Building
 " the Bank will grant a new lease of
 " the whole of the premises for a term to
 " expire on the 25th March 1931 at the
 " rents reserved by the original agreement
 " and upon the terms which were then
 " settled, subject only to such variations
 " as the Solicitors for the Bank may
 " reasonably consider to be necessary.

" We are informed that the Yorkshire
 " Insurance Company have practically obtained
 " possession of their temporary premises
 " and are ready to give up possession at
 " once. Their Solicitors propose to hand us
 " a notice in the form provided by the
 " Supplemental agreement when the agreements
 " are exchanged.

" We

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"We have not thought it necessary to
 "trouble you with the draft having regard to
 "your instructions that the matter should be
 "carried out with as little delay as possible.
 "We have assured that the insurance covenant
 "can be suspended during the rebuilding; no
 "doubt the rebuilding is to be at the Contractor's
 "risk, and there is of course no object in double
 "insurance.

"We advise that the seal of the Bank
 "of England may be affixed to the Supplemental
 "Agreement.

"We should be much obliged if you
 "would kindly let us have back the document
 "as soon as practicable, as completion can take
 "place at once.

"We are, Dear Sir

"yours faithfully,

"Freshfields."

"The Secretary,

"Bank of England."

agreed to &
 the agreement
 ordered to be
 sealed.

The Court agreed thereto, and
 Ordered that the agreement in question
 be sealed with the Common Seal of
 the Bank.

The following Report of the Audit
 Committee having been read;

"The Audit Committee

"Report to the Court of Directors,

"That they have had before them the
 "Reports of the Audits taken by the Audit
 "Department during the past month under
 "written instructions from one of the Governors.

"These Audits are enumerated in
 "detail in the accompanying list.

"W. Middleton Campbell."

"Bank of England,

"13th December 1905."

Report of
 the Audit
 Committee
 on Audits
 taken by the
 Audit Depart-
 ment between
 the 6th ultimo
 and the 9th
 instant.

"List

"List of Audits taken by the Audit Department
"during the past month.

- "On the 8th ultimo, audit of the accounts of
" " Sundry Securities acquired on account of
" " Unpaid Advances", "Sundries - Miscellaneous
" " Securities" and "Securities Suspense account
" " No. 2" in the Chief Accountant's office.
- "On the 8th ultimo, audit of Securities in the
" Treasury.
- "On the 11th ultimo, audit of the Stock of
" Bullion in the Bullion office.
- "On the 13th ultimo, audit of Securities at the
" Law Courts Branch.
- "On the 14th ultimo, audit of Securities in the Treasury.
- "On the 15th ultimo, audit of Notes and Coin in
" the Treasury.
- "On the 17th ultimo, audit of the Out Cash in
" the Treasury, as on the evening of the 16th instant.
- "On the 18th ultimo, audit of Securities at the
" Western Branch.
- "On the 18th ultimo, audit of the London Discounted
" Bills in the Bill office, as on the evening of
" the 14th instant.
- "On the 21st ultimo, audit of the Advances made
" in the Discount office.
- "On the 1st instant, a verification of the
" contents of all parcels containing Securities
" belonging to the Governor and Company of
" the Bank of England.
- "On the 2nd instant, audit of the Advances made
" in the Chief Cashier's office, as on the evening
" of the 21st ultimo.
- "On the 4th instant, audit of the Securities held
" in the Branch Banks office against Loans
" made to the Stock Exchange on account of
" Branch Customers.
- "On the 5th instant, audit of Securities in the Treasury.
- "On the 6th instant, audit of Securities at the
" Law Courts Branch.
- "On the 7th instant, audit of Securities at the
" Western Branch.
- " Bank of England,
" 13th December 1905."

approved.

The Court approved thereof.

The

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Report of the
Committee
for Law Suits
on Messrs
Freshfield's
Bill for Law
Charges.

The following Report of the Committee
for Law Suits having been read:

"The Committee for Law Suits
"Report to the Court of Directors,

"That they have examined Messrs Freshfield's
"Bill for Law Charges for the half year ending
"the 30th September 1905, which they find to be
"composed of the following items, viz:-

"Further respecting the affairs of
"the Parochoa Company £ 2.15.4

"Respecting the order nisi obtained
"by Miss S. E. Collis against the Bank
"for a mandamus compelling them
"to keep a list of unclaimed dividends
"and to produce the same for inspection 72.17.4

"Respecting the Garnishee order
"attaching the account of E. G. Derriman
"at the Western Branch 2. 6. --

"Respecting the Garnishee order
"attaching the account of James M. Craig
"at the Western Branch 2. 8. --

"Further respecting the action brought
"by Dr. C. Granger Brown against the
"Bank to recover compensation for
"alleged illegal arrest and detention 36. 9. 8

"Further respecting the question as
"to whether charging orders absolute
"served upon the Bank were a sufficient
"charge on Stocks and had the effect
"of a distress 20. 3. --

"Further respecting the agreement
"with the Metropolitan Water Board
"for the issue and management of
"Metropolitan Water (B) Stock 41. 18. 6

"Respecting the respective rights
"and duties of the Bank and the
"Metropolitan Water Board relative to
"the deduction of Income Tax on
"Metropolitan Water (B) Stock dividends 14. 13. 4

"Further respecting the Bill by the
"Corporation of London for providing

"means

Carried forward £ 193.11.2

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"Brought forward £193. 11. 2	
"means of escape from fire in "and upon buildings within the "City of London	4. 10. 9
"Further respecting the Bill "introduced into Parliament by the "Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation "limited to enable that Corporation "to act as Executors, Administrators "and in other fiduciary capacities "and the petition against the same	61. 2. 11
"Further respecting the question "of the Bank's liability, in the "event of their payment of Treasury "Bills, Dividend Warrants and "Exchequer Bonds upon forged "endorsements	10. 1. 6
"Respecting the question as to "Transfers of Stock by a Scotch Curator "Bonis administering a lunatic's "estate	3. 1. 6
"Further respecting the question "of Indemnity to be given to the "Bank on the payment over to the "Executors of the late Miss Holland "of the Notes impounded by the Bank "on presentation for payment by the "late J. H. Dougal	2. 5. -
"Further respecting the Central "London Railway (New Lines) Bill "and the petition against the same	19. 16. -
"Further respecting the Great "Northern Piccadilly and Brompton "Railway, No 2 New Lines & Extensions "Bill and the petition against the same	29. 7. 2
"Further respecting the Hammersmith "City and North East London Railway "Bill and the petition against the same	27. 2. 6
"Respecting the payment off by "Messrs Crowe & Co. Ltd of deeds of part "of their Mortgage Debt to the Bank	9. 19. 6
"Respecting Bill to amend the law "relating to false statements with "respect to the financial position of "Companies	5. 5. -
"Respecting the surrender by the Union "Bank of Australia Ltd of the Lease of "No 1 Bank Buildings to the Bank	2. 12. -
"Carried forward £368. 15. -	

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Brought forward	£ 368. 15. -
" Further respecting the Bank's claim " as Shareholders in the Alden Land " Company of New York	5. 5. -
" Respecting case submitted as to " the Bank's power to reject grants of " Probate or Letters of administration " insufficiently stamped to cover all " Stocks to be dealt with at the Bank	18. 15. -
" Respecting the alteration in the " form of Stock Receipts in use by " the Bank	26. 6. -
" Further respecting the Bank's " claim in respect of Shares in the " New River Company	4. 10. -
" Respecting appointment of Mr " David Powell as a Director of the " New River Company	9. 15. -
" Respecting measures taken to " detect Frauds and Forgeries	100. 11. 10
" Respecting General Business	54. 6. 8
	<hr/> 588. 4. 6
" Deduct amount received by " Solicitors	16. 14. 8
	<hr/> £ 571. 9. 10

" In the foregoing account of - £ 588. 4. 6

" The Charges for Drawing " Briefs and other General " Business amount to	£ 195. 18. 6	
" Personal attendance	111. 12. 8	307. 11. 2
" For Money advanced in " Fees to Counsel	94. 13. -	
" Incidental Expenses	186. - - 4	280. 13. 4
		<hr/> £ 588. 4. 6

" The Committee have satisfied themselves
" from the Chief accountant's Report that the
" several charges have been made according to
" the usual scale, and they

" Recommend to the Court of Directors
" That

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"That the sum of £571. 9. 10^s be paid
to Mess^{rs} Freshfield, being the balance due
on their present Bill for Law Charges to
the 30th September 1905.

"W. Middleton Campbell."

"Bank of England,
7th December 1905."

approved

The Court approved thereof, and
Ordered,

the amount
ordered to be
paid.

That the sum of £571. 9. 10^s be
paid to Mess^{rs} Freshfield, being the balance
of their present Bill for Law Charges to
the 30th September last;

procedure in
future for
bringing the
Solicitor's Bills
before the Court
for payment.

and further, that in future the
Deputy Governor be authorised to bring the
Bank Solicitor's Bills for Law Charges
before the Court for payment without the
necessity of previous reference to the
Committee for Law Suits.

Letter from
Mess^{rs}
Freshfield
with Indenture
of Charge by
the Llanelly
Harbour Trust
and the Urban
District Council
for the District
of the Borough
of Llanelly, in
favour of the
Governor and
Company of
the Bank of
England - to
be sealed.

The following letter from Mess^{rs}
Freshfield having been read;

"New Bank Buildings,
31 Old Jewry, E.C.
11th December 1905

"Dear Sir,

"We send you for sealing by the Bank
the duplicate engrossment of the Deed of Charge
by the Llanelly Harbour Trust and the Llanelly
Urban District Council in favour of the Bank,
with reference to the loan to the Llanelly Harbour
Trust.

"The other engrossment of the Deed has
already been sealed both by the Trust and by
the Urban District Council and will in due
course be handed to us in exchange for the
part sealed by the Bank. It has been dated
the 4th instant and accordingly that date has
been inserted in the duplicate now sent.

"The short effect of the Deed and the
Llanelly

14th Decr 1905.

" Llandelly Harbour Act 1904 with regard to the
" Bank is as follows:-

" Before the commencement of these negotiations
" the amount of the loans by the Bank to the
" Trust was £220,787. 10. 7^d, and the security they
" had was in addition to the income of the Docks
" and the income of certain Estates belonging to
" the Town, a 7^d rate upon the town of Llandelly.

" The result of the present arrangement
" which has culminated in this Deed of Charge
" is that the Bank will make an immediate
" further advance of £19,725.

" and will come under the
" obligation to make an additional
" advance as and when required of 24,000.
" making a total of £ 43,725

" But the original loan of £220,787. 10. 7^d
" is to be reduced by a payment in securities and
" cash of £8,565. 18. 5, so that the amount of the
" Bank's loan when the £24,000 shall have been
" advanced, will be £255,946. 12. 2.

" The Bank have as security not only for
" these new advances, but for the whole loan, the
" earnings of the Dock, the revenues from the
" Town Estates, and a 2^d Rate from the town
" of Llandelly.

" From this it will be observed that the
" result of these arrangements has been to obtain
" for the Bank a further security of a Rate of
" 5^d from the town of Llandelly. But in addition to
" this the Bank get a complete supervision over the
" affairs of the Dock by reason of the appointment
" of two representatives, Mr. Macaulay and Mr.
" Roberts, upon the Harbour Trust with special
" powers under the act of Parliament.

" A 2^d Rate on the town of Llandelly for a
" year is estimated just now to amount to nearly
" £8,000.

" We recommend that the Deed of Charge
" should be sealed by the Bank. The Memorandum
" within the fold does not need to be sealed
" by the Bank.

" We enclose for your information the form
" of attestation which might be adopted having
" regard to certain alterations which it has been
" necessary to make on pages 2 and 7 of the
" engrossment owing to the figures having been
" varied after the engrossment was made.

We

14th Decr 1905.

"We are, Dear Sir,
 "yours faithfully,
 "Freshfields"

"The Secretary,
 "Bank of England."

approved
 and the Deed
 of Charge
 ordered to be
 sealed.

The Court approved thereof, and
 Ordered that the Deed of Charge in
 question be sealed with the Common
 Seal of the Bank.

Vote of thanks
 to Mr. Jackson
 & Mr. Cunliffe
 in connection
 with the loan
 to the Llanelly
 Harbour Trust.

It was Moved, Seconded and
 Carried unanimously,

That the best thanks of this Court
 be given to Mr. Jackson and Mr. Cunliffe
 for their able conduct of the negotiations
 in the matter of the Loan by the Bank
 to the Llanelly Harbour Trust.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 21st December 1905.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq. Governor,
William Middleton Campbell, Esq. Deputy Governor.
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq. William Douro Hoare, Esq.
Henry Cosmo Orme Bonsor, Esq. The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
Herbert Brooks, Esq. Frederick Huth Jackson, Esq.
Brien Cothayne, Esq. Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq.
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq. Edgar Lubbock, Esq.
Walter Cunliffe, Esq. Samuel Hope Morley, Esq.
James Pattison Currie-Blyth, Esq. Robert Lydston Newman, Esq.
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq. Sir Augustus Prevoost, Bart.
Samuel Stenart Gladstone, Esq. The Rt. Hon. Lord Revelstoke
Charles Hermann Goschen, Esq. Albert George Sandeman, Esq.
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq. and
George William Henderson, Esq. Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c.
was read.

Discounts
& Advances to
Bill Brokers, &c.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book of
special transactions, &c. was laid before
the Court.

Chief Cashier's
Weekly Report.

Ordered,
at the recommendation of the
Committee

21st Decr 1905.Bank Notes, &c.
lost, etc.

Committee of Treasury,

That £101. 19. 9^d be paid for sundry Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants lost, &c. as detailed in the Governor's Declaration Book; the vouchers relating thereto having been examined and security given to indemnify the Bank.

Audit of
Securities

A Report from the Committee of Daily Waiting was read stating that they had audited the Securities contained in Drawer No. 16 and the Liverpool 2 1/2 per cent Stock Certificates in Store and had satisfied themselves that the same were in the safe custody of the Chief Cashier.

Audit of
Securities at
the Law
Courts Branch.

A Report from Mr. Bonsor was read stating that he had audited the Securities at the Law Courts Branch comprised in the Section numbered 12, and had found the same in the safe custody of the Agent.

Out Cash.

A Report from Mr. Grenfell was read stating that he had taken in the Out Cash on the 20th instant and had found it right.

Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
an appointment
in the Secretary's
office.

The following Minute of the Committee of Treasury having been read;
"Committee of Treasury,
"20th December 1905.

"It was agreed to recommend to
"the Court that Alan Medland Barrett,
"an assistant in the Private Drawing
"office, be appointed the Junior Clerk
"in the Secretary's office, to fill the
"vacancy

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"vacancy resulting from the retirement on a pension of William Wallace, the 2nd Clerk, on the 25th March last.

"Bank of England."

agreed to

The Court agreed thereto.

Minute of the Committee of Treasury recommending that A. F. S. Harmer, of the Bank Stock, &c, Office be allowed to retire with a pension.

The following Minute of the Committee of Treasury having been read,
 "Committee of Treasury,
 "20th December 1905.

"The Committee had before them a letter from Henry Fielding Shouldham Harmer, a 1st Class Clerk in the Bank Stock, &c, Office, who at 55 years of age after 36³/₄ years' service, tenders his resignation from the Service of the Bank owing to nervous breakdown and consequent recurrent failure of the heart's action. The Bank Medical officer had certified that Harmer was not likely to be again an efficient Clerk, and it was agreed to recommend to the Court that Harmer's resignation be accepted and in view of all the circumstances that he be granted, during pleasure, a pension equal to his salary of £378 till the end of February next, and thereafter according to the scale, but as if he had completed 37 years' service, viz: - £211.13.8, being 4²/₅ths of his salary of £378.

"Bank of England."

agreed to

The Court agreed thereto.

Minute of the Audit Committee submitting revised forms for use in connection with the Fortnightly Audit of Securities.

The following Minute of the Audit Committee having been read,
 "Audit Committee,
 "13th December 1905.

"The Audit Committee have had

"under

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"under consideration the revision of the
 "printed form of Instructions for taking
 "the Fortnightly audit of the Securities
 "in the Treasury. Hitherto the various
 "orders and modifications have merely
 "been printed in chronological order. The
 "Committee have now co-ordinated these and
 "have brought them up to date, adding such
 "explanatory matter as they have deemed useful.
 "Their work, however, has been entirely one of
 "revision, and contains no suggested alterations
 "in procedure, except that the provision that
 "the Governor, when choosing the Drawers for
 "Audit, should select them by lot, has been
 "omitted as obsolete and unnecessary.

"They also suggest the omission from the
 "form of Report of what appears to be an
 "unnecessary recital of the Auditor's duties
 "in detail; and they now beg to recommend
 "to the Court for adoption the revised forms
 "as appended hereto.

"W. Middleton Campbell."

"Bank of England."

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

G. A. Taylor, of
 the Private
 Draw^g. office,
 quits the
 Service at his
 request.

George A. Taylor of the Private
 Drawing Office, at his request had
 leave to quit the service of the Bank
 on the 30th instant.

The Common
 Seal reported
 to have been
 affixed to an
 agreement &
 Deed of Charge
 as ordered

Mr. Gladstone reported that following
 on the order of the last Court the
 Common Seal was affixed that day in
 the presence of Mr. Sandeman, Mr. Cole
 and himself to the Supplementary agreement
 with the Yorkshire Fire and Life Insurance
 Company, and to the Deed of Charge in
 connection with the loan to the Llanelli
 Harbour Trust.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 28th December 1905.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq. Governor,
William Middleton Campbell, Esq. Deputy Governor,
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq. George William Henderson, Esq.
Henry Cosmo Arne Benson, Esq. William Sours Hoare, Esq.
Herbert Brooks, Esq. Frederick Huth Jackson, Esq.
Brien Cotyayre, Esq. Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq.
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq. Edgar Lubbock, Esq.
Walter Cunliffe, Esq. Samuel Hope Morley, Esq.
James Pattison Currie, Esq. Sir Augustus Prevost, Bart.
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq. Albert George Sandeman, Esq.
Charles Hermann Goschen, Esq. and
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq. Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c.
was read.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book of
special transactions, &c. was laid before the
Court.

Ordered,

at the recommendation of the
Committee

Discounts
and Advances
to Bill Brokers,
&c.

Chief Cashier's
weekly Report.

Bank Notes
&c. lost, etc.

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Committee of Treasury.

That £1149. 8. 2^d be paid for sundry Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants lost, &c, as detailed in the Governor's Declaration Book; the vouchers relating thereto having been examined and security given to indemnify the Bank.

Letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer applying for an advance under the 3rd section of the appropriation act 1905, (5 Edward VII cap. 17.)

