a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by Her Majesty, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read; and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1887. Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act, 1887.

Truro Bishopric and Chapter Acts Amendment Act, 1887.

Pensions (Colonial Service) Act, 1887.

Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (Highways) Act, 1887.

Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Poor Law) Act, 1887.

Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Poor Law) (No. 2) Act, 1887.

Hyde Park Corner (Streets Maintenance) Act, 1887.

Pier and Harbour Orders Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1887.

Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order Confirmation (Limerick Waterworks) Act,

Commons Regulation (Ewer) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1887.

Commons Regulation (Laindon) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1887.

Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (Poor Law) (No. 3) Act, 1887.

Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Gas) Act, 1887.

Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1887.

Christchurch Charter Amendment Act, 1887. Cardiff Corporation Act, 1887.

Kirkcaldy and District Tramways (Abandonment) Act, 1887.

Basingstoke Gas Act, 1887.

Hull and North-Western Junction Railway Act, 1887.

Great Eastern and Felixstowe Railways Arrangement Act, 1887.

Kilrush and Kilkee Railway and Poulnasherry Reclamation Act, 1887.

Downham and Stoke Ferry Railway Act, 1887. Bishop's Castle and Montgomery Railway (Abandonment) Act, 1887.

Newark and Ollerton Railway Act, 1887. Edinburgh Northern Tramways Act, 1887.

Wakefield Corporation Act, 1887.

Dundee Street Tramways, Recreation Grounds, Police and Improvement Act, 1887.

Holywell and District Water Act, 1887.

Surrey and Hants District Waterworks Act,

Hull, Barnsley, and West Riding Junction Railway and Dock Act, 1887.

Bexley Heath Railway Act, 1887.

Accrington Corporation Steam Tramways (Haslingden and Rawtenstall Extension) Act, 1887.

North British Railway Act, 1887.

Edinburgh Public Library Assessment Act,

Coventry and District Tramways Act, 1887. Burnard and Alger's Cattedown Wharves Act,

Walton-on-Thames and Weybridge Gas Act, 1887.

Blyth and Cowpen Gas Act, 1887.

Sutton District Waterworks Act, 1887. Dundalk Gas Company's Act, 1887. Dundalk Commissioners Gas Act, 1887. Chelsea Waterworks, Act, 1887. Great Northern Railway Act; 1887. New Shoreham Harbour Act, 1887. Flamborough Head Tramways Act, 1887.

Crown Office, July 4, 1887. MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Lincoln. Holland or Spalding Division. Halley Stewart, Esq., in the place of the Honourable Murray Edward Gordon Finch-Hatton (now Earl of Winchilsen and Nottingham), called up to the House of Peers.

> (H. 4920.) Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, July 5, 1887.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch, dated 24th ultimo, from Her Majesty's Representative at Rome, enclosing the following translation of a Decree issued by the Italian Government, stating the measures necessary for ships arriving in Italy having cases of smallpox, &c., on board :-

1887.—Ordinance of Maritime Health, No. 7. THE Minister of the Interior decrees that ships arriving, having on board cases, or having had cases of smallpox, scarlatina, measles, typhus, or other disease, contagious or not, but which is endemic in our country, will be admitted to free pratique after medical inspection, provided that they conform to the following regulations, the exact performance of which is left to the responsibility of the captain and officers of the port:-

1. The sick, or those who are suspected of incubating the disease in question, shall be sent with proper precautions to the hospital of the port of arrival, or of the nearest town.

2. In case of smallpox all the persons on board shall be re-vaccinated who have not already been vaccinated succesfully.

3. On no account shall linen or woollen articles be disembarked, which are of personal or household use, without first being disinfected by immersion for at least ten minutes in boiling water, or in the regular steam disinfecting machine of the ship; and the sanitary authorities will decide whether the clothing used by the passengers should be treated in a similar manner.

4. That the bilge water be not emptied in port unless it has been disinfected as follows:-

(a.) In case of steamers, different parts of the hold should be disinfected separately by carrying the water contained in them to boiling point by injecting steam from the boilers before emptying it, and then substituting it by sea-water, to be heated to boiling point in the same way.

(b.) Sailing-vessels, which cannot thus disinfect the hold by steam, must use chloride of chalk

in large quantities.
5. The berths in which the patients have been must be carefully disinfected and re-whitewashed according to the following rules :-

(a.) They must be washed with water containing 1000 of corrosive sublimate, viz., the walls, floors, and ceilings, and they must then be rasped whilst still wet, and afterwards re-varnished completely.