

22nd Sept.—CARNWATH, Mary Anne, Countess of; eldest daughter of the Orator, the Right Hon. H. Grattan; and wife of the eighth and present Earl of Carnwath.
 27th Sept.—HAY, the Hon. and Rev. Somerville; son of William, fifteenth Earl of Erroll; aged 36.
 28th Sept.—ANDERSON, Adam Anderson, Lord; a Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland; born in 1797.
 30th Sept.—GUILLAMORE, Katherine Dowager Viscountess, relict of Standish, first Viscount Guillamore; aged 79.
 In Sept.—STRICKLAND, Hugh Edwin, Esq., F.R.S.; an able and distinguished Naturalist and Geologist.
 2nd Oct.—ARAGO, Francis Dominick, the great French philosopher, astronomer, and politician; born the 20th Feb. 1786.
 7th Oct.—FRANCE, Thomas Robert Wilson, Esq., of Rawcliffe Hall, Lancashire.
 14th Oct.—WALL, Charles Baring, Esq., of Norman Court, Hants, M.P.; born in 1795.
 16th Oct.—BELL, Rear-Admiral.
 17th Oct.—MACKENZIE, General Sir Alexander, Bart., G.C.H.; aged 82.

Annuities of 3½ per Cent, and 2½ per Cent, and issuing Exchequer Bonds. 9th May, 1853.
 Cap. 24. An Act to Confirm and Extend certain Provisional Orders of the General Board of Health for the Towns of Wakefield, Elland, Wallasey, Dudley, Barnsley, Dorchester, and Welbpool. 9th May, 1853.
 Cap. 25. An Act for Raising the sum of Seventeen Millions, Seven Hundred and Forty-two Thousand, Five Hundred Pounds, by Exchequer-bills, for the Service of the Year 1853. 13th May, 1853.
 Cap. 26. An Act to Provide for the Supplying of Vacancies in Town Councils of Boroughs in Scotland, consequent on Null or Irregular Elections. 14th June, 1853.
 Cap. 27. An Act for Empowering the Sheriff and Commissary of Berwickshire to hold Courts at Dunse, and for other purposes. 14th June, 1853.
 Cap. 28. An Act to Amend the Law as to taking the Poll at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament for Scotland. 14th June, 1853. By this Act the Sheriff of a Scotch county, with the consent of the Lord Advocate, may increase or alter the number and arrangement of polling places. The poll for a Scotch county is to be kept open only one day, from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M., except in Orkney and Shetland, where the poll is still to be two days.
 Cap. 29. An Act for Regulating the Weights used in Sales of Bullion. 14th June, 1853.
 Cap. 30. An Act for the Better Prevention and Punishment of Aggravated Assaults upon Women and Children, and for Preventing Delay and Expense in the Administration of certain parts of the Criminal Law. 14th June, 1853. By this Act, any person assaulting any female whatever, or assaulting a male under 14 years of age, is liable to be summarily convicted before two justices or a stipendiary magistrate, without appeal, and to be imprisoned, with or without hard labour, for a period not exceeding six months, or to be fined in a sum, with costs, not exceeding £20, with imprisonment, in case of non-payment, and to be moreover bound to keep the peace. The Act does not extend to Scotland or Ireland.
 Cap. 31. An Act to Apply the Sum of Four Millions out of the Consolidated Fund to the Public Service of the Year, 1853. 14th June, 1853.
 Cap. 32. An Act to make further Provision for Staying Execution of Judgment for Misdemeanours upon giving Bail in Error. 28th June, 1853.
 Cap. 33. An Act for the Better Regulation of Metropolitan Stage and Hackney Carriages, and for prohibiting the Use of Advertising Vehicles. 28th June, 1853. This Act provides various new regulations as to the licenses and fares of cabs, and as to the arrangements of those vehicles, and of omnibuses. Cab fares are reduced to 6d. a mile for two persons, with another sixpence on the whole journey for an additional person. The hirer may, if he chooses (except between 8 P.M. and 6 A.M.), pay by time, which will be 2s. for any time not exceeding an hour. In case of a dispute, the hirer may have at once recourse to the nearest police court, or (to enter the complaint) to the nearest police-station. Tables of fares are to be put up at stands, and inside and outside cabs. The driver is to give a card with the number of his cab on being hired. A reasonable quantity of luggage is to be carried gratis, when the cab is hired by one or two persons only. An extra charge of 2d. for each outside package may be made when more than two persons are carried. Lamps are to be lit in omnibuses after sunset and before sunrise. Provisions are enacted for the recovery of property left in cabs and omnibuses.