The following letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer having been read;

Treasury Chambers,
"Whitehall, S.W.,
"26 December 1905

"Gentlemen,

"I request that you will have the
"goodness to move your Court to consent
"to advance during the current quarter
"under the authority of the third section
"of the appropriation act 1905 (5 Edward VII
"cap 17) an amount not exceeding two
"million pounds.

"I propose that any sum so
"advanced should bear interest at
"the rate of three and one half per cent
"per annum and should be repaid
"as by the said section directed.

"I am, Gentlemen,

"your obedient servant

"H. H. Asquith"

"The Governor

"and Deputy Governor,

"Bank of England, &c."

Proposition
agreed to.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Treasury, the Court agreed to the proposition contained therein.

The

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Letter from
the Chancellor
of the Exchequer
applying for
the usual
Quarterly
Advances on
Deficiency
Account.

The following letter from the
Chancellor of the Exchequer having been
read;

"Treasury Chambers,
"Whitehall, S.W.

"26 December 1905.

"Gentlemen,

"As it will be necessary to obtain
"advances in the ensuing quarter under
"the authority of the Act 29 & 30 Vict. c. 39,
"s. 12, in order to meet the excess of the
"Charge beyond the Income of the Consolidated,
"Fund in Great Britain for the Quarter
"ending the 31st instant, I have to request
"that you will be good enough to move your
"Court to authorize such advances.

"The amounts advanced will bear
"the rate of interest contemplated by the
"Treasury Minute of 2nd August 1904 (that
"is, one half per cent above half the published
"Bank Rate current on the day on which
"the money is received into the Exchequer
"account), and they will be repaid with
"the interest due thereon in the course of
"the ensuing quarter, as is required by
"the above-named Act.

"I am, Gentlemen,

"your obedient servant,

"H. A. Asquith."

"The Governor

"and Deputy Governor,

"Bank of England, &c."

agreed to.

The Court agreed to the
proposition contained therein.

"The Governor laid before the
Court certain correspondence which had
taken place between the Bank and
the India Office in arrangement of
terms for the management of the Stocks
and

Rearrangement
of terms for
the management
of the Stocks, &c.,
of the Govern-
ment of India.

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and other Securities of the Government of India, in regard to which the existing agreement will expire on the 31st instant.

The Court approved the arrangement in question, viz:-

The charge to be £300 per million so long as the total ^{sterling} debt (including India Railway Debenture Stocks) is over £125,000,000; but in the event of the total Sterling Debt being reduced below £125,000,000, the charge to be at the rate of £360 per million for the first £100,000,000 and £60 per million for each additional million.

£400 per crore for Rupee Securities with a minimum total payment of £8000 a year.

This arrangement to continue in force from the 1st January 1906 to the 31st December 1915, inclusive.

Correspondence with the agent General for New South Wales relative to the proposed removal of the inscribed Stocks of that State from the Bank.

The Governor also laid before the Court the following correspondence which had taken place with the agent General in London for New South Wales.

"Westminster Chambers,
"9 Victoria Street,
"London, S.W.
"November 1905.

"Gentlemen,

"The question of the control of the
"Public Debts of the various States by the
"Federal Government, and of the raising
"of future loans for redemption of old
"loans or for new services, has been
"under the attention of my Government
"for a considerable period, and although
"the matter of the control of the debt
"has been shelved for the present, it has

"been

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"been decided that an attempt should be
"made to alter the existing arrangement
"and to place our business on such footing
"as to be prepared for any eventuality, and
"one of the first conditions of such rearrange-
"ment would be to effect a reduction in the
"cost of our London business.

"It is the wish of my Government,
"therefore, to take under its own manage-
"ment the transfer of Inscribed Stock now
"in the hands of the Bank of England,
"leaving the purely banking part of its
"business still with the Bank, and to this
"end I would be glad if you would permit
"your Chief Cashier to discuss with me
"the conditions of such transfer.

"On a former occasion when I
"mentioned this matter to some of the
"leading officers of the Bank, I was met
"with the difficulty that they were advised
"that there would be legal objections to such
"transfer, but my Premier writes to me that
"he has been advised in a contrary sense,
"and with all respect to the Bank's opinion,
"my Government proposes to accept the
"legal views obtained by the head of the
"Government. My Government is not
"unmindful of the good relations that
"have subsisted between it and the Bank,
"and the services the Bank has, in times
"past, rendered to the State of New South
"Wales; but as pointed out in my letter of
"the 29th August last, the advantage which
"the Government expected to accrue from
"its connection with the Bank has been greatly
"reduced by reason of the new method of
"floating loans, viz. by underwriting, and as
"at present advised the Government would
"not have undertaken to make the now
"existing arrangement in regard to the
"management and inscription of stock were
"it not for the implied and understood
"advantage which it would gain from the
"Bank's undertaking the business of placing
"new loans on the London market without
"recourse

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"recourse to underwriting. As therefore
 "my Government has lost one of the main
 "advantages it confidently looked for from
 "its arrangements with the Bank, I trust
 "that the Bank will be mindful of this,
 "and will not suggest terms too onerous
 "to be complied with for the transfer to it of
 "the books of inscription. In conclusion,
 "I beg to say that my Premier, the Honourable
 "J. H. Carruthers, deeply regrets my failure
 "to obtain a reduction of terms in regard
 "to the inscription of stock, as he very much
 "hoped you would have seen your way to
 "have reduced your charge to that of the
 "London and Westminster Bank for like
 "services to other Governments.

"I have the honour to be,
 "Gentlemen,

"Your obedient servant,

"S. A. Coghlan."

The Governor
 "and Company of the
 "Bank of England,
 "London, &c.

"Bank of England,
 "23rd December 1905.

"Sir,

"I have now to convey to you the
 "Bank's views regarding the proposals
 "made in your letter of November last
 "in connection with the inscription and
 "management of the Stocks of the Govern-
 "ment of New South Wales.

"In doing so I am to express regret
 "that it has not been possible to reply
 "at an earlier date, but having regard to
 "the very decided opinion expressed by you,
 "the Governors have thought it desirable to
 "take further legal advice on the subject.
 "For this purpose a case was submitted to
 "Mr. Haldane and Sir Robert Reid, but,

"owing

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"owing to the change of Government,
 "these gentlemen were, by their acceptance
 "of office, debarred from acting and the
 "matter was then entrusted by the Bank
 "to the Law officers of the late Government,
 "whose opinion was only received yesterday.

"With reference to the question which
 "you have raised on behalf of your
 "Government I am to say that in coming
 "to a decision the Bank have been primarily
 "influenced by a consideration of the very
 "important responsibilities which they have
 "undertaken towards Stockholders who have
 "subscribed for, or purchased, Stocks which
 "the public have been informed would be
 "domiciled at the Bank. So strong are the
 "Bank's views on this point that they feel
 "compelled to refuse their assent to the
 "arrangement proposed by you.

"As regards the power of your Govern-
 "ment to remove the management of the
 "Stocks without the Bank's consent, I am
 "to inform you that the opinion which the
 "Bank have now obtained is in perfect
 "accord with the views which have
 "previously been expressed to you by them.
 "The Bank are advised that the Government
 "of the Colony cannot remove the management
 "of their Loans without committing a
 "breach of contract with the Bank, as it is
 "considered clear that the Bank undertook
 "the duties of inscription and management
 "upon the footing that they should remain
 "with them during the currency of the
 "Loans.

"I am, Sir,

"your obedient servant,

"J. G. Nairne.

"Chief Cashier.

"The Agent General
 "for New South Wales,

"9 Victoria Street,
 "S. W. "

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Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
that Harold
Woodthorpe, of
the accountants
Bank Note office,
be removed
from the list
of clerks with
a pension, &c.

agreed to

Report of the
Committee of
inspection for
the Cashier's
Offices in regard
to the loss of a
Book & Cheque
in the Private
drawing Office.

The following Minute of the
Committee of Treasury having been read;

"Committee of Treasury.
"27th December 1905.

"The Governor brought before the
"Committee the case of Harold Woodthorpe,
"an assistant in the accountants Bank
"Note office, of 12 years service in the Bank,
"who in September last was found to be
"suffering from mental derangement, for
"which he has since been undergoing
"medical treatment. The Bank Medical
"Officer had reported that a recurrence of
"the disease was to be expected, and that
"it would not be wise, either in the Bank's
"own interests or Woodthorpe's, that he
"should continue in the Bank's service;
"and it was agreed to recommend to the
"Court that his name be removed from the
"active list, and that a pension be granted
"for his benefit, during pleasure and
"according to scale, of £45. 11. 4^d per annum,
"being 17/75^{ths} of his salary of £201; and
"a gratuity equal to six months' salary.

"Bank of England."

The Court agreed thereto.

The following Report of the
Committee of Inspection for the Cashier's
Offices having been read;

"The Committee of Inspection
"for the Cashier's Offices

"Report to the Governor,

"That, by direction of the Deputy
"Governor, they have enquired into the
"loss

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"loss of a small book used in the Private
"Drawing office for recording the number
"of "out-charge" cheques and Postal orders
"handed to the Bill office every morning
"for collection, which was missed on the
"4th July last.

"This book should have been handed
"to the Bill office with the cheques and
"Postal orders for collection, but on that
"occasion it was not to be found; on
"subsequently presenting to the Bill office
"a statement of the cheques, &c, it was
"found that a cheque for £6 was missing.
"It is stated that in the first instance the
"Principal of the Bill office took the responsibil-
"ity for the missing cheque. It therefore
"appears that the Private Drawing office
"made no particular effort to trace the lost
"cheque in the first instance: and it
"appears that it was only on the 25th August
"that the Principal of the Private Drawing
"office assumed responsibility for the loss of
"the cheque in question. After the length of
"time that has elapsed the Committee have
"realised some difficulty in ascertaining all
"the circumstances surrounding the losses in
"question, and feel that they should have
"been reported at an earlier date, and call
"the attention of the Governor to the fact
"that this is the second occasion since April
"last that the Committee have been asked to
"investigate an incident several months after
"its occurrence owing to the failure of the
"Principals of the offices concerned to mention
"it in their Quarterly Reports to the Committee.

"The Committee have been informed
"that every possible search and enquiry was
"made for the missing cheque and book but
"without success. The payee of the cheque was
"notified of the loss, payment of the cheque was
"stopped, and a duplicate cheque was subsequently
"obtained from the drawer: the Bank therefore
"sustained no loss.

"Bank of England,
"1st December 1905."

"Herbert Brooks."

approved.

The Court approved thereof and

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and requested the Governor to give instructions that Principals of Offices in making their Quarterly Reports to their respective Committees of Inspection must be careful to report all such matters as should properly be brought to their notice.

The London Agency of the Société Générale &c. of Paris allowed to open a Drawing account with the Bank.

The Governor informed the Court that he had received an application from the London Agency of the Société Générale pour favoriser le développement du commerce et de l'industrie en France, of Paris, for permission to open a Drawing account with the Bank, and it was agreed to comply with their request.

Loans to Clerks, &c. on Security renewed till 31st March.

The Governor laid before the Court a list of loans on Security to Clerks and Pensioners. There was only one name in the list, and it was agreed that the loan in question be renewed in part, as requested, for a further period of three months.

a Donation of £100 granted to the Bristol Royal Infirmary

The Deputy Governor brought before the Court, with the previous concurrence of the members of the Committee of Treasury present, an appeal for aid from the Bristol Royal Infirmary; ^{which had been received that morning} and it was

Resolved,

That a donation of one hundred pounds be made to the funds of the institution in question.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 4th January 1906.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq. Governor,
William Middleton Campbell, Esq. Deputy Governor.
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq. William Douro Hoare, Esq.
Henry Cosmo Byrne Bonser, Esq. The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
Herbert Brooks, Esq. Frederick Huth Jackson, Esq.
Brien Cotnam, Esq. Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq.
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq. Samuel Hope Morley, Esq.
James Pattison Currie-Blyth, Esq. Robert Lydston Newman, Esq.
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq. Sir Augustus Prevoost, Bart.
Charles Hermann Goschen, Esq. Rt. Hon. Lord Revelstoke
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq. Albert George Sandeman, Esq.
George William Henderson, Esq. Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c.
to Bill Brokers, &c. was read.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book
of special transactions, &c. was laid before
the Court.

Ordered.

4th Jan'y 1906.Bank Notes, &c.
lost, &c.

Ordered,

at the recommendation of the
Committee of Treasury,

That £87. 18. 9^d be paid for sundry
Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants, lost, &c.
as detailed in the Governor's Declaration
Book; the vouchers relating thereto
having been examined and security
given to indemnify the Bank.

Audit of
Securities

A Report from the Committee of
Daily Waiting was read stating that
they had audited the Securities contained
in Drawers Nos. 17 and 55, and had satisfied
themselves that the same were in the
safe custody of the Chief Cashier.

Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
that W. H.
Streatfeild,
Chief Clerk at
the Western
Branch, be
allowed to
retire with a
pension.

The following Minute of the
Committee of Treasury having been read,

"Committee of Treasury.
"3rd January 1906.

"The Committee had before them a
"letter from William Henry Streatfeild,
"Chief Clerk at the Western Branch, who
"at 62 years of age and after more than
"44 years' service asks permission to
"retire from the Service owing to failing
"health, under the terms of the regulations
"relating to pensions; and it was agreed
"to recommend that Mr. Streatfeild, who
"was now absent on sick leave, be granted
"a further leave of absence on full pay
"till the end of February next, and there-
"after, during pleasure, and according to
"the scale, a pension of £392 per annum,
"being $4\frac{7}{15}$ ths of his salary of £600.

"Bank of England."

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

The

4th Jan'y 1906.

Report of the
Committee
for the Exam-
ination of
Clerks on
three Clerks
whose probation
was extended
in July last
for six months

The following Report of the Committee
for the Examination of Clerks having
been read;

"The Committee for the Examination
of Clerks

"Report to the Court of Directors,

"That they have had before them the
cases of E. H. Leffler, C. V. Porter and Guy Sherris,
Clerks Unattached, whose probation, at the
termination of their first two years' service,
in July last, was continued for a further
period of six months, - Porter and Sherris on
account of the reports upon their work, and
Leffler owing to the state of his eyesight, which
had twice necessitated his being granted leave
of absence for a fortnight.

"Mr. Kingdon and Dr. Davies have now
made a joint report on Leffler and are of
opinion that he is not constitutionally fitted
for the work of a Bank Clerk, and that there
will no doubt be occasional recurrence of
faulty vision. In these circumstances the
Committee feel that they cannot recommend
his continuance in the Service. The case is a
hard one, as Leffler, who is 24 years of age,
is otherwise a good Clerk. His Father, who
holds the second position at the Leeds Branch,
is an excellent Clerk.

"The Committee suggest that, if the
Court adopt their view of this case, Leffler
might be granted an amount equal to a
year's salary, on quitting the Service.

"The Reports on Sherris may be considered
satisfactory. He appears to have improved
considerably, and the Committee think that
he may now be confirmed in the Service.

"From the Reports on Porter, it appears
that though he has made improvement, it
has not always been consistently maintained,
and the Committee at first were indisposed
to recommend his continuance in the Service.

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"It is possible however that some of
 "his errors were due to nervousness and
 "he appears personally to be anxious to do
 "his best. He has been seen and severely
 "admonished by the Director who nominated
 "him; and the Committee on the whole
 "consider that Porter might be given a
 "further Six Months' probation and
 "that he be distinctly warned that unless
 "the Reports upon him are then satisfactory
 "in every way, his service shall then
 "terminate.

"W. Middleton Campbell."

"Bank of England,
 "21st December 1905."

approved

The Court approved thereof.

Resolved,

an Election
 of Clerks
 declared.

That an Election of Clerks, not
 exceeding 20 in number, be appointed
 to take place on Thursday, the 15th
 February next.

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A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 11th January 1906.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq, Governor,
William Middleton Campbell, Esq, Deputy Governor,
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq, George William Henderson, Esq,
Henry Cosmo Arne Benson, Esq, William Douro Hoare, Esq;
Herbert Brooks, Esq; The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
Brien Colquhoun, Esq; Frederick Huth Jackson, Esq;
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq; Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq;
James Pattison Currie-Blyth, Esq; Edgar Lubbock, Esq;
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq; Samuel Hope Morley, Esq;
Samuel Stewart Gladstone, Esq; Robert Lydston Newman, Esq;
Charles Hermann Goschen, Esq; Sir Augustus Prevoost, Bart,
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq; Rt Hon. Lord Revelstoke
Everard Alexander Hambro, Esq; Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c,
was read.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book
of special transactions, &c, was laid
before the Court.

Ordered.

Discounts
and Advances
to Bill Brokers, &c

Chief Cashier's
Weekly Report

11th Jan'y 1906.Bank Notes, &
lost, &c.

Ordered,

At the recommendation of the
Committee of Treasury,

That £77.[—]^d be paid for a Seven
Days Bill and sundry Bank Notes and
Dividend Warrants lost, &c, as detailed
in the Governor's Declaration Book; the
vouchers relating thereto having been
examined and security given to indemnify
the Bank.

Audit of
Securities at
the Western
Branch.

A Report from Mr. Hubbard was
read stating that he had audited the
Securities at the Western Branch comprised
in the sections numbered 6 and 26; and
had found the same in the safe custody
of the Agent.

Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
that Miss
E. C. Moore,
a Woman
Clerk, be
removed from
the list of
Clerks with
a pension.

The following Minute of the
Committee of Treasury having been read;

" Committee of Treasury,
" 10th January 1906.

" The Committee had before them
" a memorandum from the Chief Account-
" ant, on the case of Ethel Charlotte Moore,
" a Woman Clerk, aged 28, of nine years
" and seven months' service, who is suffering
" from mental derangement. The Bank
" Medical officer had certified that the
" disease was probably recurrent, and
" that it was not desirable that Miss
" Moore should resume her duties at
" the Bank even if apparently restored
" to health, and it was agreed to recommend
" that she be granted six months' leave of
" absence on half pay as from the 7th
" instant, when the sick leave already
" granted her expired, and that thereafter
" she

11th January 1906.

"she be removed from the list of Clerks
 "with a pension, according to scale, viz:-
 "£14. 6. - per annum, being $\frac{10}{60}$ ths of
 "her salary of £85. 16. -

"Bank of England."

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

The following Minute of the
 Committee of Treasury, having been read,
 "Committee of Treasury,
 "10th January 1906.

"The Governor brought before the
 "Committee a Petition from the Earlswood
 "Asylum, from which it appeared that
 "their financial resources were being
 "severely taxed by the necessity for extensive
 "structural repairs and consequent building
 "operations; and it was agreed to recommend
 "to the Court that in view of this special
 "condition of affairs a donation of five
 "hundred pounds be made to the Funds
 "of the Asylum.

"Bank of England."

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

The following Minute of the
 Committee for Branch Banks having
 been read,

"Committee for Branch Banks,
 "10th January 1906.

