

An Act to vest the Glasgow, Paisley, and Johnstone Canal in the Glasgow and South-Western Railway Company, and to enable that Company to guarantee the payment of dividends upon a portion of the share capital of the Greenock and Ayrshire Railway Company; and for other purposes.

An Act for supplying with water the townships of Undermillbeck, Applethwaite, and Troutbeck, in the parish of Windermere, in the county of Westmorland, and for conferring powers for that purpose on the Windermere District Gas Company; and for other purposes.

An Act for supplying Bishops Stortford, in the county of Hertford, with water.

An Act for better supplying with gas and water the town of Bridgend and neighbourhood, in the county of Glamorgan; and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the Midland Great Western (of Ireland) Company to raise further moneys by borrowing.

An Act for extending the time for the compulsory purchase of lands for, and for the completion of, the authorised railway of the London and South-Western Railway Company from Bideford to Great Torrington.

An Act to alter and extend the powers of the Accrington Gas and Water Works Company in relation to their water works; and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the Spalding Waterworks Company to extend their works; and for other purposes with relation to the same Company.

An Act to extend the time for the purchase of lands and for the construction of the works authorised by "The Lynton Harbour and Docks Act, 1864."

An Act to extend the time for the purchase of lands and for the construction of the works authorised by "The Medway Docks Act, 1866."

An Act to transfer to and vest in the corporation of Glasgow the undertakings of the Glasgow Gas Light Company, and the City and Suburban Gas Company of Glasgow; and for other purposes.

An Act to confer further powers upon the Great Western and the Bristol and Exeter Railway Companies, with respect to the Bristol Harbour Railway and Dépôt; and for other purposes.

An Act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Barnstaple Gas Company" to provide for the lighting of the town and parish of Barnstaple and adjoining places; and for other purposes.

An Act to authorise the construction of a bridge over the River Crouch, in Essex, to be called "The Cricksea Bridge."

An Act to authorise the Local Board of Oswaldtwistle, in the parish of Whalley, in the county of Lancaster, to make and supply gas, and to confer various powers upon the said Local Board in reference to gas, water, and street improvements; and for other purposes.

An Act for discontinuing the chapelry district or new parish of All Saints, Bishopsgate, in the city of London, as a separate district; for authorising the appropriation of certain land in that district (provided by the Great Eastern Railway Company for a new church, in substitution of the existing church), as sites for a curate's residence

for the parish of St Botolph Without, Bishopsgate, and for schools in lieu of the present Bishopsgate Ward Schools, and for a school chapel, and for the regulation and management of such new schools and school chapel, and for authorising certain monies to be applied in building the same; and for other purposes.

An Act for conferring further powers upon the Pontefract Park Trustees and the Pontefract Street Commissioners respectively.

(C. 788.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall,

June 28, 1869.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Law passed by the Parliament of the North German Confederation, imposing a stamp tax on bills of exchange; which will come into force on 1st January 1870.

This stamp tax will be reckoned at the standard of 30 thalers, with the subdivision into 30 groschen per thaler, and will be imposed as follows, according to the amount of the bill:—

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For the sum of 50 thalers or less ...	1
" 50 to 100 thalers ...	1½
" 100 to 200 " 	3
" 200 to 300 " 	4½

and so on for each further sum of 100 thalers—1½ silver groschen more, any portion of 100 thalers to be reckoned as a full 100.

The following are exempted from the stamp tax:—

1. Foreign bills drawn on foreign countries and only payable in foreign countries.
2. Home bills drawn on a foreign country, only payable in a foreign country and either at sight or at latest within ten days after the date of drawing, in the case where they are sent back direct to a Foreign country by the drawer.

For the payment of the tax to the Federal Treasury, all persons who take part in the circulation of the bill of exchange within the territory of the Confederation are jointly liable.

(C. 836.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall,

June 28, 1869.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Copenhagen, reporting that an Agricultural Exhibition will be held in that city from the 6th to the 10th July next, at which foreigners as well as natives will be permitted to exhibit.

The Exhibition will comprise four principal divisions:—

- 1st. Animals, including horned cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, poultry, and fat prize animals for slaughtering.