 Cap. 34. An Act for Granting to her Majesty Duties on Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades, and Offices. 28th June, 1853. By this Act, which is to commence on the 5th April, 1853, and to continue in force till the 6th April, 1860, and no longer, the Property and Income-tax will be thus:—On £150 and upwards, 7d. in £1 during two years, from the 5th April, 1853; 6d. in £1 during the next two years, from the 5th April, 1855; and 5d. in £1 during the following three years, from the 5th April, 1857. Various modifications, alterations, and allowances are also enacted. Persons are to be entirely exempt whose incomes are under £100 a year. Incomes of £100 and under £150 are to pay 5d. in the £1.
 Cap. 35. An Act to make Provision concerning the Future Regulation of certain Appointments connected with Cathedral and Collegiate Churches, and concerning certain of the estates of the Deans and Chapters of York and Carlisle. 8th July, 1853.
 Cap. 36. An Act for Disafforesting the Forest of Whichwood, in the County of Oxford. 8th July, 1853.
 Cap. 37. An Act to Impose additional Duties on Spirits in Scotland and Ireland; and to Alter the countervailing Duties on Spirits the Manufacture of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, or Sark, imported into Scotland or Ireland, and the Countervailing Duties and Drawbacks on the Removal of certain Mixtures and Compounds between Scotland, Ireland, and England respectively; and to Amend the Laws relating to the Collecting and Securing the Duties of Excise upon Spirits. 8th July, 1853.
 Cap. 38. An Act to Extend the Remedies for the Compensation of Malicious Injuries to Property in Ireland. 8th July, 1853.
 Cap. 39. An Act to Repeal the Duties, Allowances, and Drawbacks of Excise on Soap. 8th July, 1853. By this act all duty on soap is repealed, from 5th July, 1853.
 Cap. 40. An Act for Altering the mode of Re-payment of Advances by the Public Works Loan Commissioners under the Public Health Act, 1843, the 11th and 12th Vic., c. 63, and other Act. 8th July, 1853.
 Cap. 41. An Act for making further Provisions with respect to Common Lodging Houses. 4th August, 1853.
 Cap. 42. An Act for Disafforesting the Forest of Whittlewood, otherwise Whittlebury, in the Counties of Northampton, Oxford, and Buckingham. 4th August, 1853.
 Cap. 43. An Act for Enabling the Justices of Counties to Contract in certain cases, for the Maintenance and Confinement of Convicted Prisoners in the Gaols of Adjoining Counties. 4th August, 1853.
 Cap. 44. An Act to Enlarge and Extend the Powers of the 15th and 16th Vic., c. 78, for Enabling the Commissioners of Works and Public Buildings to Complete Improvements in Piccadilly, and in the neighbourhood of Buckingham Palace. 4th August, 1853.
 Cap. 45. An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Laws and to Grant Additional Facilities in relation to the Purchase of Government Annuities through the medium of Savings Banks, and to make other Provisions in respect thereof. 4th August, 1853.
 Cap. 46. An Act to Transfer Westminster Bridge to the Commissioners of Works and Public Buildings; and to Enable such Commissioners to Remove the Present Bridge, and to Build a New Bridge on or near its site. 4th August, 1853.
 Cap. 47. An Act to Provide for the Purchase and Extinguishment of all Rights of Common and Lammas and other Commonable Rights over the Site of Battersea Park, in Surrey. 4th August, 1853.
 Cap. 48. An Act for the Punishment of Offences in the Colonies, in relation to the Coin. 4th August, 1853.

AN EXPLANATORY TABLE

OF THE

PUBLIC ACTS OF PARLIAMENT

PASSED IN THE

SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH YEARS OF HER MAJESTY'S REIGN, 1852-3.

* * The date after each Act records the exact time of its passing.