"Resolved,

"That it be recommended to the
 "Court of Directors,

"That at the Law Courts Branch,

"Lewis

Minute of
 the Committee
 of Treasury
 recommending
 that a donation
 of £500 be made
 to the Funds of
 the Earlswood
 Asylum.

Minute of
 the Committee
 for Branch
 Banks
 recommending
 that a House
 Porter at the
 Law Courts
 Branch be
 allowed to
 return to the
 head office, &c.

11th January 1906.

"Lewis Henry Field Fortescue, the
"Senior Porter, be allowed at his request
"to return to the Head office; and

"Francis Marshall Wells, a House
"Porter, re, at the Head Office, be appointed
"a Porter, re, at the Branch, to fill the
"vacancy.

"W. Middleton Campbell.

"Bank of England."

agreed to

The Court agreed thereto.

Report of
the Audit
Committee
on audits
taken by the
Audit Depart-
ment between
the 11th ultimo
and the 6th
instant.

The following Report of the
Audit Committee having been read;

"The Audit Committee

"Report to the Court of Directors,

"that they have had before them
"the Reports of the Audits taken by
"the Audit Department during the past
"month under written instructions
"from one of the Governors.

"These audits are enumerated
"in detail in the accompanying list.

"W. Middleton Campbell."

"Bank of England,

"10th January 1906."

"List of Audits taken by the Audit
"Department during the past month.

"On the 11th ultimo, audit of Notes and
"Coin in the Treasury.

"On the 15th ultimo, audit of Securities
"in the Treasury.

"On the 18th ultimo, audit of the Bank
"Post Bills and Sixty Days Bills in
"the Public Drawing Office.

"On the 18th ultimo, audit of the Securities

held

11th Jan'y 1906.

- "held in the Chief Cashiers office against
"Loans made to the Stock Exchange on
"account of Customers.
- "On the 19th ultimo, audit of the Stock of
"Bank Post Bill Paper and Draft on Demand
"Paper in the Cashiers Store office.
- "On the 19th ultimo, a verification of the
"balances of the Bank of Ireland and
"the Scotch Banks, as shewn in the
"Public Drawing Office Ledgers.
- "On the 20th ultimo, audit of Securities
"in the Treasury.
- "On the 21st ultimo, audit of the accounts
"of Stamps on Indemnity Bonds and Stamps
"on Clerks' Security Bonds in the Secretary's
"office.
- "On the 21st ultimo, audit of Securities at
"the Western Branch.
- "On the 23rd ultimo, audit of the Boxes
"containing Notes which are deposited
"nightly in the Treasury by the Banking
"and Issue offices.
- "On the 27th ultimo, audit of Notes and
"Coin in the Treasury.
- "On the 29th ultimo, an inspection of the
"Ledgers in the Public Drawing office.
- "On the 1st instant, audit of the Stock of
"Bank Note Paper in the Cashiers Store
"office.
- "On the 2nd instant, audit of Securities
"at the Law Courts Branch.
- "On the 3rd instant, a verification of the
"balances of "account current" of the
"various Branches as on the evening of
"the 27th ultimo.
- "On the 4th instant, audit of the Stock of
"Bullion in the Bullion office.
- "On the 5th instant, audit of Securities in
"the Treasury.
- "Bank of England,"
"10th January 1906."

approved.

The Court approved thereof.

The

11th January 1906.

Report of the Committee on advances at the Head office recommending a name to be added to the list of specially privileged Stockbrokers.

The following Report of the Committee on advances at the Head Office having been read;

"The Committee on advances
"at the Head office

"Report to the Court of Directors,

"With reference to the Order of Court of the 16th July 1903 as regards "delivery of Securities by the Chief Cashier "in the case of what are known as "Stock Exchange advances", that they "recommend that the following name "be added to the list of Stockbrokers "already sanctioned by the Court.

"Steer, Lawford and Coy.

"Fred. Huth Jackson."

"Bank of England,
"10th January 1906."

approved.

The Court approved thereof.

In view of the death of Mr John Abernethy Kingdon,

Dr. Arthur J. Davies appointed Medical officer of the Bank, in the room of Mr. A. Kingdon, deceased.

The Governor recommended to the Court that Dr. Arthur J. Davies, of 17 Finsbury Circus, be appointed Medical officer of the Bank, during pleasure, for a period not exceeding five years.

The Court approved thereof.

At the recommendation of the Committee of Treasury,

It was agreed to grant Dr. Davies

11th Jan'y 1906. an allowance of £250 a year during his term of office: his present allowance of £100 a year to cease.

Resolved,

Special Committee on the safety of Securities, from fire appointed.

That a Special Committee be appointed to consider the question of safety from fire of Securities, &c, in the Bank, to consist of the Deputy Governor, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Cole.

The Governor reports the removal of A. C. Spink, of the In-Tellers' office, to the Unattached List.

The Governor reported to the Court that he had removed A. C. Spink, a 4th Class Clerk in the In-Tellers' office from that office on the 5th instant, and had placed him on the Unattached List, on account of frequent errors in his Cash.

The Court approved thereof.

The Governor reports the suspension of J. A. H. Breach & R. M. Heath, of the Consols office.

The Governor also informed the Court that on the 8th instant he had suspended J. A. H. Breach and R. M. Heath, respectively a 2nd and 5th Class Clerk in the Consols Office, for an irregularity in connection with a name in a transfer of Stock. He proposed, with the sanction of the Court, to reprimand these Clerks severely, and then allow them to resume their positions.

The Court approved thereof.

The Governor reports the appointment of a Woman Clerk

The Governor further reported that he had appointed a Woman Clerk on the 29th ultimo, to fill a vacancy.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 18th January 1906.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq; Governor
William Middleton Campbell, Esq; Deputy Governor.
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq; Everard Alexander Hambro, Esq;
Henry Cosmo Dune Bonsor, Esq; George William Henderson, Esq;
Brien Cotnam, Esq; William Dours Hoare, Esq;
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq; The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
Walter Curllippe, Esq; Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq;
James Pattison Lurie, Esq; Robert Lydston Newman, Esq;
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq; Sir Augustus Prevost, Bart;
Samuel Stenart Gladstone, Esq; Rt Hon. Lord Revelstoke
Charles Hermann Goschen, Esq; Albert George Sandeman, Esq;
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq; Hugh Colin Smith, Esq;

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c.
was read.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book
of special transactions, &c, was laid
before the Court.

Ordered,

18th Jan'y 1906.

Ordered,

Bank Notes, &c.
lost, &c.

At the recommendation of the Committee of Treasury,

That £115. 6. 2 be paid for sundry Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants lost, &c. as detailed in the Governor's Declaration Book; the vouchers relating thereto having been examined and security given to indemnify the Bank.

Audit of Securities

A Report from the Committee of Daily Waiting was read, stating that they had audited the Securities contained in Drawers Nos. 15 and 44, and had satisfied themselves that the same were in the safe custody of the Chief Cashier.

Out Cash

A Report from Mr. Lubbock was read stating that he had taken in the Out Cash on the 16th instant and had found it right.

Ordered,

at the recommendation of the Committee of Treasury,

General Court for a Dividend appointed.

That a General Court to consider of a Dividend (which will also be a Half yearly General Court) be held at the Bank on Thursday, the 22nd March next.

Balance of the Bank Stock ledgers to be struck &c.

That, with a view to the preparation of a Dividend, the balance of the Stock ledgers of Bank Stock be struck on the night of Thursday, the 22nd March next, and that the Dividend Warrants be delivered on Thursday, the 5th April.

General Court for the Election of Governors and Directors appointed, &c.

That a General Court for the Election

of

18th January 1906.

of a Governor and Deputy Governor be held at the Bank on Tuesday, the 3rd April next, and for the Election of Directors on Wednesday, the 4th April.

That printed Lists of the Proprietors for the Election be delivered on Thursday, the 29th March next, and

That the usual advertisements be given thereof.

Minute of the Committee of Treasury recommending that Mr. J. N. Vaillant, Principal of the In-Tellers' office, be allowed to retire with a pension.

The following Minute of the Committee of Treasury having been read;

"Committee of Treasury,
"17th January, 1906.

"A letter was read from Mr. Frederick Nathaniel Vaillant, Principal of the In-Tellers' office, who at 64 years of age asks permission to retire owing to failure of health, under the terms of the regulations relating to Pensions. The Bank Medical Officer had certified that Mr. Vaillant could not return to work again without serious consequences to himself, and it was agreed to recommend to the Court to accept his resignation, and in view of the fact that he will attain the age of 65 on the 28th November next, to grant him, during pleasure a pension of £366. 13. 4, being 50 $\frac{1}{15}$ ths of his salary of £550.

"Bank of England."

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

Minute of the Committee of Treasury recommending that

The following Minute of the Committee of Treasury having been read;

"Committee

18th Jan'y 1906.

That J. B. L.
Lang, a
Pensioner,
be allowed
to commute
a part of
his pension

" Committee of Treasury,
" 17th January 1906.

" On an application from John Biggar
" Lloyd Lang, a Pensioner, formerly a Clerk
" in the Bullion Office, it was agreed to
" recommend to the Court to allow him to
" commute £3. 13/ of his present pension
" of £179. 8. 4 into an immediate payment
" of £50, in view of exceptional expenses
" incurred owing to the illness and death
" of his wife.

" Bank of England."

agreed to

The Court agreed thereto.

Minute of
the Committee
for appointments
and Promotions
of the Staff
recommending
that W. C. G.
Forman be
appointed
Chief Clerk
at the
Western
Branch.

The following Minute of the
Committee for appointments and
Promotions of the Staff having been read;

" The Committee for appointments
" and Promotions of the Staff

" Recommend to the Court of Directors,

" That at the Western Branch,
" consequent on the recent Order of Court granting
" to Mr. W. H. Streatfeild, the Chief Clerk, an
" extension of his present sick leave and then
" subsequently a pension,

" Mr. W. C. G. Forman, 1st Senior Clerk and
" Correspondence Clerk, be now appointed Chief
" Clerk at the Branch, with the salary of £600
" which is attached to the post.

" and that Mr. Forman be empowered
" to sign for the agent Seven Day and other
" Bills, Drafts on Demand, and Drafts on
" Scotch and Irish Banks.

" Bank of England,
" 11th January 1906.

" W. Middleton Campbell."

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 25th January 1906.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace Esq. Governor,	
William Middleton Campbell Esq. Deputy Governor.	
Charles George Arbuthnot Esq.	George Williams Henderson Esq.
Henry Coomo Orme Bonsor, Esq.	William Douro Hoare Esq.
Herbert Brooks Esq.	The Hon: Evelyn Hubbard
Brian Cokayne Esq.	Frederick Hutch Jackson Esq.
Alfred Clayton Cole Esq.	Reginald Eden Johnston Esq.
Walter Cunliffe Esq.	Samuel Hope Morley Esq.
James Pattison Currie - Blyth Esq.	Robert Lydston Newnan Esq.
John Saunders Gilliat Esq.	Sir Augustus Prevoost, Bart.
Samuel Stuart Gladstone Esq.	The Right Hon: Lord Revelstoke
Charles Hermann Goochen Esq.	Albert George Sandeman Esq.
Edward Charles Grenfell Esq.	and
Everard Alexander Hambro Esq.	Hugh Colin Smith Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court were read.

The weekly Statement of Discounts and Advances granted to Bill Brokers etc, was read.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book of special transactions, etc, was laid before the Court.

Ordered,

At the recommendation of the Committee of Treasury,

That £ 210:4:5 be paid for sundry Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants lost, etc, as detailed in the Governor's Declaration Book: the vouchers

relating

Discounts and
Advances to Bill
Brokers, etc.

Chief Cashier's
Weekly Report.

Bank Notes, etc,
lost etc,

25th Jan'y 1906 relating thereto having been examined and security given to indemnify the Bank.

Audit of Securities at the Law Courts Branch. A Report from Mr. Hambro was read stating that he had audited the securities at the Law Courts Branch, comprised in the sections Nos 12 and 13; and had found the same in the safe custody of the Agent.

Audit of Securities at the Western Branch. A Report from Mr. Arbutnot was read stating that he had audited the securities at the Western Branch, comprised in the sections Nos 33 and 34; and had found the same in the safe custody of the Agent.

Resolved,

The candidates nominated by Mr. Hambro and Mr. Johnston for the forthcoming Election of Clerks on the 15th proximo, who will not be of the prescribed age until the 20th and 26th proximo respectively, be examined and, if found qualified, elected with the other successful candidates, on the understanding that their service be reckoned only from the date when they shall attain the proper age.

W.H.S.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 1st February 1906.

Present.

William Middleton Campbell Esq: Deputy Governor.
 Charles George Arbuthnot Esq: William Douro Hoare Esq:
 Henry Cosmo Orme Bonsor Esq: The Hon: Evelyn Hubbard.
 Herbert Brooks Esq: Frederick Huth Jackson Esq:
 Brian Colquhoun Esq: Reginald Eden Johnston Esq:
 Alfred Clayton Cole Esq: Edgar Lubbock Esq:
 James Paterson Currie - Blyth Esq: Samuel Hope Morley Esq:
 John Saunders Gilliat Esq: Robert Lydston Newman Esq:
 Samuel Stewart Gladstone Esq: Sir Augustus Prevoost, Bart.
 Charles Hermann Goschen Esq: The Right Hon. Lord Revelstoke.
 Edward Charles Grouffell Esq: Albert George Sandeman Esq:
 Everard Alexander Hambro Esq: and
 George William Henderson Esq: Hugh Colin Smith Esq:

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

The Weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers etc. was read.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book
of special transactions etc., was laid before the Court.

Ordered,

At the recommendation of the
Committee of Treasury,

That £133:6:1 be paid for sundry
Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants lost, etc., as detailed

in

Discounts and
Advances to Bill
Brokers etc.

Chief Cashier's
Weekly Report

Bank Notes etc,
lost etc,

1st Feb^y 1906

in the Governor's Declaration Book; the vouchers relating thereto having been examined and security given to indemnify the Bank.

Audit of Securities.

A Report from the Committee of Daily Wasting was read, stating that they had audited the Securities contained in Drawer No. 54 and had satisfied themselves that the same were in the safe custody of the Chief Cashier. The Committee were unable to audit the Securities contained in drawer No. 49, the other drawer selected by the Governor for audit, as the securities were out for the cutting off of coupons.

Out Cash.

A Report from Mr. Cokayne was read stating that he had taken in the Out Cash on the 27th ultimo and had found it right.

Resolved,

Special Discount Committee appointed.

That Mr. Jackson, Mr. Cole, Mr. Cunliffe and Mr. Grenfell be appointed a Committee to examine the state of the Discounts of this House and of the Branches and to Report thereon to the Court.

Report of the Committee for Law Suits on the Dishonoured Bills under discount.

The following Report of the Committee for Law Suits having been read;

- " The Committee for Law Suits
 " Report to the Court of Directors,
 " That they have been informed that there
 " was no outstanding balance on the account of the
 " Dishonoured Bills under Discount in London on the 30th
 " June last.
 " No firm having a Discount Account in
 " London failed during the past half year.
 " No amount has been received during the
 " past half year in respect of balances carried to " Profit
 " and Loss".
 " At the Branches.

- " The sum of £1,405:16:11 was
 " outstanding on the 30th June last in respect of the default
 " of E. Field, a Customer at the Newcastle Branch, which
 " amount was written off to " Profit and Loss" by Order of
 " Court of the 3rd August 1905.

"No

1st February 1906.

"No firm having a Discount Account at
"the Branches failed during the past half year.

"The sum of £200 has been received in
"respect of balances carried to "Profit and Loss" on behalf
"of the Newcastle Branch.

"W Middleton Campbell"

"Bank of England,

"25th January 1906.

Approved

The Court approved thereof.

Resolved,

The candidates
nominated by Mr
Sandeman and Mr
Brooks for the coming
Election of Clerks to be
examined though
under the prescribed
age.

That as a special case the candidates
nominated by Mr Sandeman and Mr Brooks for the
forthcoming Election of Clerks on the 15th instant, who will
not be of the prescribed age until the 26th instant, be
examined and, if found qualified, elected with the other
successful candidates, on the understanding that their service
be reckoned only from the date when they shall attain the
proper age.

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A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 8th February 1906.

Present.

William Middleton Campbell, Esq; Deputy Governor.
 Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq; George William Henderson, Esq;
 Henry Cosmo Arne Danson, Esq; William Douro Hoare, Esq;
 Herbert Brooks, Esq; The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
 Brien Cottrane, Esq; Frederick Huth Jackson, Esq;
 Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq; Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq;
 James Pallison Currie-Rhyth, Esq; Samuel Hope Morley, Esq;
 John Saunders Gilliat, Esq; Robert Dydston Newman, Esq;
 Samuel Stewart Gladstone, Esq; Sir Augustus Prevost, Bart;
 Charles Hermann Goschen, Esq; Wt. Hon. Lord Revelstoke
 Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq; Albert George Sandeman, Esq;
 Everard Alexander Hambro, Esq; Hugh Colin Smith, Esq;

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brothers, &c,
was read.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book of
special transactions, &c, was laid before
the Court.

Ordered.

Discounts
and Advances
to Bill Brothers,
&c.

Chief Cashier's
weekly Report

8th Febry 1906.Bank Notes, &c.
lost, etc.

Ordered,

At the recommendation of the
Committee of Treasury,That £48. 16. 9^d be paid for sundry
Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants, lost, &c.
as detailed in the Governor's Declaration
Book; the vouchers relating thereto having
been examined and security given to
indemnify the Bank.Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
that W. E. Soltan
of the Portsmouth
Branch, be
allowed to
retire with a
pension.The following Minute of the
Committee of Treasury having been read;
"Committee of Treasury,
"7th February 1906."A letter was read from William
"Edward Soltan, a 1st class Clerk at the
"Portsmouth Branch, who at 53 years of
"age and after 32 years' service asked
"permission to retire from the service
"with a pension owing to broken health.
"The Bank Medical Officer had certified
"that Soltan, who was suffering from
"serious deterioration of the nervous
"system, was not likely to be again fit
"for duty; and it was agreed to recommend
"to the Court that Soltan's resignation be
"accepted, and that he be granted during
"pleasure and according to the scale, a
"pension of £192. 8. —, being $\frac{37}{75}$ ths of
"his salary of £390.

"Bank of England."

agreed to

The Court agreed thereto.

The Deputy
Governor
reports the
appointment
of two Women
clerks.The Deputy Governor reported that
the Governor had appointed two Women
clerks to fill vacancies caused by
resignations.

The

8th February 1906.
Bank Provident
Society Annual
Statement of
accounts.

The Statement of the accounts of the Bank Provident Society for the year ending the 30th November 1905 was laid before the Court.

D. C. Coventry,
of the Consols
office, quits
the Service at
his request.

Leslie Corbet Coventry, a 3rd class Clerk in the Consols office, at his request had leave to quit the service of the Bank.

