

in the blank left for the purpose, and signing the same in manner indicated.

All proxies must be left at the office of the Company at least 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting, otherwise they will not be admitted.

All proxies given to the debenture holders named above will be used in favour of the resolution unless the stockholders giving the same otherwise direct in writing.

Dated this 30th day of December, 1899.

By order of the Board,
D. OWEN, Secretary.

JACKSON and JACKSON, Solicitors to the Debenture Trustees.

In the Chancery of the County Palatine of Lancaster.—Manchester District.

1899. Letter B. No. 9836.

In the Matter of John Bayley and Sons Limited and Reduced and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1867 and in the Matter of the Chancery of Lancaster Acts 1850 to 1890.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the Court of Chancery of the County Palatine of Lancaster Manchester District dated the 18th day of December 1899 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company and the Minute (approved by the Court) showing with respect to the capital of the Com-

pany as altered the several particulars required by the above Statutes were registered by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies on the 23rd day of December 1899. And further take notice that the said Minute is in the words and figures following:—"The capital of John Bayley and Sons Limited is £120,000 divided into 12,000 shares of £10 each. At the time of the registration of this Minute the whole of the said 12,000 shares have been issued and allotted upon each of 2,770 of which the sum of £10 has been and is to be deemed to be paid up upon each of 200 of which the sum of £7 has been and is to be deemed to be paid up and upon each of the remaining 9,030 of which the sum of £6 has been and is to be deemed to be paid up but in respect of each of the said shares the Company is empowered to pay off or return capital to the extent of £2 per share in such sums and at such times as the Directors of the Company may consider desirable so as to reduce the capital paid up on the said shares to the sum of £8, £5 and £4 per share respectively upon the footing that the amount paid off or returned on each share or any part thereof may be called up again in the same manner as if it had never been paid."—Dated this 29th day of December, 1899.

GRUNDY KERSHAW SAMSON and Co. 31, Booth-street, Manchester; Agents for HOLDEN and HOLDEN, Bolton, Solicitors for the Company.

STATEMENT showing the Quantities Sold and Average Price of BRITISH CORN, per Quarter of 8 Bushels, Imperial Measure*, as received from the Inspectors and Officers of Excise in the Week ended 30th December, 1899, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

	QUANTITIES SOLD.		AVERAGE PRICE.	
	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.
Wheat	47,685	4	25	9
Barley	74,637	5	25	5
Oats... ..	10,463	7	16	2

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT for the corresponding Week in each of the Years from 1895 to 1898.

Corresponding Week in	QUANTITIES SOLD.						AVERAGE PRICE.					
	WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.		WHEAT.		BARLEY.		OATS.	
	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	Qrs.	Bus.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1895	10,848	6	56,290	6	8,809	2	25	2	24	7	13	10
1896	17,581	3	41,588	4	5,776	0	30	6	24	8	16	2
1897	30,163	4	74,645	6	9,704	4	34	6	27	3	17	1
1898	46,085	0	91,300	4	15,191	4	26	11	28	4	17	0

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the imperial bushel or by weight or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Board of Agriculture, 4, Whitehall-place, London, S.W.
December 30, 1899.

P. G. CRAIGIE.