Cap. 1. An Act to Make Provision concerning Bills and Notes payable on the Day of the Duke of Wellington's Funeral. A temporary statute. 17th Nov., 1852.
 Cap. 2. An Act to Amend the 1st Geo. 4, c. 92, for the Further Prevention of Forgery and Counterfeiting Bank-notes. 11th Dec., 1852. This Act is to further enable the signatures of the cashiers of the Bank of England to be impressed by machinery on all notes and post-bills whatsoever.
 Cap. 3. An Act to Authorise the Inclosure of certain Lands, on the Report of the Inclosure Commissioners. 16th Dec. 1852. This Act incloses Bampton and Shilton, Oxfordshire and Berks; Homanton, Wilts; Hareshaw Common, Northumberland; Beedon Common, Berks; Wigginton, Watford-field, High Oak Common, Musley Common, Herts; Broadhalfpenny Down, Morestead Down, Hants; Snetterton, Norfolk; Great Marlow, Bucks; Osehill Common, Dorset; Magor, Undy, Monmouth; Eaton Bray, Beds; Waitby Common, Kirky Stephen Common, Westmoreland; Llanllugan Manor, Montgomeryshire; Clayton, Sussex; Acklam Wold, Yorkshire; Houghton, Cheshire; Ditton Common, Kent; Axbourn, Lincolnshire; Fradswell Heath, Staffordshire; Bensington, Berrick-Salome, and Ewelme, Oxfordshire.
 Cap. 4. An Act to Amend the 11 and 12 Vic., c. 130, for Guaranteeing the Interest on such Loans, not exceeding £500, as may be raised by the British Colonies on the Continent of South America, in the West Indies, and the Mauritius, for certain purposes. 16th Dec., 1852.
 Cap. 5. An Act to Substitute Stamp Duties for Fees, on Passing Letters Patent for Inventions, and to Provide for the Purchase for the Public Use of Mr. Bennett Woodcroft's Indexes of Specifications. 21st Feb., 1853.
 Cap. 6. An Act to Apply the Sum of Two Millions to the Service of the Year 1853. 21st Feb., 1853.
 Cap. 7. An Act to Amend an Act Relating to the Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland. 21st Feb., 1853.
 Cap. 8. An Act for Enabling the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to Dispose of Certain Property in the City of London. 18th March, 1853.
 Caps. 9 and 10. The usual annual Acts for Punishing Mutiny and Desertion, for the Payment of the Army, and for the Regulation of the Marine Forces. 18th March, 1853.
 Cap. 11. An Act to authorise the Inclosure of certain Lands, on the report of the Inclosure Commissioners. 18th March, 1853. The lands to be inclosed by this statute are—Latham, Lancashire; Linby Wighay, Notts; High Caillerton, Northumberland; Ifield, Sussex; Kentmere, Westmoreland; Norfolk-common, Hants; and Prestwick Car, Northumberland.
 Cap. 12. An Act to apply the Sum of Eight Millions out of the Consolidated Fund to the Public Service of the Year 1853. 18th March, 1853.
 Cap. 13. An Act to Revive certain temporary Provisions relating to the Collection of Grand Jury Cess in Ireland. 18th March, 1853.
 Cap. 14. An Act to Indemnify such Persons in the United Kingdom as have omitted to qualify themselves for Offices and Employments, and to Extend to the 25th March, 1854, the Time limited for these purposes. 18th March, 1853.
 Cap. 15. An Act to Limit to One Day only, from 8 A.M. till 5 P.M., the Time of Taking the Poll in Counties at Contested Elections for Members of Parliament in England and Wales. 18th March, 1853.
 Cap. 16. An Act for Carrying into Effect the Engagement between her Majesty and Syed Syf-bin Hamood, the Chief of Sohar, in Arabia, for the more effectual Suppression of the Slave Trade. 9th May, 1853.
 Cap. 17. An Act for Carrying into Effect the Treaty between her Majesty and the Republic of New Granada for the Suppression of the Slave Trade. 9th May, 1853.
 Cap. 18. An Act to Authorise Advances out of the Consolidated Fund to discharge Moneys borrowed on the Security of the Land Revenues of the Crown for the purpose of Metropolitan Improvements, and Providing for the Payment of such Advances, and of certain Moneys charged on the London Bridge Approaches Fund. 9th May, 1853.
 Cap. 19. An Act to Amend the New Forest Deer Removal Act, the 14th and 15th Vic., c. 76, as regards the publication of Claims, and the preferring and delivering Objections. 9th May, 1853.
 Cap. 20. An Act to Alter and Amend the 15th and 16th Vic., c. 27, relating to the Law of Evidence in Scotland. 9th May, 1853. Parties to any proceeding or action, and (except in certain cases) the husbands or wives, may, by this act, be examined as witnesses, whether named in the record or not.
 Cap. 21. An Act to Authorise the Legislature of the Province of Canada to make Provision concerning the Clergy Reserves in that Province, and the Proceeds thereof. 9th May, 1853.
 Cap. 22. An Act for Making further Provision for the Execution of the Office of Examiner of the High Court of Chancery. 9th May, 1853.
 Cap. 23. An Act for Redeeming or Commuting the Annuity payable to the South Sea Company, and certain Annuities of 3 per Cent, and for Creating new