Minute of
the Committee
for Law Suits
with letter
from Messrs
Freshfield
accompanying
a petition to
Parliament
against the
Hammersmith
City and North
East London
Tube Railway
Bill.

The following Minute of the Committee for Law Suits having been read together with the accompanying letter from Messrs Freshfield;

"Committee for Law Suits,
"25th January 1906.

"The Committee had before them a
"letter, dated the 17th instant, from Messrs
"Freshfield suggesting that a petition be
"lodged, as a matter of precaution, against
"the Hammersmith, City and North East
"London Tube Railway Bill, from the plans
"of which it appeared that the proposed
"Railway was to pass beneath both the
"Western and Law Courts Branches of the
"Bank, and it was agreed to concur in
"the suggestion, and to recommend to the
"Court that the Common Seal of the Bank
"should be affixed to such petition.

"W. Middleton Campbell"

"Bank of England."

"New Bank Buildings,

"31 Old Jewry,

"7th February 1906.

"Dear Sir,

"We beg to hand to you the Petition of the
"Governor and Company of the Bank of England
"against the proposed Hammersmith City and
"North East London Tube Railway Bill with
"regard to the Branch of the Bank in Fleet

"Street

8th Februry 1906.

"Street and the Western Branch in
 "Burlington Gardens. We shall be obliged
 "if you will have the seal affixed to the
 "Petition in the usual way at the Court
 "tomorrow and return it to us as the
 "Petition must be presented before 12th February.

"We are, Dear Sir,

"yours faithfully,

"Freshfields."

"The Secretary,

"Bank of England."

agreed to and
 the petition
 ordered to be
 sealed.

The Court agreed thereto, and
 Ordered that the petition in question
 be sealed with the Common Seal of
 the Bank.

W. J.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 15th February 1906.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq, Governor.
William Middleton Campbell, Esq, Deputy Governor.
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq, William Douro Hoare, Esq,
Henry Cosmo Orme Bonsor, Esq, The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
Herbert Brooks, Esq, Frederick Huth Jackson, Esq,
Brien Coghane, Esq, Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq,
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq, Edgar Lubbock, Esq,
Walter Cunliffe, Esq, Samuel Hope Morley, Esq,
James Pattison Currie Blyth, Esq, Robert Lydston Newman, Esq,
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq, Sir Augustus Prevost, Bart,
Samuel Stewart Gladstone, Esq, Albert George Sandeman, Esq,
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq, and
George William Henderson, Esq. Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court were read.

The weekly Statement of Discounts and advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c, was read.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book of special transactions, &c, was laid before the Court.

Ordered,
at the recommendation of the
Committee

Discounts and
advances to
Bill Brokers, &c.

Chief Cashier's
weekly Report.

15th Febr'y 1906.Bank Notes, &c.
lost, &c.

Committee of Treasury.

That £86. 14. 6¹ be paid for sundry Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants lost, &c, as detailed in the Governor's Declaration Book, the vouchers relating thereto having been examined and security given to indemnify the Bank.

Audit of Securities

A Report from the Committee of Daily Waiting was read stating that they had audited the Securities contained in drawer No. 13 and the Metropolitan 3½% Stock Certificates in Store, and had satisfied themselves that the same were in the safe custody of the Chief Cashier.

Out Cash

A Report from Mr. Hubbard was read stating that he had taken in the Out Cash on the 14th instant and had found it right.

The Common Seal reported to have been affixed to a petition as ordered.

Mr. Gladstone reported that following on the order of the last Court the Common Seal was affixed that day in the presence of Mr. Jackson, Mr. Newman and himself (the Committee of Daily Waiting) to a petition to Parliament against the Hammersmith City and North East London Tube Railway Bill.

Minute of the Committee of Treasury recommending that O. D'Orby Brooks, of the Western Branch, be allowed to retire with a pension.

The following Minute of the Committee of Treasury having been read;

"Committee

"Committee of Treasury,
"11th February 1906.

"The Committee had before them a
"letter from Owen D'Oyly Brooks, a Senior
"Clerk at the Western Branch, aged nearly 60
"years and of over 38 years' service, whose
"retirement on account of defective vision
"and consequent errors in his cash was
"considered desirable by the Branch Bank's
"Committee in August last. Brooks now
"tendered his resignation as desired, as from
"the end of the present month, and in view
"of the circumstances it was agreed to
"recommend to the Court, in accepting his
"resignation, to grant him during pleasure
"a pension calculated on 40 years' completed
"service, viz: - £246 per annum, being $\frac{45}{75}$
"ths of his salary of £410."

"Bank of England".

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

The following Minute of the
Committee of Treasury having been read,

"Committee of Treasury,
"14th February 1906.

"A letter was read from Neville Brownlow
"Shute, a 1st class Clerk at the Western Branch,
"aged 53, of nearly 35 years' service, who
"asked permission to retire with a pension
"at the end of next month, owing to the
"state of his health. Shute's case was in
"some respects exceptional, he having lost a
"leg in early life. With advancing years,
"the agent stated, he suffered increasing
"pain and inconvenience from the artificial
"limb; and it was agreed to recommend to
"the Court of Directors to accept Shute's
"resignation, as from the end of March,
"when he will have completed 35 years'
"service"

Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
that A. B.
Shute, of the
Western Branch,
be allowed to
retire with a
pension.

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"service, and thereafter to grant him,
 "during pleasure and according to the
 "scale, a pension of £189. 6. 8, being
 "40/45^dths of his salary of £355.
 "Bank of England"
 The Court agreed thereto.

agreed to.

Report of
 the audit
 Committee
 on audits
 taken by
 the audit
 Department
 between the
 8th ultimo
 and the 10th
 instant, &c.

The following Report of the
 Audit Committee having been read;

"The Audit Committee
 "Report to the Court of Directors,
 "That they have had before them
 "the Reports of the audits taken by the
 "Audit Department during the past
 "month under written instructions
 "from one of the Governors.

"These audits, which include that
 "of the Hull Branch, are enumerated
 "in detail in the accompanying list.

"A recent Report of Audit of the
 "60 Day Bank Post Bills at the Head
 "Office has led the Committee to consider
 "whether there is any advantage in
 "continuing their issue. Since 1898,
 "when the various forms of Bank Post
 "Bills were last under consideration,
 "only 51 Bills at 60 days sight have
 "been issued, and none since June 1902;
 "and the Committee accordingly beg to
 "recommend that the issue of these 60 Day
 "Bills be discontinued.

"Bank of England,
 "14th February 1906.

"W. Middleton Campbell."

"List of audits taken by the Audit Department
 "during the past month.

"On the 8th ultimo, audit of Notes and Coin
 "in the Treasury.

"On

15th Febry 1906.

- " On the 9th ultimo, audit of the Stock Certificates
" in the Chief Cashier's office.
- " On the 10th ultimo, audit of the Stock of
" London County Bill Paper and Corporation
" Bill Papers in the Cashier's Store office.
- " On the 10th ultimo, audit of the accounts
" of the Samaritan Fund in the Secretary's
" office.
- " On the 11th ultimo, audit of Securities at
" the Western Branch.
- " On the 12th ultimo, audit of Securities in
" the Treasury.
- " On the 17th ultimo, audit of the accounts
" of the Directors' Fund, as on the evening
" of the 8th ultimo.
- " On the 18th ultimo, audit of the Stock of
" blank Dividend Warrants in the Chief
" accountant's office and various Stock Offices.
- " On the 19th ultimo, audit of Securities in
" the Treasury.
- " On the 23rd ultimo, audit of Notes and
" Coin in the Treasury.
- " On the 23rd ultimo, a verification of the
" balances of the General Ledger in the Chief
" accountant's office, as on the evening of
" the 17th ultimo.
- " On the 25th ultimo, audit of the Stamped
" Powers in the Power of Attorney Office.
- " On the 26th ultimo, audit of the Stock of
" India Interest Bill Paper and Treasury
" Bill Paper in the Cashier's Store office.
- " On the 29th ultimo, audit of Securities in
" the Treasury.
- " On the 30th ultimo, audit of Securities at
" the Western Branch.
- " On the 31th ultimo, audit of the Advances
" made in the Discount office.
- " On the 1st instant, audit of Securities at
" the Law Courts Branch.
- " On the 2nd instant, audit of India Interest
" Bills and Promissory Notes in the India
" office, and
- " an audit of the accounts of the Hull
" Branch, as on the evening of the 24th ultimo.
- " Bank of England,
" 14th February 1906."

approved.

The Court approved thereof. The

15th Feby 1906.

Report of the
Committee
for the
Examination
of Clerks
recommending
the Election
of 13 Clerks.

The following Report of the Committee
for the Examination of Clerks having
been read;

"The Committee for the Examination
of Clerks

"Report to the Court of Directors,

"That pursuant to an Order of
Court of the 3rd November 1881, and various
subsequent orders, the Examination of
Candidates for the Election of Clerks on
the 15th instant has been carried out
under the control of the Committee.

"The original number for which
the Election was declared on the 4th
ultimo was 20, and the full number
of Candidates presented themselves. Seven
of them, however, failed to pass the
Examination. The Committee now beg to
recommend that the 13 successful Candidates
be elected into the service in the order of
merit in which they are classified, viz. —

Order	Name	Age	Nominated by	Mark
1.	George Armistead Pearce	18	Mr. Sandeman	553
			(on the 26 th Feby.)	
2.	Basil William Bloomer	18	Mr. Wallace	543
3.	Francis Eaton Gordon Watson	18	Mr. Hubbard	526
4.	Charles Francis Newman	21	Mr. Wallace	509
5.	Henry Marshall	18	Mr. Johnston	500
			(on the 26 th Feby.)	
6.	Arnold Thorne	18	Mr. Henderson	497
7.	Duncan James King	21	Mr. Wallace	480
8.	Reginald Arthur Essex	20	Mr. Morley	473
9.	Frederick Neville Couran Smith	18	Mr. Cole	467
10.	William Gordon Wise	17	The Governor	462
	(Son of a Clerk)			
11.	Thomas Percy Arthur Hervey	18	Mr. Campbell	449
12.	John Edward Lloyd	17	The Governor	445
	(Son of a Clerk)			
13.	Herbert Clement	18	Mr. Henderson	442

"The foregoing state that they are
unmarried, free from debt, and they
have specifically undertaken to serve as
"may

15th Febry 1906.

" may be required, either in London or at
 " the Branches. They have produced satisfactory
 " testimonials of character.

" They have been informed that they have
 " been chosen on the express condition that
 " their continuance and ultimate confirmation
 " in the service will depend upon the Reports
 " that will be made upon them in the
 " meantime by the Principals of the Offices in
 " which they have been employed.

" Favourable Certificates have been furnished
 " by the Medical Officer in every instance, and
 " the several candidates have been accepted for
 " insurance (subject to their election) by the
 " Bank Provident Society, with the exception of
 " Pearce, Marshall, Wise and Lloyd, whose
 " insurances are deferred until they are 18
 " years of age. In the case of Wise, however,
 " the Medical Report describes him as barely
 " reaching the required standard, and the
 " Committee recommend that his continuance
 " in the service at the end of his first two
 " years of probation be conditional, inter
 " alia, on his then passing a satisfactory
 " medical examination.

W. Middleton Campbell.

Bank of England,
 14th February 1906.

approved
 and 13 clerks
 elected.

The Court approved thereof, and
 the following persons were then elected
 clerks to the Bank during pleasure at
 the salaries hereinafter mentioned, viz:-

George Arnaby Pearce	at £80	a year
Basil William Bloomer	" 80	" "
Francis Eaton Gordon Watson	80	" "
Charles Francis Newman	100	" "
Henry Marshall	" 80	" "
Arnold Thorne	" 80	" "
Duncan James King	" 100	" "
Reginald Arthur Essex	" 90	" "
Frederick Neville Couran Smith	80	" "

William

15th Feby 1906.

William Gordon Wise . . . at £60 a year
 Thomas Percy Arthur Hervey " 80 " "
 John Edward Lloyd . . . " 60 " "
 Herbert Clement " 80 " "

the said persons having previously signed the declaration approved by the Court of the 28th April 1842.

Notice of Motion by Mr. Cole with regard to the rate at which bills should be discounted at the Branches

Mr. Cole gave notice that at the next Court he would move a Resolution that when the Bank is taking action in London to make its rate effective, it is undesirable that bills should be discounted by the Branches at under Bank rate except for bona fide customers of the Bank keeping their sole account at the Bank.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 22nd February 1906.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq; Governor.
William Middleton Campbell, Esq; Deputy Governor.
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq; George William Henderson, Esq;
Henry Cosmo Orme Bonsor, Esq; William Douro Hoare, Esq;
Herbert Brooks, Esq; The Hon: Evelyn Hubbard
Brien Cokayne, Esq; Frederick Auth Jackson, Esq;
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq; Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq;
Walter Curllippe Esq; Samuel Hope Morley, Esq;
James Pattison Currie-Blyth, Esq; Robert Dyddston Newman, Esq;
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq; Sir Augustus Prevost, Bart;
Samuel Stewart Gladstone Esq; Rt. Hon. Lord Revelstoke,
Charles Hermann Goschen, Esq; Albert George Sandeman, Esq;
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq; Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c,
was read.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book of
special transactions, &c, was laid before the
Court.

Ordered.

22nd February 1906.Bank Notes, &c,
lost, etc.A. H. Jenkins,
a House Porter, &c,
quits the
service at his
request.Report of the
Committee on
Advances at
the Head Office,
recommending
a name to be
added to the
list of specially
privileged
Stockbrokers.

approved.

Ordered,

At the recommendation of the
Committee of Treasury,That £95.17.6 be paid for a
Seven Days Bill and sundry Bank Notes
and Dividend Warrants lost, &c, as detailed
in the Governor's Declaration Book, the
vouchers relating thereto having been
examined and security given to indemnify
the Bank.A. H. Jenkins, a House Porter
and Watchman, at his request had leave
to quit the service of the Bank.The following Report of the
Committee on Advances at the Head
Office having been read;"The Committee on Advances
at the Head Office

"Report to the Court of Directors,

"With reference to the order of Court
of the 16th July 1903 as regards delivery
of securities by the Chief Cashier in the
case of what are known as "Stock Exchange
advances", that they recommend that
the following name be added to the
list of Stockbrokers already sanctioned
by the Court,

"Albert Seligmann & Coy.

"Fred. Auth Jackson."

"Bank of England,
15th February 1906."

The Court approved thereof.

In

22nd Feby, 1906.

In accordance with notice given at
the last Court by Mr. Cole,

Mr. Cole's
Motion with
regard to the
rate at which
Bills should
be discounted
at the Branches
withdrawn

It was Moved and Seconded,

That when the Bank is taking
action in London to make its rate effective,
it is undesirable that Bills should be
discounted by the Branches at under Bank
Rate except for bona fide customers of the
Bank keeping their sole account at the Bank;

and, after discussion, the Motion
was, by leave, withdrawn.

Permission
given for the
insertion of the
Bank's name
in a Prospectus
about to be
issued by Sir
W.G. Armstrong,
Whitworth & Coy

It was agreed to allow the name of
the Bank to appear on the Prospectus of an
issue of Preference Shares by Sir W.G. Armstrong,
Whitworth and Company, Limited, for
£615,150, (being the balance of the authorized
issue of £1,000,000 4% Cumulative Preference
Shares of £5) as Bankers to the Company
and as being willing to receive applications
at the Newcastle Branch, the Head office,
or any of the Branches.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 1st March 1906.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq, Governor.
William Middleton Campbell, Esq, Deputy Governor.
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq, The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
Henry Cosmo Orme Benson, Esq, Frederick Huth Jackson, Esq,
Brien Copayne, Esq, Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq;
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq, Edgar Lubbock, Esq,
James Pattison Currie-Blyth, Esq, Samuel Hope Morley, Esq;
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq, Robert Lydston Newman, Esq;
Samuel Stewart Gladstone, Esq, Sir Augustus Prevost, Bart,
Charles Hermann Goschen, Esq, Albert George Sandeman, Esq;
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq;
George William Henderson, Esq, Hugh Colin Smith, Esq, and

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

Discounts
and Advances
to Bill Brokers, &c.
The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c.
was read.

Chief Cashier's
Weekly Report.
The Chief Cashier's Report Book
of special transactions, &c, was laid
before the Court.

Ordered,
at the recommendation of the
Committee

Bank Notes, &c,
lost, &c.

1st March 1906. Committee of Treasury.

That £116. 15. 10^d be paid for sundry Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants lost, &c, as detailed in the Governor's Declaration Book; the vouchers relating thereto having been examined and security given to indemnify the Bank.

Audit of Securities

A Report from the Committee of Daily Waiting was read stating that they had audited the Securities contained in drawers Nos 42 and 67, and had satisfied themselves that the same were in the safe custody of the Chief Cashier.

Out Cash

A Report from Mr. Benson was read, stating that he had taken in the Out Cash on the 27th ultimo, and had found it right.

Ordered,

That the Salaries of the Clerks be advanced from today's date as per the accompanying list marked "A".

Quarterly Report of the Committee for the House and Servants.

The following Report of the Committee for the House and Servants having been read;

"The Committee for the House
"and Servants

"Report to the Court of Directors,

"That the Chief accountant has certified the payment of £6421. 14. 8^d entered in General Cash Books and Ledgers all being for accounts ordered by the Committee to be paid in November last; and that the Deputy Chief accountant has certified the payment of £10270. 10. 3^d, as ordered by the Governors to be paid during the Quarter.

"The Secretary has certified that the Chief
"Cashier

1st March 1906.

"Cashier has produced vouchers for £9822. 9. 6.
 "disbursed by him as payments in Petty Cash
 "during the Quarter, and has produced his
 "Cash Statement showing a balance in his
 "hands on the 13th instant of £6797. 10. 8.

"The Committee have passed the accounts
 "of the Wages of the Servants of this House,
 "as follows, viz:-

" London	£ 57.600. --	^d 4
" Branches	<u>21.556. 1. 8</u>	
	<u>£ 79.156. 2. --</u>	

"and have ordered payment of the Pensions
 "amounting to £17,037. 10. 10 for the Quarter
 "ending the 28th February 1906.

"They have also ordered payment of the
 "Tradesmen's Bills and Sundry Disbursements
 "for the Quarter, as follows, viz:-

" London	£ 6.762. --	^d 9
" Branches	<u>822. 1. 3</u>	
	<u>£ 7.584. 2. --</u>	

"From a Return made by the Principal
 "of the Printing Department it appears that
 "4,729,500 Bank Notes have been printed
 "numbered and examined during the quarter
 "ended the 31st January 1906 at a cost of
 "2. 8^d/₂ per 1000 for material and mechanical
 "labour only. (Including paper the cost is
 "£1. 2. 5^d/₂).

"From the same Return it appears that
 "3,654,500 India Notes of Rs 10 and upwards
 "have been printed numbered and examined
 "during the same period at a cost of 2. 8^d
 "per 1000 for material and mechanical labour
 "only. (Including paper and printing in Green
 "the cost is £1. 6. --^d/₂ per 1000), and that
 "3,140,500 have been printed in Green only
 "at a cost of 1. 10^d/₂ per 1000; also that
 "1,153,900 India Notes of Rs 5 have been printed
 "at a cost of 7^d/₄ per 1000 (Including paper
 "and printing in Green and numbering the
 "cost is 8. 3^d/₄ per 1000), and 1,500,096 printed
 "in

1st March 1906.

" in green only at a cost of $5\frac{1}{2}$ per 1000, and
 " 1,050,000 numbered at a cost of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per 1000.

" It also appears that 25,070,000 Postal
 " Orders have been printed, numbered and examined,
 " cut and packed, during the Quarter at a cost
 " of $10\frac{1}{2}$ per 1000. (Including paper the cost is
 " $3\frac{1}{2}$ per 1000).

" The Clerk of Works reports that the
 " Electric Alarms to the several gates have been
 " tried once every week, those to the Residences, &c,
 " once a month during the past quarter, and
 " some defects which were found in the wires
 " on the roof have been repaired; and that the
 " Fire Hydrants attached to the Metropolitan
 " Water Board's Mains in the several Courtyards
 " were tried on the 19th instant, also the High
 " Pressure Hydraulic Injector Hydrants, and
 " were all in good working order.

" The Gate Porter reports that the House
 " Porters and Watchmen have been regular in
 " their attendance at the Bank; that they have
 " attended for instruction in the use of the
 " Fire Hose and Hydrants under the superintendence
 " of the Clerk of Works; that the passages and
 " avenues about the Building have been kept
 " clean and free from obstruction, and that
 " the Telephonic communication from the Front
 " Lodge to the Fire Brigade and Police Stations is
 " in good working order. also that the health
 " of the men under his charge has been good
 " since the last Report, except during the month
 " of January.

" W. Middleton Campbell."

" Bank of England,
 " 23rd February 1906."

approved.

The Court approved thereof.

Quarterly
Reports

The Quarterly Reports of the
 Committee of Treasury, the Committee for
 Building, the Committee for Branch
 Banks and the two permanent Committees
 of Inspection, were read and approved.
 The deficiencies in the Cash during the
 Quarter were reported to be as follows, viz—

Head

11. March 1906. Head Office, £17. 14. ^s 6 and Branches £28. 14. ^s 3, of which latter amount £7 had been required to be repaid by the Clerks concerned.

J. St. Johnson, of the Cashier's Store Office,
B. D. Mackenzie, a Cashier &
J. Hogan, a Gate Porter reported to attain the age of 65 during the Quarter.

It was reported that John Henry Johnson, Principal of the Cashier's Store Office, and Benjamin Duncan Mackenzie, a Cashier, would attain the age of 65 years on the 31st March and 18th May next, respectively; and John Hogan, a Gate Porter, on the 15th May.

Loss of a Discounted Bill in the Bill Office reported by the Committee of Inspection for the Cashier's Offices

The Committee of Inspection for the Cashier's Offices had further to report the loss of a Discounted Bill for £1,515. 9. 10^d, missing in the Bill Office on the 16th ultimo. The Principal of the office was unable to account for the loss. The amount of the Bill had been paid on the Bank giving their indemnity. The Committee had enquired into the system now in force in the Bill Office for dealing with Discounted Bills after they were received from the Discount Office, and it appeared that there was some room for improvement therein. They had discussed the matter with the Chief Cashier and had suggested certain steps being taken which it was hoped would obviate a similar occurrence.

It was thereupon Moved and Seconded,

the inquiry into the matter to be continued and concluded by the present Committee.

That the inquiry into the matter be continued and concluded by the present Committee;

and the Question being put thereon, the same was Carried.

Minute of the Committee of Treasury recommending that a donation of £200 be made in aid of the funds of the Charities Cross Hospital, apart from the Medical School.

The following Minute of the Committee of Treasury having been read;

"Committee

1st March 1906.

"Committee of Treasury,
"28th February 1906.

"On an appeal from the Chairman
"of the Emergency Fund Committee of Charing
"Cross Hospital, it was agreed to recommend
"to the Court of Directors that a donation
"of Two hundred pounds be granted in aid
"of the funds of the Institution, apart from
"the Medical School.

"Bank of England."

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
the appointment
of a Messenger
to the Chief
accountant, &c.

The following Minute of the
Committee of Treasury having been read,
"Committee of Treasury,
"28th February 1906.

"It was agreed to recommend to the
"Court that Henry Hewett, Messenger to the
"Chief accountant, be appointed Senior
"Messenger in place of G. E. Ogle, pensioned;
"and that Thomas John Walter, House Porter
"and Watchman, be appointed a Messenger to
"fill the vacancy.

"Bank of England."

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

Minute of
the Committee
for Branch
Banks
recommending
an increase
of salary, &c.

The following Minute of the
Committee for Branch Banks having been
read;

"Committee for Branch Banks,
"23rd February 1906.

"Resolved,

"That it be recommended to the Court
"of Directors,

"That at the Manchester Branch, the

"salary

1st March 1906

"salary of Mr. J. W. Peel, the agent be
 "raised from £1700 to £1800 a year;
 "and that a gratuity of £200 be given
 "to Mr. J. J. A. Agnew, the agent at the
 "Liverpool Branch.

"Further that Mr. A. K. N. Thurston,
 "who was elected an acting Sub-Agent for
 "the Branches in January, 1904 on the
 "usual probation, and attached to the
 "Plymouth Branch, be confirmed in the
 "service and appointed Sub-Agent at the
 "Branch in question, at his present salary
 "of £500.

"W. Middleton Campbell."

"Bank of England."

agreed to

The Court agreed thereto.

Minute of
 the Committee
 of Inspection
 for the
 accountants
 offices
 recommending
 the appointment
 of a Shorthand
 Writer in the
 Women Clerks
 Department.

The following Minute of the
 Committee of Inspection for the Account-
 ants' Offices having been read;

"Committee of Inspection for
 "the accountants' Offices,

"Resolved,

"That it be recommended to the
 "Governor to propose to the Court of Directors
 "to make the following appointment in
 "the Women Clerks Department to fill
 "the vacancy caused by the promotion
 "of Miss L. S. Edwards, a Shorthand
 "Writer, to be Deputy Superintendent, viz:-

"Harriet Isabel Bryson, a Bank
 "Note Sorter, to be a Shorthand Writer

"Charles G. Arbutnot -

"Bank of England, (Chairman.)

"28th February 1906."

agreed to

The Court agreed thereto.

Montague

14th March 1906.
M. A. Jenner
of the Bank
Stock, &c. office
quits the
service at his
request.

Montague Arthur Jenner, an Assistant
in the Bank Stock, &c. Office at his request
had leave to quit the service of the Bank.

The Governor
reports the
suspension of
H. W. Fielden,
an Unattached
Clerk.

The Governor reported to the Court
that on the 24th ultimo he had suspended
Nector William Fielden, an Unattached
Clerk, lately working at the Birmingham
Branch, pending the result of enquiry
into some irregularities connected with
the Postages account at that Branch;
and had referred the matter to the
Committee for the Examination of Clerks.

The use of
the Bank's
vote sanctioned
in respect of
certain pledged
Securities.

Permission was granted to the
Chairman and other Directors of the
Highland Railway Company, at the
request of various customers of the
Branches, by whom Shares of this Company
had been pledged as security for Advances,
to use the Bank's vote in respect of these
Shares at the extraordinary General Meeting
of the said Company to be held on the 7th
instant or at any adjournment or
adjournments thereof.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, 8th March 1906.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq., Governor.
William Middleton Campbell, Esq., Deputy Governor.
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq.; William Dowse Hoare, Esq.;
Henry Cosmo Orme Bonsor, Esq.; The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
Brien Colquhoun, Esq.; Frederick Huth Jackson, Esq.;
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq.; Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq.;
Walter Cunliffe, Esq.; Samuel Hope Morley, Esq.;
James Pattison Currie Blyth, Esq.; Robert Lydston Newman Esq.;
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq.; Sir Augustus Prevost, Bart.;
Samuel Stewart Gladstone, Esq.; Rt Hon. Lord Revelstoke
Charles Hermann Goschen, Esq.; Albert George Sandeman, Esq.;
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq.; Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

Discounts
and Advances
to Bill Brokers,
&c.

The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c,
was read.

Chief Cashier's
weekly Report.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book
of special transactions, &c, was laid
before the Court.

Ordered,

2th March 1906.

Ordered,

at the recommendation of the
Committee of Treasury.

That £55,411 be paid for sundry
Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants lost &c.
as detailed in the Governor's Declaration Book;
the vouchers relating thereto having been
examined and security given to indemnify
the Bank.

The following Minute of the
Committee of Treasury having been read;

"Committee of Treasury,
"17th March 1906.

"It was agreed to recommend to the
"Court of Directors to make a donation of
"One thousand pounds to the Mansion
"House Fund for Relief of Sufferers from
"the Famine in Japan.

"Bank of England."

The Court agreed thereto.

The following Report of the Committee
appointed to examine the state of the
Discounts having been read;

"The Committee appointed
"to examine the state of the Discounts

Report to the Court of Directors,

"That the statements of the Discount
"operations and Advances upon Bills in
"London, and of Advances made in the
"Discount Office on "Floaters" for the past
"year have been examined, and that they
"show the following results, viz:—

1.

Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
a donation
of £1000 to the
Mansion House
Fund for the
Relief of
Sufferers from
the Famine
in Japan.

agreed to

Report of
the Committee
appointed to
examine the
state of the
Discounts

8th March 1906.

- " 1. The number of Discounters was 112, of whom 32 had Drawing accounts only.
- " 2. The number of Bills Discounted was 18,248.
- " 3. The amount Discounted was £24,919,954, 9¹¹/₄ of which £252,630 was with Discounters having Drawing accounts only, and of which £5,493,743, 9¹/₁ was discounted under the Bank rate.
- " 4. The weekly average amount held in Bills Discounted (including Bills to an amount of £6,512,992, 10⁵/₁₀ brought forward from the previous year) was £2,839,004.
- " 5. The amount received as Discount was £112,296, 14¹⁰/₁₀.
- " 6. The amount advanced on Bills for short periods was £25,929,300.
- " 7. The Interest on such Advances amounted to £17,982, 19⁴/₁₀.
- " 8. The amount advanced on "Floaters" was £46,636,980.
- " 9. The Interest on these Advances amounted to £32,444, 2⁶/₁₀.

" For a comparison with the operations of previous years the Committee refer to their detailed table of accounts since 1844.

" Compared with the operations of the previous year those of last year show an Increase in

- " 1. The number of Discounters 8
- " 2. The number of Bills Discounted 7893
- " 3. The amount discounted £12,862,492.
- " 4. The weekly average amount held in Bills discounted £1,290,329.
- " 5. The amount received as Discount 63,285.
- " 6. The amount of advances on Bills £1,622,400
- " 7. The Interest on advances on Bills £ 892.

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- " 8. The amount of Advances on
" "Floaters" £ 4.114.980.
- " 9. The Interest on Advances on
" "Floaters" 1.654 ¹³/₆
- " 10. The amount discounted under
" the Bank Rate £ 3.946.266.

" and a Decrease in

- " 1. The amount discounted for
" persons having a Drawing account
" only £ 55.070.

" The Bills discounted, amounting to
" £ 24.919.954.9.4 had an average currency
" of $49\frac{3}{5}$ days, and the business done was
" equivalent to a continuous advance of
" £ 3.387.564 for the year, upon which the
" receipt of £ 112.296.14.10 as Discount, yields
" a rate of £ 3.6.4 per cent per annum,
" against £ 2.18.3.

" The entire discount of £ 24.919.954.9.4
" was made at the various rates, and to the
" several amounts as described in the accompanying
" paper marked "A".

" The amount of £ 5,193.743.9.1 was
" discounted at the various rates below the
" published Bank Rate, as described in the
" accompanying paper marked "B".

" The Committee refer to the accompanying
" paper marked "C" for a monthly account of
" the number and amount of Bills brought
" in for Discount, the number and amount
" rejected or withdrawn, and the number
" and amount Discounted.

" The Books containing the figures against
" the names of the Discounters, as to the
" amount of credit allowed to each, have been
" carefully revised, and those accounts which
" in the opinion of the Committee require
" alteration, as well as those which they think
" should be closed and made dormant, are
" submitted to the Directors in the list
" marked "X".

" The Committee have further to Report,

" That

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" That they have examined the state
" of the Discounts and Advances upon Bills
" at the various Branches, and the following
" is the result of their investigation:—

- " 1. The number of Discounters in 1905
" was 214
- " 2. The number of Bills Discounted was 17,088
- " 3. The amount Discounted was £17,770,886 of
" which £4,895,420 was for persons having
" discount accounts and the remainder
" viz:— £12,875,466 for Discounters having
" Drawing accounts only, which included,
" however, £3,464,564 Discounted on behalf
" of Bankers.
- " 4. The weekly average amount held in
" Bills Discounted £4,121,698
- " 5. The amount received as Discount £ 117,134
- " 6. The amount advanced on Bills £ 2,460,350
- " 7. The amount received as Interest
" on Advances on Bills £ 6,318

Compared with the year 1904 these
" operations show .

" a Decrease in

- " 1. The number of Discounters 1
- " and an Increase in
- " 1. The number of Bills Discounted 14
- " 2. The amount received as Discount £ 19,027.
- " 3. The amount Discounted £ 2,548,112.
- " 4. The weekly average amount
" held on Bills Discounted £ 878,236
- " 5. The amount advanced on Bills £ 660,600
- " 6. The amount received as Interest
" on advances on Bills £ 1,811

" The total amount of £17,770,886 Discounted
" and charged at rates varying from 1 1/16 to 5
" was apportioned to the respective Branches
" as detailed in Branch Bank's office Annual
" Returns Book No. 3.

" A statement of the amount Discounted
" at

8th March 1906.

" at each Branch on account of Bankers and
 " Traders respectively during the past year
 " will be seen in the paper marked D.

" The amount of Bills Discounted being
 " £17,770.886 the business done was equivalent
 " to a continuous advance of £4,121,698 upon
 " which the receipt of £117,134 as Discount
 " yields a rate of £2.17.3 per cent per annum
 " taking credit for £850 rebated to Bankers
 " in commutation of one per cent, Commission
 " payable to them under act 478 Vict. cap. 32,
 " against £3.1.- in 1904.

" No firm having a Discount account at
 " any of the Branches suspended payment
 " during the past year. The amount standing
 " to the debit of the account of " Discounted Bills
 " Unpaid " on the 31st December 1905 was nil.

" The Committee have had before them the
 " Agents' Reports as to the degree of credit allowed
 " to each of the Discounters at the several Branches,
 " and they recommend that various accounts
 " thereof be closed, etc, as detailed in the accom-
 " panying papers marked E, and F.

" The Committee have observed that while
 " the system of the index numbers 1 to 30, to
 " represent the credit of Discounters, is adopted
 " both at the Head Office and at the Branches,
 " it is not applied at the Branches in identi-
 " cally the same manner as at the Head Office.
 " The Committee therefore have this year
 " applied the Head Office valuation scale to the
 " Branch discount accounts, and the majority
 " of the alterations now recommended therein
 " are due to this cause.

" The Committee, further, desire to submit
 " their opinion that the present system of
 " rating is not fully adequate for the purpose
 " for which it is intended. It is impossible
 " in their opinion to indicate by one index
 " number both the capital which a firm
 " possesses and also the credit which it enjoys;
 " and they recommend therefore to the Court
 " that while some system of index numbers,
 " such as that in use at present, be maintained
 " for the purpose of indicating financial
 " responsibility

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"responsibility, a further system of index
 "letters - say A. B. C. D, &c, be adopted, in
 "addition, to indicate the credit enjoyed
 "by the firm under consideration.

"The Committee observe that at the
 "Head office the names of practically all
 "the firms or Banks which discount with
 "the Bank are brought before the Committee
 "for consideration; as it is the custom that
 "such firms, although they keep a Drawing
 "Account with the Bank, shall also, if they
 "offer any considerable amount of bills for
 "discount, open a Discount account here.
 "at the Branches it is different. Of the
 "total amount discounted at the Branches
 "last year, $27\frac{1}{2}\%$ was discounted by firms
 "having Discount accounts with the Bank,
 "while 53% was discounted by miscellaneous
 "Discounters, the remainder being discounted
 "by Bankers. The names of these miscellaneous
 "Discounters are not submitted to the Discount
 "Committee for the purpose of grading their
 "credit, and the Committee are of opinion
 "that steps should be taken so that in
 "future the names of all Discounters should
 "be so submitted.

"Fred. Auth Jackson"

"Bank of England,
 "5th March 1906."

approved.

The Court approved thereof.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 15th March 1906.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq; Governor.
William Middleton Campbell, Esq; Deputy, Governor.
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq; Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq.
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq. Samuel Hope Morley, Esq.
Walter Curllippe, Esq. Robert Dyelston Newman, Esq.
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq. Sir Augustus Prevost, Bart.
Samuel Stewart Gladstone, Esq. Rt. Hon. Lord Revelstoke
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq. Albert George Sandeman, Esq.
The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
Frederick North Jackson, Esq. and Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

The Governor laid before the Court
the following Minute of the Committee
of Treasury:

"Committee of Treasury,
"14th March 1906.

"Resolved,

"That, having examined the state of
"the Bank's accounts, the Committee are of
"opinion that it will be desirable to
"recommend to the general Court on the

"22nd

Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
a Dividend
on Bank Stock.

15th March 1906."22nd instant

"That a Half year's Dividend of Interest
"and Profits be made on the 5th April
"net of £4-10^s— per cent, without deduction
"on account of Income Tax.

"Bank of England."

consideration
thereof postponedand the consideration of the same
was postponed till the following Thursday.Discounts
and Advances
to Bill Brokers,
re.The weekly Statement of Discounts
and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c,
was read.Chief Cashier's
Weekly Report.The Chief Cashier's Report Book of
special transactions, &c, was laid before
the Court.

Ordered,

Bank Notes, &c,
lost, &c.at the recommendation of the
Committee of Treasury,

That £96. 11. 3^d be paid for sundry
Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants,
lost, &c, as detailed in the Governor's
Declaration Book; the vouchers relating
thereto having been examined and
security given to indemnify the Bank.

Audit of
Securities

A Report from the Committee
of Daily Waiting was read, stating
that they had audited the Securities
contained in Drawers Nos 34 and 59,
and had satisfied themselves that the
same were in the safe custody of the
Chief Cashier.