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK FOR 1854.

- Cap. 49. An Act to Extend the Provisions of the 15th and 16th Vic., c. 52—an Act to Enable Colonial and other Bishops to Perform Certain Episcopal Functions, under Commission from Bishops of England and Ireland. 4th August, 1853.
- Cap. 50. An Act to Effect Exchange of Patronage by Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiastical Corporations. 4th August, 1853.
- Cap. 51. An Act for Granting to her Majesty Duties on Succession to Property, and for Altering certain Provisions of the Acts charging Duties on Legacies and Shares of Personal Estates. 4th August, 1853. This Act imposes, on a succession to property, a duty varying from £1 per cent of the value to £10 per cent of the value, according to the degree of relationship of the successor. By the Act, every past or future disposition of property by which a person becomes beneficially entitled on the death of a party dying after the commencement of this Act (the 19th May, 1853); and every devolution by law of any beneficial interest in property on the death of a person after the commencement of this Act, to another person, in possession or contingency, shall be deemed a "Succession."
- Cap. 52. An Act to Extend the Time for Constructing a New Street, from Spitalfields to Shoreditch, and to Amend the Acts relating thereto. 4th August, 1853.
- Cap. 53. An Act to Amend the Laws relating to Bankruptcy in Scotland, 4th August, 1853.
- Cap. 54. An Act to Alter certain Duties of Customs. 4th August, 1853.
- Cap. 55. An Act to Make Better Provision for the efficient Discharge of the Duties of the Taxing Office in and for the Common Law Business in Ireland. 4th August, 1853.
- Cap. 56. An Act to Facilitate the Redemption of certain Charges on the Hereditary Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown, and to make other Provisions in regard to the Management of such Hereditary Possessions and Land Revenues. 4th August, 1853.
- Cap. 57. An Act to Explain and Amend the Copyhold Acts. 4th August, 1853.
- Cap. 58. An Act to Authorise the appointment of Barristers for the purpose of Effecting a complete Annual Revision of Lists and Registry of Voters for the City of Dublin, and to Remove Doubts as to the Rate-books, for the purposes of such Registry. 4th August, 1853.
- Cap. 59. An Act to Repeal certain Stamp-duties, and to grant others in lieu thereof; to Amend the Laws relating to Stamp-duties; and to Make Perpetual certain Stamp-duties in Ireland. 4th August, 1853. This Act makes (after the 10th October, 1853) the Stamp-duty on indentures of apprenticeship 2s. 6d. where no money is paid to the master. It also reduces the Stamp-duty on insurances for lives, and makes the Stamp-duty one penny on drafts for payment of money to bearer on demand or order; banker's checks being excepted. Receipts for money when above £2, are to be subject to a Stamp-duty of one penny.
- Cap. 60. An Act to Amend the Acts Regulating the Salaries (of £400 and £500 annually) of Resident Magistrates in Ireland.
- Cap. 61. An Act to Confirm certain Provisional Orders made under the 14th and 15th Vic. c. 38—an Act to facilitate arrangements for the Relief of Turnpike Trusts, and to Make certain Provisions respecting Exemptions from Tolls. 4th August, 1853.
- Cap. 62. An Act to Extend and Continue the 11 and 12 Vic., c. 107—an Act to Prevent the Spreading of Contagious or Infectious Disorders among Sheep, Cattle, and other Animals. 4th August, 1853.
- Cap. 63. An Act to Repeal certain Stamp Duties, and to Grant Others in lieu thereof, to give Relief with respect to the Stamp Duties on Newspapers and Supplements thereto; to Repeal the Duty on Advertisements, and otherwise to Amend the Laws relating to Stamp Duties. 4th August, 1853. By this Act a one-sheet Supplement to a stamped paper is free of Stamp Duty, and on a further Supplement the duty will be one halfpenny. Stamp duties on advertisements are abolished; stamp duties on solicitors' articles of clerkship, and on certain certificates and conveyances, are lessened.