The following Minute of the
Committee

15th March 1906.

Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
a temporary
compassionate
allowance to
the mother
of C. W. H. Cope,
recently a
clerk, deceased.

Committee of Treasury having been read;

"Committee of Treasury,
" 14th March 1906.

"The Governor brought before the
"Committee a letter he had received from
"Mrs E. A. Cope, whose eldest son, Cecil W. H.
"Cope, a Clerk in the Private Drawing office,
"aged 30, was recently killed by a railway
"train. It appeared that Mrs Cope, who was
"a Widow with a family of 6, mostly quite
"young, and whose total income amounted
"to £133 per annum, had been materially
"assisted by her eldest son, whose salary was
"£220 per annum, and who was unmarried
"and lived with her; and in view of the
"special circumstances of the case it was
"agreed to recommend to the Court to make
"her a compassionate allowance of £50 a
"year for a period of five years.

"Bank of England."

The Court agreed thereto.

agreed to

The following Report of the
Audit Committee having been read;

"The Audit Committee

"Report to the Court of Directors,

Report of
the Audit
Committee
on Audits
taken by the
Audit Depart-
ment between
the 12th ultimo
and the 10th
instant.

"That they have had before them the
"Reports of the Audits taken by the Audit
"Department during the past month under
"written instructions from one of the
"Governors.

"These Audits are enumerated in
"detail in the accompanying list.

"Bank of England,

" 14th March 1906.

"W. Middleton Campbell."

"List

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"List of Audits taken by the Audit
"Department during the past month.

- " On the 14th ultimo, an inspection of the
" work in the Private Drawing Office Ledgers
" for the year 1905.
- " On the 15th ultimo, audit of Securities in
" the Treasury.
- " On the 16th ultimo, audit of Notes and
" Coin in the Treasury.
- " On the 22nd ultimo, audit of the account
" of Petty Cash in the Chief Cashier's office
" and relative offices as on the evening
" of the 17th ultimo.
- " On the 23rd ultimo, audit of Securities
" in the Treasury.
- " On the 26th ultimo, audit of the accounts
" of the 25th Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps
" for the year ending February 1906.
- " On the 26th ultimo, audit of Securities at
" the Western Branch.
- " On the 27th ultimo, audit of the Stock of
" Dividend Warrant Paper in the Cashier's
" Store office.
- " On the 28th ultimo, audit of Securities
" in the Treasury.
- " On the 1st instant, audit of Securities at
" the Law Courts Branch.
- " On the 1st instant, audit of the Boxes
" containing Notes which are deposited
" nightly in the Treasury by the Banking
" and Issue Offices.
- " On the 2nd instant, audit of Notes and
" Coin in the Treasury.
- " On the 5th instant, audit of the Stock of
" Bank Post Bills and Drafts on Demand
" in the Cashier's Store office.
- " On the 9th instant, audit of the accounts
" of the Bank Provident Society, Deposit
" Branch, as on the evening of the 28th
" ultimo.
- " Bank of England,
" 14th March 1906.

approved.

The Court approved thereof.

The

15th March 1906

Report of the
Committee
for the
Examination
of Clerks on
the case of
H. W. Fielden,
a Clerk
Unattached,
lately employed
at the Bir-
mingham Branch,
now under
suspension.

The following Report of the Committee
for the Examination of Clerks having
been read;

"The Committee for the
"Examination of Clerks

"Report to the Governor,

"That by his direction they have had
"before them the case of Hector Williams
"Fielden, an Unattached Clerk, elected the
"12th May, 1904, and lately employed at the
"Birmingham Branch, who was suspended on
"the 24th ultimo, pending an investigation into
"some irregularities in connection with the
"Postages Account at that Branch. They have
"been in correspondence with the Agent in
"the matter, and the Chief Clerk of the
"Branch, Mr. Sims, has given his evidence
"personally before the Committee. They have
"also had Fielden twice before them.

"In the result they find that Fielden,
"as he indeed confesses, for many months
"habitually made false entries in the Postages
"Book by charging as letters certain Daily Post-
"cards (which as a matter of fact are
"bought in bulk already stamped) and by
"charging more than the actual cost against
"other letters. An unfortunate feature in
"the case is that his misdoing in respect of
"the postcards, though not to the full extent,
"was discovered in January last and reported
"to the Chief Clerk, when the latter, knowing
"Fielden's unhappy family history, out of pity
"for him and in consideration of his otherwise
"exemplary conduct as a Clerk, yielded to his
"appeals and did not report the matter to
"the Agent: and it is now due only to an
"enquiry by the Principal of the Branch Bank's
"office into the relatively large postal expenses
"of this Branch that the extent of the false
"entries has been revealed.

"Fielden, on his part, adheres to the
"same explanation which he originally gave
"to

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"to Mr. Sims, vizt- that these false entries
 "were only made to enable him to balance
 "the account whenever the cash was
 "deficient; that at first he had paid
 "the deficiencies out of his own pocket, but
 "that subsequently when the charge had
 "been too heavy for him, he discovered from
 "other men at the Branch that it was the
 "custom to obtain an apparent balance by
 "making these fictitious debits against
 "the post cards. Every member of the Staff
 "has categorically denied in writing, that he
 "told Fielden anything of the kind, and an
 "examination of the books for some years
 "reveals no trace of such a practice. The
 "evidence further shows that while these
 "alleged deficiencies during Fielden's occupancy
 "of the post were of a serious amount, the
 "actual shortages, both before and afterwards,
 "were trifling. The envelopes containing the
 "Birmingham daily letter to London are
 "of course not preserved; three, however,
 "happen not to have yet been destroyed, and
 "every one of them has been overcharged by
 "Fielden in the postage book.

"The Stamp drawer in question at the
 "Branch is accessible to, and is used by,
 "the whole office during the day in connection
 "with such petty cash charges as telegrams,
 "travelling and other travelling fares when on
 "Bank business, &c; and the Committee have
 "not pursued the question as to the existence
 "of these alleged shortages. They feel strongly,
 "however, that Fielden's conduct, in any case,
 "shows so serious a want of moral principle
 "that he ought not to be retained as a clerk;
 "and they, therefore, recommend that he
 "be discontinued in the service.

"W. Middleton Campbell."

"Bank of England,
 "8th March 1906."

approved
 and the said
 H. W. Fielden
 not continued
 in the service.

The Court approved thereof, and
 Resolved,
 That the said Hector William
 Fielden be not continued in the service
 of the Bank.

The

15th March 1906.

Minute of
the Committee
for appointments
and Promotions
of the Staff
recommending
appointments.

The following Minute of the Committee
for Appointments and Promotions of the
Staff having been read;

" Committee for appointments
" and Promotions of the Staff

" It was agreed to recommend to the
" Court of Directors to make the following
" appointments in the In Tellers' office, to
" fill the vacancy caused by the retirement
" on the 18th January last on a pension of
" Mr. F. N. Vaillant, the Principal, -

" Mr. Ernest Henry Woollard, Deputy
" Principal, to be Principal, and

" James Ross, 1st clerk in the office,
" to be Deputy Principal.

" The foregoing appointments to take
" effect as from the date of Mr. Vaillant's
" retirement.

" W. Middleton Campbell."

" Bank of England,
" 14th March 1906.

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 22nd March 1906.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq; Governor.
William Middleton Campbell, Esq; Deputy Governor.
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq; Edgar Lubbock, Esq;
Brien Cottrayne, Esq; Samuel Hope Morley, Esq;
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq; Robert Lydston Sawman, Esq;
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq; Sir Augustus Prevost, Bart;
Samuel Stenarth Gladstone, Esq; M^t Hon: Lord Revelstoke
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq; Albert George Sandeman, Esq;
Frederick Auth Jackson, Esq; and
Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq; Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

Minute in
reference to
a dividend
considered
and agreed to.

The Governor having again laid
before the Court the Minute of the
Committee of Treasury recommending
a Dividend on Bank Stock, consideration
of which was postponed by the last Court;

The Court agreed thereto,

and

22nd March 1906. and

Resolved,

That the Governor do acquaint the General Court therewith as the opinion of this Court.

Resolved,

That the following advertisement be inserted in the Daily Papers:—

House List
1906.

"The following is the ^{1906.} House List of Governors and Directors of the Bank of England for the year ensuing:—

" For Governors.

" Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq. Governor.

" William Middleton Campbell, Esq. Deputy Governor.

" For Directors.

" Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq. George William Henderson, Esq.
 " Henry Cosmo Ome Benson, Esq. William Douro Hoare, Esq.
 " Herbert Brooks, Esq. The Hon. Evelyn Hubbard
 " Brian Cottrane, Esq. Frederick Huth Jackson, Esq.
 " Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq. Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq.
 " Walter Cunliffe, Esq. Edgar Lubbock, Esq.
 " James Pattison Currie-Blyth, Esq. Samuel Hope Morley, Esq.
 " John Saunders Gilliat, Esq. Robert Lydston Newman, Esq.
 " Samuel Stewart Gladstone, Esq. Sir Augustus Prevost, Bart.
 " Charles Hermann Goschen, Esq. The Right Hon. Lord Revelstoke
 " Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq. Albert George Sandeman, Esq.
 " Everard Alexander Hambro, Esq. Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

"The Election for Governor and Deputy Governor will be held at the Bank on Tuesday, the 3rd April, and for Directors on Wednesday, the 4th April, from Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon till Four in the afternoon."

The Weekly Statement of Discounts and Advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c. was read.

Discounts
and Advances
to Bill Brokers, &c.

The

22nd March 1906.Chief Cashier's
weekly Report.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book of
Special transactions, &c. was laid before the
Court.

Ordered,

Bank Notes, &c.
lost, &c.

at the recommendation of the
Committee of Treasury.

That £64. 10. 9 be paid for a
Coupon and sundry Bank Notes and
Dividend Warrants, lost, &c. as detailed
in the Governor's Declaration Book; the
vouchers relating thereto having been
examined and security given to indem-
nify the Bank.

Out Cash

A Report from Mr. Cunliffe was
read stating that he had taken in
the Out Cash on the 21st instant and
had found it right.

Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
sundry additions
to salaries and
a donation.

The following Minute of the
Committee of Treasury having been read;

"Committee of Treasury,
"21st March 1906.

"It was agreed to recommend to
"the Court for adoption the following
"proposals of the Committee for appointments
"and Promotions of the Staff, for sundry
"additions to salaries, viz:—

"The Committee for appointments
"and Promotions of the Staff.

"Report to the Committee of Treasury.

"That under the powers delegated
"to them in July last, they have reviewed
"the Salaries of the Staff of the Head

"office

22nd March 1906.

"Office according to the annual custom,
"and they beg to recommend to the favourable
"consideration of the Committee the following
"suggested additions to salaries, viz.:-

"In the Discount Office.

"The personal additional salary of Mr. J. J.
"Child, the Deputy Principal, to be raised from
"£200 to £300 a year.

"In the Branch Banks Office.

"The personal additional salary of Mr.
"W. H. Clegg, the Deputy Principal to be raised from
"£100 to £200 a year, and a personal additional
"salary of £20 a year to Maximilian W. Carter,
"the Senior Clerk in the office.

"In the Bullion Office.

"a personal additional salary of £50 a
"year to Mr. F. C. Miller, the Deputy Principal.

"In the Public Drawing Office

"a personal additional salary of £100 a
"year to Mr. Charles Suberly, the Principal.

"Porters.

"The personal additional salary of Maurice
"Walters, the Head Gate Porter, to be raised from
"£30 to £40, and that of William Hanney, the
"2nd Gate Porter, from £7 to £15 a year.

"The foregoing additions to date from the
"1st instant.

"Bank of England,
"14th March 1906."

"W. Middleton Campbell."

"It was further agreed to recommend to
"the Court that a donation of £200 be made to
"Mr. C. E. Edlmann, the Deputy Secretary, in view
"of the heavy additional work recently thrown
"on him in connexion with certain Committees,

"and that a personal additional salary
"of £200 a year be granted to Mr. H. S. Inman,
"the Assistant Secretary; the post of "Deputy of
"Records, &c" to be discontinued, the salary of £100
"a year attaching thereto to cease. To date from
"the 1st instant.

"Bank of England."

The Court agreed thereto.

agreed to.

A Court of Directors at the Bank
on Thursday, the 29th March 1906.

Present.

Alexander Falconer Wallace, Esq; Governor
William Middleton Campbell, Esq; Deputy Governor.
Charles George Arbuthnot, Esq; Frederick Auth Jackson, Esq.
Brien Cochrane, Esq; Reginald Eden Johnston, Esq.
Alfred Clayton Cole, Esq; Samuel Hope Morley, Esq;
Walker Curllippe, Esq; Robert Lydston Newman, Esq;
John Saunders Gilliat, Esq; Sir Augustus Prevost, Bart;
Samuel Stewart Gladstone, Esq; Rt Hon. Lord Revelstoke
Charles Hermann Goschen, Esq; Albert George Sandeman, Esq;
Edward Charles Grenfell, Esq; and
William Douro Hoare, Esq; Hugh Colin Smith, Esq.

The proceedings of the last Court
were read.

Resolution as
to Ex-Directors
selling their
Qualification

Pursuant to Minutes of Court of
the 2nd April 1835 and the 3rd April 1873,
the following Resolution was read:—

That in the opinion of this Court
from and after this date Ex-Directors
selling the whole or any part of their
Qualification should not be recommended
to the Court of Proprietors for re-election.

The

29 March 1906.

Discounts
and Advances
to Bill Brokers
etc.

The weekly Statement of Discounts and advances granted to Bill Brokers, &c, was read.

Chief Cashier's
weekly Report.

The Chief Cashier's Report Book of special transactions, &c, was laid before the Court.

Ordered,

Bank Notes
etc. lost, &c.

At the recommendation of the Committee of Treasury,

That £40.5.^s2^d be paid for sundry Bank Notes and Dividend Warrants, lost, &c, as detailed in the Governor's Declaration Book, the vouchers relating thereto having been examined and security given to indemnify the Bank.

Audit of
Securities.

A Report from the Committee of daily Waiting was read stating that they had audited the Securities contained in Drawers Nos 8 and 71, and had satisfied themselves that the same were in the safe custody of the Chief Cashier.

Audit of
Securities
at the Law
Courts
Branch.

A Report from Mr Grenfell was read stating that he had audited the Securities at the Law Courts Branch comprised in the sections numbered 8 and 9 and had found the same in the safe custody of the agent.

Resolved,

A. Johnson,
Principal of
the Cashier's
Store office,
pensioned.

That a pension of £366.13.^s4^d, being 57.5ths of his salary of £550, according to the scale, be granted during pleasure to Mr. John Henry Johnson, the Principal of the Cashier's Store office, as from the 31st instant when he will attain the age of 65 years.

The following Minute of the Committee

of

29 March 1906. of Treasury, having been read;

Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
that G. W.
Lawrence of
the Dividend
office, be
allowed to
retire with
a pension.

"Committee of Treasury,
"28th March 1906.

"A letter was read from Gerald William
"Lawrence, a 4th Class Clerk in the Dividend
"office, who at 31 years of age and after 11 years
"service tenders his resignation on the ground
"of failure of health. The Bank Medical officer
"had certified that Lawrence would not be
"again capable of resuming his duties at
"the Bank, and it was agreed to recommend
"to the Court that his resignation be accepted
"and that he be granted during pleasure
"and in accordance with the scale, a
"pension of £46. 10. --, being $\frac{16}{15}$ ths of
"his salary of £218, as from the 31st instant.
"Bank of England."

agreed to.

The Court agreed thereto.

Minute of
the Committee
of Treasury
recommending
that a donation
of £105 be
made to the
Royal Asylum
of St Anne's
Society, Redhill

The following Minute of the
Committee of Treasury having been read;
"Committee of Treasury,
"28th March 1906.

"On an appeal for assistance from
"the Royal Asylum of St Anne's Society,
"Redhill, to whom the Bank made a
"donation of One hundred guineas 20
"years ago, it was agreed to recommend
"to the Court that a further donation
"of One hundred guineas be made in
"aid of the funds of that Institution.

"Bank of England."

agreed to

The Court agreed thereto.

The following Report of the
Committee of Inspection for the

Cashiers

29 March 1906.
Report of
the Committee
of Inspection
for the
Cashiers
offices in
regard to the
arrangements
in the Bill
office for
dealing with
Discounted
Bills.

Cashiers' offices having been read;

"The Committee of Inspection
for the Cashiers' offices

"Report to the Court of Directors,

"That, as requested by the Court of the
"1st instant, they have met again to
"consider the arrangements in the Bill
"office for dealing with Discounted Bills
"after they are received from the Discount
"office. The Committee had before them
"a report which they had instructed the
"Chief Cashier to draw up as to certain
"details, and went into the subject fully
"with him and decided on a system to
"be adopted which they hope will be an
"improvement on that heretofore in force.

"Bank of England,
"21st March 1906."

"a. c. Cole."

approved.

The Court approved thereof.

Report from
the Secretary
upon the
position of
the Directors'
Fund, the
Samaritan
Fund and
the Clerks'
Guarantee
Funds.

The Governor laid before the Court
the following Report from the Secretary
upon the position of the Directors' Fund,
the Samaritan Fund and the Clerks'
Guarantee Fund.

Secretary's Report 1906.

"In pursuance of the order of Court
"of the 7th June 1894, which provided for an
"annual Report being made in the month
"of March by the Secretary, on the Directors'
"Fund, the Samaritan Fund and the
"Clerks' Guarantee Fund,

"The Secretary begs to report as follows:-

1. The

29 March 1906.

"1. The Directors' Fund.

"The net charge upon the Fund
 "for annuities to Widows, &c,
 "during the year ended the 9th
 "January last amounted to . . . £7,224 . 14 . 2

"Against an Income, from
 "Investments, &c, of 7,685 . 14 . 5

"Leaving a surplus of . . . £ 461 . . . 3

"The number of annuitants on the
 "Books at the commencement of 1905
 "was 183. During the year 8 annuities
 "were granted, amounting in all to £357;
 "and 9 amounting to £381, ceased by death.
 "The number of annuitants at the close
 "of the year was therefore 182.

"The amount of annuities payable at
 "the present time is £7,199. Of these 149
 "are to the Widows of Clerks, 1 to the
 "daughters of a late agent, 1 to the daughter
 "of a Gate Porter, and 31 to the Widows of
 "Porters. The average amount of the annuity
 "in the case of the Widows of Clerks being
 "£44, and in that of the Widows of Porters
 "£18.

"During the past year the following
 "changes have taken place in the
 "Investments of the Fund, viz:-

"Securities Sold.

"£1000 Grand Trunk Rly
 "of Canada 4% Guaranteed
 "Stock realizing . . . £1,009: 19:-

"£500 City of Mexico
 "5% Bonds realizing . . . 514. 19.- 1,524. 18.-

"Bonds paid off.

"£400 New York Central
 " & Hudson River Rly
 "4% Bonds 409: 12: 9 1,524: 18:-

29 March 1906.

" Brought forward £ 409. 12. 9	1524. 18. -
" £3500 Rio Tinto	
" 4% 1 st Mort. Bonds . . 3500. . . . -	
" £100 Argentine 5%	
" Bond (Buenos ayres	
" Water Supply Co) . . 100. . . . -	4009. 12. 9
	£ 5534. 10. 9

" This sum together with the surplus
 " Income of the past two years has been
 " invested in the purchase of the following
 " Securities, viz:-

" £2500 San Paulo (Brazilian)	
" Railway 4% Debenture Stock	
" at a cost of	£ 2713. 13. 6
" £3010 Grand Trunk Railway	
" of Canada 4% Guaranteed	
" Stock at a cost of	3157. 18. 6
" £147. 5. 4 Bank Stock at a cost of	441. 6. 11
	£ 6312. 18. 11

" 2. The Samaritan Fund.

" The Income of the Fund for the past
 " year amounted to £410. 15. - and the
 " total grants to £301, of these 7 were to
 " Clerks, 2 to Pensioners, 3 to Porters, 1 to the
 " Widow of a late Porter and 3 to Mechanics.
 " In three cases a sum of £50 was granted.

" No alteration has taken place in the
 " Investments during the past year, which
 " consist of two amounts of Manchester
 " Corporation 3% Stock, viz:- £1800 and
 " £2502. 12. 6 Unclaimed Bullion account."

" The following is a summary of the
 " Cash Receipts and Payments during the
 " year.

" Receipts

29 March 1906

Receipts.Payments.

" Balance, 1 Jan'y 1905 £ 420. 18. -	13 Grants .. £ 301. - -
" Interest on Investments . 122. 12. 6	Balance . . . 530. 13. -
" Stopped Note Fees 87. 7. 6	
" Sale of Waste Paper, &c. . 194. 11. -	
" Deposit Vault Fees . . . 6. 4. -	
£ 831. 13. -	£ 831. 13. -

" 3. The Clerks' Guarantee Fund.

" No claims on the Fund for deprecations
" have arisen during the past year.

" In accordance with the original
" Regulations of the Fund as approved by the
" Court of the 8th April 1841 a sum of £460
" arising from the accumulated subscriptions
" of Clerks, and interest on the invested
" Funds of £6000 was paid over to the
" Bank Provident Society in November last.

" During the year the sum of £209 ¹⁶/₂
" has been received in subscriptions from
" newly elected clerks and those not yet
" confirmed in the Service. This amount
" has been placed on deposit with the Deposit
" Branch of the Bank Provident Society by
" direction of the Governor in accordance
" with the terms of Regulation 4, under
" which the total of the Fund is to be
" gradually raised from £6000 to £10,000.

" The Investments of the Fund consist
" of £3000 New Zealand 4% Stock, £3000
" New South Wales 4% Stock, and the amount
" of £513. 10. 5 on deposit with the Bank
" Provident Society.

" The

29 March 1906

The following is a Summary of the
"Receipts and Payments for the year ended
"31st December 1905.

<u>Receipts.</u>	<u>Payments.</u>
"Balance, 1 July 1905 £ 102. 3. 4	Bank Prov'd Soc'y £ 460. ---
"Interest on Investments 228. ---	Bank Prov'd Soc'y. Deposit % 206. 7. 11
"Annual Sub- scriptions . . . 209. 16. 2	Balance 31 Decr 1905 . . . 227. 11. 7
"Final Payments . 264. ---	
"Loan Repaid . . . 90. ---	
£ 893. 19. 6	£ 893. 19. 6

"Bank of England,
"March 1906.

"Kenneth Grahame,
"Secretary."

approved.

The Court approved thereof.

Letter from
Messrs
Freshfield
with agreement
for the sale
to the Bank
of certain
freehold
premises in
Walworth -
to be sealed.

The following letter from Messrs
Freshfield having been read;

"New Bank Buildings,
"31 Old Jewry, E.C.
"27th March 1906.

"Dear Sir,

"We beg to hand you the engrossment
"of the Contract for the purchase of the Bank
"from Mr. Bates of the piece of land in Rodney
"Road and Content Street.

"Before we received your letter we
"had already told Mr. Wilde, Mr. Bates' Solicitor,
"that as his note on the Contract made it
"uncertain whether the whole of the premises
"would be available for building on Michaelmas
"day the date fixed for the completion we
"thought a portion say £1200 of the purchase
"money should be placed on deposit until
"the whole site was vacant and had sent
"him the draft with the clause in it to this
"effect

29 March 1906.

"effect which we showed to you. This he
 "agreed to and told us that his client had
 "every hope that he would be able to hand
 "over the site with vacant possession at
 "Michaelmas. In these circumstances we
 "did not think it worth while to alter
 "the terms of the Contract and have left it
 "as he accepted it.

"A deposit of £1200 has to be paid on
 "exchanging contracts and we will let
 "you know when we require it.

"The Contract is one to which we advise
 "that the seal of the Bank should be
 "affixed.

"We are, Dear Sir,

"yours faithfully,

"Freshfields."

"The Secretary,
 "Bank of England."

approved
 and the
 agreement
 ordered to be
 sealed.

The Court approved thereof, and
 Ordered that the agreement in question
 be sealed with the Common Seal of
 the Bank.

Audit of
 Securities
 at the Western
 Branch.

A Report from Mr. Collyer
 was read stating that he had audited
 the Securities at the Western Branch
 comprised in the sections numbered
 38 and 39 and had found the same in
 the safe custody of the agent.

*Interim 20/4/05
considered*

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COURT OF THE
6TH NOVEMBER, 1902, TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION
OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE STAFF, AND
THE DISADVANTAGE AT WHICH THE BRANCH CLERKS
ARE PLACED IN APPLYING FOR VACANT POSTS AT THE
HEAD OFFICE.

REPORT TO THE COURT—

That they have had under their most careful consideration the matters referred to them by the Court, and also the petition of the 1st and 2nd Class Clerks in the Accountant's Department which was handed by the Governor to this Committee, almost immediately upon its formation, for inclusion with the other matters referred to them.

The examination into the merits of the petition brought forward by the Chief Accountant involved the preparation of the most careful and complete statistics of his Department and that of the Chief Cashier; and occupied a very considerable time in the earlier sittings of the Committee. In the result the Committee were of opinion that, in the matter of hours of work and salary, the Accountant's Department had no ground for grievance if the whole period of their service were taken into consideration; while as regards their representation that their average maximum salaries, and consequently their pensions, were lower than those of the Cashier's Department, the scheme which this Committee are now bringing forward places these 1st and 2nd Class Clerks in so improved a position that it should more than satisfy the hopes of the petitioners.

The consideration of a uniform scheme of Classification is, it will be conceded, a wide question, including, as it does, an examination into the history of all the various measures which have led to the present complex system. The conditions of entrance into the service: the period of probation; and the method of subsequent permanent appointment of a Clerk: the principles upon which not only the Clerks themselves, but also the Offices of the House have been hitherto classified; and the entire present system of Branch service, have all been exhaustively considered by the Committee before they have attempted to design a classification which might equitably be substituted for the existing conditions, and at the same time meet with acceptance by the present Staff. There are many points in these matters which, although the Committee have already fully discussed them and have arrived at conclusions in regard to them, are, they feel, subsidiary to the main question; and there are others which, although requiring a great amount of detailed work, are merely matters of adjustment when once the principle of the proposed scheme is sanctioned by the Court. Before, therefore, proceeding to elaborate these, the Committee beg to present this Interim Report with the view of first obtaining the opinion of the Court upon the principle of their scheme, and will only here refer to these subsidiary matters in so far as they are directly explanatory of certain parts of the Committee's scale proposal.

The Committee in the early part of their enquiry considered the comparative advantages of a scale in a single column, or, as at present, in two columns, termed respectively "ordinary" and "additional" salary; the one representing length of service and good character, and the other, quality of service; and they have decided in favour of maintaining the latter or "double column" scale. They are, however, agreed that the present ratio of the two columns is disproportionate, and might be advantageously altered by diminishing the automatically increasing amount allotted to simple seniority, and considerably increasing that portion which represents a Clerk's efficiency, or "Class."

At present, the maximum salary reached by a Clerk in the 1st Class (including the Counter Clerks) varies from £378 to £390 according to his Department, of which £300 represents length of service, and the balance, £78 to £90, his "Class." The Committee suggest that the maximum for Clerks at the head of the 1st Class might very fairly be raised to £400—an amount which they find on enquiry is now paid by some of the leading London Banks to Clerks of similar standing—and might be apportioned, as to £250, for seniority, and, as to £150, for "Class." As regards the initial salary, the Committee are of opinion that it should be one upon which a Clerk should be able to maintain himself independently from the beginning, and they are led to believe that this amount should not be placed lower than £100. At the same time, they think that the increase of salary in the first few years of a Clerk's service under the present system is unduly rapid, and that a considerable sum might fairly be saved during this period, and applied during the period of greater efficiency.

As regards entrance, the present age limit is from 18 to 25 years. It has been pointed out that the large majority of Clerks—say 89 per cent.—enter the service before they are 22 years of age, and that those who enter later have not, as a rule, by greater experience been able to overcome the disadvantage of the later start. The Committee have come to the conclusion that the interests of the Bank will be best served by reducing the limit of age for entrance; and they recommend that the age shall be 18 to 21 inclusive, with permission in exceptional cases, to extend it to 22 inclusive.

With regard to a Clerk's probation, the Committee think that, in addition to the present system of a stringent two years' period, it would be well that after this a Clerk should have it clearly before him, for some years, that his position is still a probationary one; and they have embodied this idea in the proposals they bring forward.

They suggest that, in future, no Clerk should be attached to a Department or sent to a Branch until he has completed his first two years' probation, and his reports are approved. After this, instead of his being at once definitely attached to a particular Office, the Committee think it better that he should be simply drafted as an "Assistant" as required, and that he might be allowed his choice of a Department or the Branch service as far as consistent with the needs of the Bank. They propose that he should then be movable within his Department for the next three years and be reported upon half-yearly; and that only then, *i.e.*, after five years' service, if found satisfactory, should he be eligible for appointment to a particular Office, in the 4th or Junior Class, when his additional salary would commence. This system would not, of course, prevent earlier selection for appointment in the case of Assistants who are considered by the Head of their Department to be specially promising men; and, on the other hand, should these five years' Reports show that a Clerk, though qualified for the 4th or 3rd Class, is unlikely ever to secure further promotion, the Committee think that it should be pointed out to him that under the circumstances his maximum salary would, in all probability, never exceed the pay of these classes (say £285 as a 4th Class Clerk, or £320 as a 3rd Class, according to the scale now proposed). He would then be able, at a sufficiently early age, to reconsider his prospects, and the advisability of continuing in the Bank's service.

The foregoing plan embodies an idea on which the Committee lay great stress. They consider that the entrance by a Clerk into each Class, and especially into the 1st Class, should be felt by him to be a matter of great importance and not merely his right by rotation. By increasing not only the additional salary attaching to the Classes generally, but also by accentuating the difference in salary between one Class and the next above it, the Committee feel that they are increasing the responsibility of those entrusted with the selections for promotion; and also ensuring that the Clerks shall realise that by efficiency alone can they obtain further advancement.

There appears nothing in the system of the Branches in London differentiating them appreciably from the Head Office; but in the case of the Country Branches the Committee are met by the fact that the scale of "Class" pay at these Branches is considerably higher than that at the Head Office, this proving the most striking factor in that inequality of classification which attracted the notice of the Risk Money Committee. Though every Clerk, on entering the service, engages most definitely to go to a Branch if required to do so, the Court have hitherto preferred to attract volunteers for Branch service by increased pay rather than to select them for the duty. The Committee are of opinion that there is no sufficient reason for the continuance of this practice, and recommend that the salary of Clerks at the Country Branches be on the same basis as that of the other clerks in the Bank service. They consider that an experience of the work of a Branch is a valuable part of a young Clerk's training, and that if he be offered the option of returning to the Head Office after a term of years without loss of seniority, or of remaining at the Branch, the system will prove advantageous alike to the Clerk and to the Bank. In connection with this question it may be mentioned that the Committee have in view the placing of the Chief Clerks of all the Branches on the level of Principals of offices at the Head Office of correspondingly responsible positions.

With these prefatory remarks the Committee beg to make the following recommendations, viz. :—

That a uniform classification, and scale of salary, be adopted for the Staff throughout the Bank, including both the Head Office and the Branches. ✓

That a Clerk's salary according to this scale shall cover all those duties which he may be ordinarily called upon to perform; and that all extra payments for such duties be abolished. ✓

That the permanent "Classed" Staff of the Bank be divided into four Classes. Appointment to each Class and promotion within a Class to depend on efficiency. ✓

That a permanent Standing Committee to advise on promotions, &c., of the Staff be appointed, of which Committee shall be *Chairman, and on which* a certain number of the members should serve at least two years consecutively. Reports on all the Clerks to be made to and considered by this Committee. *the Deputy Governor*
7/c. 6 7 1905

That all Candidates for admission to the service, both Directors' nominees and the sons of Clerks and Pensioners, be 18 years of age, and under 22 years of age; except in the case of University graduates, or in other special circumstances, when the leave of the Court may be asked, provided the candidate be under 23 years of age. Candidates must be unmarried. ✓

That the period of probation be extended to five years. For the first two years Clerks to remain on the Unattached List. The Principal of each Office in which an Unattached Clerk is employed shall send in his Report upon him to the Controller at the Quarterly dates, or at the time the Clerk leaves his office. These Reports shall be submitted to the Chief Accountant and Chief Cashier for their comments, and be finally handed to the Secretary to be brought by him half-yearly before the proposed Standing Committee. Clerks whose Reports are unsatisfactory shall not be continued in the service. *Examination of objects*

That Clerks who have passed their first two years' service satisfactorily be then designated "Assistants," and be attached to one or other of the Departments or to a Branch, as the needs of the service may require. They shall not be appointed to a particular office, but be transferable within their Department. They shall continue Assistants for three years unless previously promoted for merit, and Reports upon them shall continue to be made half-yearly, or on change of office. If the Reports on any Assistant are unsatisfactory he shall not be continued in the service. ✓

That no Unattached Clerk or Assistant be allowed to marry without the sanction of the Governor. ✕

That, if the Reports made at the end of five years upon a Clerk prove sufficiently satisfactory, he shall then be qualified for promotion. At the same time, should they show that he is unlikely to secure continuous promotion in due course, he shall be informed to that effect.

That the salary scale be a double-column scale, the first column representing a Clerk's ordinary salary according to length of service, and the second column his additional salary according to his class.

That the salaries of all Clerks entering the Bank be £100 a year for the first two years of their service, irrespective of their age.

That this "ordinary" salary be then raised by £10 a year to £130, and subsequently by £5 a year to £250; thus rising in the 29th year of service to a maximum of £250, instead of to £280 in the 23rd year (approximately) as in the existing scale. The "Long Service Pay" of £20 to be abolished.

That an Assistant receive no additional salary, he being still a probationary Clerk, and his ordinary salary being in the opinion of the Committee sufficient.

That the additional salary of the 4th Class be £25, rising to £35; that of the 3rd Class £60, rising to £70; that of the 2nd Class £95, rising to £105; and that of the 1st Class £130, rising by £10 at intervals of not less than three years to £150.

Thus, a Clerk who rises uninterruptedly to the top of the 1st Class would, at about the present rate of promotion, reach a maximum salary of £250 + £150 = £400, after 28 years' service, or at the age of 47 or 48.

That the additional salaries of the two higher grades of Clerks, viz., the Senior Clerks and Superintendents, commence at £155 and £170 respectively, rising by increments of £5 to £165 and £180. The maximum salary for a Senior Clerk will thus be £415, and for a Superintendent £430.

Country Branch Service.

That the staff of the Country Branches be divided into four classes, and assistants.

That Assistants be seconded from the Head Office—by selection, if necessary—to fill vacancies among the Assistants at the Branches. Such Assistants to remain in the Branch Service

until their turn comes for promotion to the "classed" Staff either at the Head Office or at the Branches. Their applications for 4th class vacancies at the Branches shall have prior consideration to those of applicants at the Head Office.

That, if no suitable Clerk or Assistant apply for a vacancy in the "classed" Staff at the Branches, such vacancy shall be filled by seconding a clerk of corresponding position from the Head Office.

That as soon as a Clerk has completed his first five years service in the
"Classed Staff" ~~That after the first five years' service in the "classed" Staff~~
at the Branches, a ^{an} clerk shall have the option of continuing in the Branch service, or of returning to the Head Office, without loss of seniority, as soon as a suitable vacancy occurs.

That the appointment of a Clerk in the Branch Service shall not debar him from applying for vacancies in the better offices at the Head Office.

On the question of expense; it is not possible, without recasting the whole classification of the staff on the suggested lines, to estimate the financial result of these proposals; but a trial comparison shows that the increased cost to the Bank is unlikely to be material.

W. MIDDLETON CAMPBELL,

Deputy Governor,

CHAIRMAN.

BANK OF ENGLAND,

17th April, 1905.

MEMORANDUM relating to a matter which the Governor will bring before the Court for consideration early in October

£2 : 10s. per Cent. CONSOLIDATED STOCK.

RECEIVED this _____ Day of _____ 190 _____ of _____

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Transfer Days: hereinafter called the said Transferee the Sum of _____

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Tuesday,

Wednesday,

Thursday,

Friday,

Holidays excepted.

being the Consideration for Interest or Share in the Capital of the Two POUNDS TEN SHILLINGS PER CENTUM CONSOLIDATED STOCK, forming part of The National Debt, transferable at the BANK OF ENGLAND, and all interest in and right to the same, and the Dividends thereon, by _____ day transferred to the said Transferee _____
Witness _____ *Hand* _____

The Proprietors, to protect themselves from FRAUD, are recommended to ACCEPT by themselves or their Attorneys all TRANSFERS made to them.

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Should it be desired that the Dividends be paid in some way other than by post to the FIRST, OR SOLE, STOCKHOLDER—which is done without application—the necessary instructions must be lodged AT ONCE at the Bank.

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NOTICE to Holders of £2:10s. % Consolidated Stock.

(Redeemable by Parliament on, or after, 5th April, 1923.)

Dividends are due and payable on and after the 5th January, 5th April, 5th July, and 5th October (unless any of these days fall on a Sunday, or Bank Holiday, in which case they will be payable on the business-day next following), and will be paid in one of the following modes:—

(a) By Transmission of the Warrants by Post—

Without Application:

To Sole or First Stockholders in the absence of any instructions to the contrary. (Sole Stockholder includes Sole Surviving Stockholder, Sole Executor or Administrator, and Sole Surviving Executor or Administrator. First Stockholder includes the First Executor.)

Upon Application:

To any Stockholder, Executor, or Administrator, other than the Sole, or First, Stockholder, Executor, or Administrator, or to any Person, Firm, or Company, upon the written Request, in the prescribed form, of all the Stockholders, Executors, or Administrators.

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Forms of Postal Request can be obtained at the Bank of England, at any of their Branches, or at any Money-Order Office throughout the United Kingdom.

Postal Dividend Warrants will be crossed "& Co." and must therefore be presented for payment through a Banker. The Bank cannot undertake to cross a Warrant payable to a Banker with the account to which the Dividend is to be placed. The Stockholder must himself instruct the Banker.

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Forms of Request, for the receipt of Dividends on Personal Attendance, can be obtained on application at the Dividend Office, Bank of England.

Under the provisions of the National Debt Acts, Stock and Dividends unclaimed for 10 years are transferred to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, but may be reclaimed by the persons entitled thereto.

Communications relative to £2:10s. per Cent. Consolidated Stock should be addressed, postage prepaid, "The Chief Accountant," Bank of England, London, E.C.

STOCK CERTIFICATES to Bearer, of the denominations of £100, £200, £500 and £1,000, with Coupons for the Quarterly Dividends attached, may be obtained in exchange for inscribed Stock.

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£2 : 10s. per Cent. CONSOLIDATED STOCK.

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RECEIVED this _____ Day of _____

19 ____ of _____

Transfer Days hereinafter called the said Transfer Days the Sum of _____

Monday, _____

Tuesday, _____

Wednesday, _____

Thursday, _____

Friday, _____

Holidays excepted.

Witness _____

Bank of England

Tr. Bk. _____

This memorandum is for the _____ whose name the Stock is inscribed, by _____

Witness _____

Hand _____

W. B. Richardson
Chief Accountant.

This Receipt is of no negotiable value. Stockholders, to protect themselves from FRAUD, can ACCEPT by themselves or their Attorneys all TRANSFERS made to them.

See back.

£ s. d.

Should it be desired that the Dividends be paid in some way other than by post to the FIRST, OR SOLE, STOCKHOLDER—which is done without application—the necessary instructions must be lodged AT ONCE at the Bank.

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...of Attorney, costing 11/6, to someone to attend on his behalf. It has been felt that if, without depriving the Bank of any of the rights of recourse which they have at present in cases of Stock fraudulently transferred, a method could be devised whereby Stockholders, especially those living in the provinces, could obtain through the post the same information that they would obtain if they attended personally and accepted the Stock, a great boon would be conferred upon them.

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NOTICE to Holders of £2:10s. % Consolidated Stock.

(Redeemable by Parliament on, or after, 5th April, 1923.)

See other side. Should it be inconvenient to Stockholders to attend at the Bank to accept Stock, they can obtain a confirmation of the fact of the inscription of the within-mentioned sum of Stock by forwarding this document, with a request for confirmation and a Postal Order for 1s., to the Chief Accountant, Bank of England, E.C.

Dividends are due and payable on and after the 5th January, 5th April, 5th July, and 5th October (unless any of these days fall on a Sunday, or Bank Holiday, in which case they will be payable on the business-day next following), and will be paid in one of the following modes:—

(a) By Transmission of the Warrants by Post—

Without Application:

To Sole or First Stockholders in the absence of any instructions to the contrary. (Sole Stockholder includes Sole Surviving Stockholder, Sole Executor or Administrator, and Sole Surviving Executor or Administrator. First Stockholder includes the First Executor.)

Upon Application:

To any Stockholder, Executor, or Administrator, other than the Sole, or First, Stockholder, Executor, or Administrator, or to any Person, Firm, or Company, upon the written Request, in the prescribed form, of all the Stockholders, Executors, or Administrators.

(b) Dividends will be paid to any Stockholder, Executor, or Administrator, *personally attending at the Bank*, on his written Request, in the case of a Sole Account, or on the written Request of all the Stockholders, Executors, or Administrators, in the case of a Joint Account. The Request in either case must be in the prescribed form.

Forms of Postal Request can be obtained at the Bank of England, at any of their Branches, or at any Money-Order Office throughout the United Kingdom.

Postal Dividend Warrants will be crossed "& Co." and must therefore be presented for payment through a Banker. The Bank cannot undertake to cross a Warrant payable to a Banker with the account to which the Dividend is to be placed. The Stockholder must himself instruct the Banker.

Persons who receive Warrants by Post, should give notice to the Bank if they are NOT received on the day on which they ought to be delivered; but need not acknowledge those that arrive in due course.

Forms of Request, for the receipt of Dividends on Personal Attendance, can be obtained on application at the Dividend Office, Bank of England.

Under the provisions of the National Debt Acts, Stock and Dividends unclaimed for 10 years are transferred to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, but may be reclaimed by the persons entitled thereto.

Communications relative to £2:10s. per Cent. Consolidated Stock should be addressed, postage prepaid, "The Chief Accountant," Bank of England, London, E.C.

STOCK CERTIFICATES to Bearer, of the denominations of £100, £200, £500 and £1,000, with Coupons for the Quarterly Dividends attached, may be obtained in exchange for inscribed Stock.

MEMORANDUM relating to a matter which the Governor will bring before the Court for consideration early in October.

Stock receipts are, in effect, what their wording states them to be, viz:- merely a receipt for the consideration of money paid for a transfer of Stock. They are, however, accepted by many purchasers of Stock as evidence that what they have purchased has been delivered to them. The forms are printed by the Bank and supplied to Stockbrokers, who fill in on them all particulars, and the only part which the Bank have in the completion of a Stock receipt is the signature of a Bank clerk as a witness to the signature of the person effecting the transfer.

Forms of Stock receipts, on several occasions, have been improperly used by fraudulent Stockbrokers, who, having received instructions from their clients to purchase Stock, have forwarded to them a bogus Contract Note, and, later on, a filled in form of Stock receipt with fictitious signatures, as evidence that the Stock which they were instructed to purchase had been transferred to their clients, although no purchase in fact had been effected and the money, sent for the purpose, had been misappropriated. Stock receipts have also been accepted, in a few cases, by country bankers as security for an advance.

The Stock receipt in its present form recommends the Proprietors, to protect themselves from fraud, to accept by themselves or their attorneys all transfers made to them. This necessitates the personal attendance at the Bank of the Stockholder or the granting of a Power of Attorney, costing $11\frac{s}{d}{6}$, to someone to attend on his behalf. It has been felt that if, without depriving the Bank of any of the rights of recourse which they have at present in cases of Stock fraudulently transferred, a method could be devised whereby Stockholders, especially those living in the provinces, could obtain through the post the same information that they would obtain if they attended personally and accepted the Stock, a great boon would be conferred upon them.

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The matter has been referred to Messrs. Freshfield and in consultation with Mr. Latham a form of certificate has been prepared, which, it is believed, would enable the Bank to carry out the suggestion, without in any way depriving them of the resort they now have in cases of forgery, fraud or personation. It is probable that a great many Stockholders will avail themselves of this mode of "acceptance," and, as it will entail more labour on the part of the Bank and be a great convenience to the Stockholders, it is suggested that a charge of 1/-^s for a confirmation of an inscription of Stock should be made. This will probably just cover the labour and cost involved.

Specimens are attached of -

the form of Stock receipt as it is at present marked A

do. as it is proposed to do. B

do. as it would appear with make it do. C
certificate

A copy of Messrs. Freshfield's letter of the 11th August is also attached.

H R Orchard

Chief Accountant's Office,

21st September, 1905.

COPY.

New Bank Buildings,
31, Old Jewry, E.C.

11th August, 1905.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the interview which we had with Mr. Latham to-day when you were present we now return you the second proposal for Stock receipts received with your letter of the 7th July 1905 altered as then settled at the interview.

We understand the course of events to be this That the Stock Receipt will have in future in the margin the following note:-

"The Stockholders to protect themselves from fraud can accept
"by themselves or their Attorneys all transfers made to them
"or They can obtain a confirmation of the fact of the inscrip-
"tion of the within mentioned sum of Stock by forwarding this
"document with a request for confirmation and a Postal Order
"for 1/- to the Chief Accountant Bank of England E.C."

If the Stockholder asks for the confirmation then the Stock Receipt will be returned to him with a memorandum en faced upon it in the following words:-

"The sum of Stock to which this receipt refers was inscribed
"in the Bank Books in the names stated on the 190

H. B. Orchard

Chief Accountant

"This document is of no negotiable value".

Mr. Latham has appended the following note to this form:-

"I approve of this endorsement and am of opinion that it would
"not deprive the Bank of any resort they now have in case of
"forgery fraud or personation.

William Latham

11/8/05

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

The Chief Accountant

(Sd.) FRESHFIELDS.

Bank of England.

AUDIT OF SECURITIES.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that he has selected the Securities contained in Drawers N^{os} for Audit, in accordance with the Regulations annexed, during the present week; and I am to request that you will have the goodness to satisfy yourselves of the safe custody of the same and report thereon to the Court on Thursday next;—the Report to be signed by the three Directors.

The following Parcels have been specified by the Governor for detailed Examination:—

In Drawer N^o.

In Drawer N^o.

Mr. _____ of the _____ Office has been directed by the Governor to assist the Committee by listing the Parcels in the selected Drawers.

I have the honor to be,

(719) 12/05

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient faithful Servant,

Secretary.

To the Committee in Daily Waiting.

REGULATIONS FOR THE AUDIT OF SECURITIES.

The Securities, which are deposited in drawers in the Securities Vault, are in the joint charge of the Chief Cashier's Office and the Treasury, and comprise—

- (a) Securities deposited by Customers.
- (b) Securities held against Advances.
- (c) Securities belonging to the Bank.

The Stock Certificates in Store in the Chief Cashier's Office are also included in this Audit.

Two drawers of Securities, or one drawer and one section of the Stock Certificates in Store in the Chief Cashier's Office, shall be audited once a fortnight by the Committee of Daily Waiting. The drawers *in the Treasury* containing Stock Certificates, &c., are not included in this Audit.

The Committee shall arrange the day and hour of taking the Audit without giving any notice to the Cashiers.

On the application of the Committee, the drawer or drawers to be audited shall be chosen by the Governor.

The Committee shall examine in detail the various securities contained in *one-fourth*, at least, of the parcels in the drawers selected, including in their examination certain parcels which shall have been specified by the Governor; and they must compare the total amount of the parcels in each drawer audited with the corresponding figures in the Audit Ledgers.

Note.—The Audit Ledgers are summaries of the "On and Off" Books kept in the Chief Cashier's Office.

Such of the following books as relate to the drawers under audit shall be produced to the Committee, viz. :—

- 1.—"Customers' Securities, In and Out."
- 2.—"Securities for Loans, In and Out."
- 3.—"Securities belonging to the Bank of England, In and Out."
- 4.—"Customers' Securities, Daily Balance, Audit Ledger."
- 5.—"Bank Securities, Daily Balance, Audit Ledger."
 - (a) "Account of Loans to Sundry Persons on Security."
 - (b) "Securities belonging to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England."
- 6.—"Customers' Securities Balance, Securities Office."
- 7.—"Bank Securities, Daily Balance, Treasury."

The totals ("Taken in" and "Delivered Out") in the "In and Out" Books (1, 2 and 3) as carried into the relative Audit Ledgers (4, 5a and 5b) must be checked, and the balances of the Audit Ledgers compared with the Total Books of the Securities Office and Treasury respectively, viz., 4 and 5a with 6, and 5b with 7. The Audit Ledgers must be signed by a Member of the Committee.

In the case of the Stock Certificates in Store the Committee shall examine the whole section selected for audit and verify the total with the Chief Accountant.

The Committee may have the assistance of one or more clerks in listing the parcels selected for audit; such clerks to be chosen by the Governor on each occasion.

Parcels of Securities in the various drawers are, if possible, not to exceed 250, and in no case 300, in number.

Pursuant to Order of Court of the 21st December, 1905.

*Audit of the Securities contained in
Drawers Nos*

(718) 12/05

THE COMMITTEE OF DAILY WAITING

REPORT TO THE COURT OF DIRECTORS,

That, pursuant to the Regulations for the Fortnightly Audit of Securities, they have audited the Securities contained in

Drawer No: _____, amounting to

and Drawer No: _____, amounting to

and have satisfied themselves that the said Securities are in the safe custody of the Chief Cashier.

Bank of England,

COPY

F.7177.

India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.

28th October 1905

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to draw your attention to the fact that the arrangement made in the correspondence ending with Mr. Glennie's letter of the 12th March 1896 for regulating the charge for the management of India Stock will expire on the 31st December next.

The charge is at the rate of £360 per million on the first One hundred millions of stock and of £100 per million on any amount in excess of that sum, and the amount of India Stock at present in existence is approximately £125,000,000 so that the payment under the existing arrangement is at the rate of about £308 per million. From the Finance Accounts of the United Kingdom published in the present year it appears that the funded debt managed on behalf of the British Government by the Bank of England amounts to approximately £755,000,000 on which the management charge is £188,000 being at the rate of £249 per million. Mr. Brodrick has not overlooked the fact that under the existing agreement the effect of any increase in the amount of India Stock will be to reduce the average charge per million: but he considers that, while allowing for this, it would be reasonable that some reduction should now be made in the charge for the first hundred millions of India Stock so as to diminish the present excess of the average charge for India stock over the average charge for stock of the British Government and he trusts that the Bank will be prepared to submit proposals accordingly for a period of five or ten years commencing on the 1st of January next. In considering this question the Bank will no doubt have due regard to the advantages which they enjoy from the arrangement under which a minimum balance of £500,000 is maintained by this Office.

Mr. Brodrick's attention has also been called to the

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present charges for the management of Indian obligations on which interest is payable half-yearly, viz:- £300 per £1,000,000 on the debenture stocks noted in the margin^x and £300 per ten million rupees on rupee paper. It appears to him that the time

East Indian Railway

has arrived when some reduction

Eastern Bengal Railway

should be made in these charges,

South Indian Railway

Debenture Stocks

and that in respect of rupee paper

Great Indian

it would be convenient that the

Peninsula Railway

charge should be calculated on each fifteen million of rupees, the present method of calculation having been first adopted at a time when ten million of rupees was the equivalent of £1,000,000 sterling.

I am also to suggest that for the purpose of fixing the charges for management, it might be convenient and fair to treat debenture stocks and enfaced rupee paper as additions to India sterling stock, instead of laying down three separate scales of charges.

It has occurred to Mr. Brodrick that the questions raised in this letter might with advantage be discussed by the Bank with representatives appointed for the purpose by the Secretary of State in Council and if this suggestion should commend itself to the Bank he will be pleased to make the necessary nominations.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sd.) HORACE WALPOLE.

Bank of England,

2nd November 1905.

The Under Secretary of State for India,

India Office,

S.W.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Sir Horace Walpole's letter of the 28th ultimo (F.177), in which he directs attention to the fact that the period for which the agreement

arrived at in March 1896 with regard to the terms for the Management of the Indian Debt was made, will expire on the 31st December next, and asks the Bank to submit proposals, to be operative for a period of five or ten years from the 1st January next, embodying a reduction in the charge for the first £100,000,000 of Indian Stock, so as to diminish the present excess of the average charge for Indian Stock over the average charge for Stock of the British Government.

In reply, I am directed by the Governor to say that in making the average amount paid by the British Government at the present time for the Management of their debt an argument for a reduction in the charges for the Management of the Indian Debt, it occurs to him that the fact has been overlooked that it is to exceptional circumstances alone that the present low rate paid by the British Government is to be attributed, and also that sufficient weight has not been given to the very large amount of the British Debt as compared with that of India, or to the difference in the character of the Stock dealt with.

The Governor cordially approves of the suggestion made in the last paragraph of Sir Horace Walpole's letter that representatives should be appointed by the Secretary of State for the purpose of discussing with the Bank the questions raised in his letter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sd.) KENNETH GRAHAME,

Secretary.

India Office,

Whitehall, S.W.

10th November 1905.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, regarding the Bank's charges for the management of the Indian Debt, and to inform you that the Secretary of State for India in Council has nominated

Mr. Le Marchant

Mr. Le Marchant

Sir J. Mackay

Mr. Finlay

as his representatives, for the discussion of the questions under consideration.

I am to add that the remarks on the subject contained in the second paragraph of your letter are duly noted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) A. GODLEY.

The Secretary,

The Bank of England.

Bank of England.

15th December, 1905.

Dear Mr. Abrahams,

The draft letter forwarded by you expresses exactly the result of the discussions between the representatives of the Secretary of State for India and those of the Bank on the subject of the charge for the management of Indian Securities managed here.

I have shown the draft to the Governor who is prepared, as soon as the Secretary of State's letter is received, to lay it before the Court and recommend the adoption of the proposals contained therein.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) W. MIDDLETON CAMPBELL.

Lionel Abrahams, Esq.

F.8093

India Office,

Whitehall, London, S.W.

22nd December, 1905.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this

Office

Office of 10th November No. F.8093, I am directed to state that the Secretary of State for India in Council has now been informed of the result of the discussions between the representatives of this Office and those of the Bank of England on the subject of the charge for the management of India Stock and other securities managed on his behalf by the Bank of England.

He understands that, as the total sterling debt is now over £125,000,000, the Bank of England is prepared to accept payment at the rate of £300 per million: but that, in the event of the total sterling debt being reduced below £125,000,000, the charge would then be at the rate of £360 per million for the first £100,000,000 and £60 per million for each additional million.

As regards rupee debt he is informed that the rate proposed is £400 per crore, with a minimum annual payment of £8,000.

He agrees to the adoption of these rates for the period from 1st January 1906 to 31st December 1915.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) HORACE WALPOLE.

The Secretary,

Bank of England.

COPY

Bank of England, E.C.

29th December 1905.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from your Office No F 8093 dated the 22nd instant with further reference to the terms of payment to the Bank of England for the management of the Indian Debt, in regard to which the existing agreement will expire on the 31st instant; and I am to state that the result of the discussions between the representatives of your Office and of the Bank, to which you inform me the Secretary of State for India in Council agrees, was before the Court of Directors at their Meeting yesterday and that they acceded to the arrangement arrived at, viz:-

£300 per million so long as the total Sterling Debt (including India Railway Debenture Stocks) is over £125,000,000, but in the event of the total Sterling Debt being reduced below £125,000,000, the charge will be at the rate of £360 per million for the first £100,000,000, and £60 per million for each additional million:-

£400 per crore for Rupee Securities, with a minimum annual payment of £8,000:-

The above rates to be for the period from the 1st January 1906 to the 31st December 1915.

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sd.) KENNETH GRAHAME

Secretary.

The Under Secretary of State for India,

India Office,

S.W.