- Cap. 64. An Act for Continuing for a Term of Four Years from the passing of this Act, and thence till the end of the then next Session of Parliament, and for Amending, the 12th and 13th Vic. c. 77—an Act for facilitating the Sale and Transfer of Encumbered Estates in Ireland. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 65. An Act to Amend the Acts for the Regulation of Parish Vestries. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 66. An Act to Continue the 4th and 5th Vic., c. 59—an Act for Authorising the Application of Highway Rates to Turnpike Roads. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 67. An Act for the better Regulation of Public Houses in Scotland. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 68. An Act to Limit the Time for proceeding to Election in Counties and Boroughs in England and Wales, and for Polling at Elections for the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and for other Purposes. 15th August, 1853. By this Act elections in counties are to be not later than the twelfth, nor sooner than the sixth day after the Sheriff's proclamation. Elections in boroughs are to be within six days of receipt of the writ. Pollings at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge are not to continue more than five days.
- Cap. 69. An Act to make better Provision concerning the Entry and Service of Seamen, and otherwise to Amend the Laws concerning her Majesty's Navy. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 70. An Act for the Regulation of Proceedings under Commissions of Lunacy, and the Consolidation and Amendment of the Acts respecting Lunatics, so found by Inquisition, and their Estates. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 71. An Act to Amend the Law relating to the Stamp Duties upon Newspapers. 15th August, 1853. By this Act no paper containing news shall be deemed to be a newspaper unless published periodically, or in parts or numbers, at intervals not exceeding twenty-six days between the publication of any two parts or numbers.
- Cap. 72. An Act to Continue until the 1st August, 1854, the 11th and 12th Vic., c. 2—an Act for the better Prevention of Crime and Outrage in certain Parts of Ireland. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 73. An Act for the Establishment of a Body of Naval Coast Volunteers, and for the temporary Transfer to the Navy, in case of Need, of Seafaring Men employed in other Public Services. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 74. An Act to Reduce the Terms on which the Land-tax in Great Britain may be Redeemed or Purchased. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 75. An Act for the Remission of the Consolidated Annuities charged upon Districts in Ireland. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 76. An Act to Continue certain Acts for Regulating Turnpike Roads in Ireland. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 77. An Act to Continue the 15th and 16th Vic., c. 14—an Act for Charging the Maintenance of Certain Poor Persons in Unions, in England and Wales upon the Common Fund. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 78. An Act relating to the Appointment of Persons to Administer Oaths in Chancery, and to Affidavits made for purposes connected with Registration. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 79. An Act for Making sundry Provisions with Respect to Municipal Corporations in England. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 80. An Act to Facilitate Procedures in Sheriff Courts in Scotland. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 81. An Act to Reduce the Salary and Emoluments of the Registrar of Meetings of the Court of Bankruptcy. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 82. An Act to Provide for the Future Regulation and Management, and the permanent Endowment of "The College of Christ of Brocknock," founded by Henry VIII., with Permissive Powers to Unite the same with Saint David's College. 15th August, 1853.
- Cap. 83. An Act to Amend the 14th and 15th Vic., c. 99, Touching the Law of Evidence. 20th August, 1853. By this Act, Husbands and Wives of parties to Action or Suits, are admissible witnesses, except in Criminal Cases and Cases of Adultery.
- Cap. 84. An Act to Amend the 15th and 16th Vic., c. 44—the Passengers' Act, 1852—so far as Relates to the Passages of Natives of Asia or Africa, and also Passages between the Island of Ceylon and Certain Parts of the East Indies. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 85. An Act for Removing Doubts as to the Powers of the Registrar of Her Majesty's Privy Council to Administer Oaths, and for Providing for the Performance of the Duties of such Registrar in his Absence. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 86. An Act to Remove Doubts as to the Rights of the Liberated Africans in Sierra Leone. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 87. An Act to Give to the Commissioners of Works and Public Buildings Extended Time and Further Powers for Completing the Embankment of the Thames, between Vauxhall and Battersea Bridges, and a New Street from Lower Sloane-street. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 88. An Act to Repeal the Duties payable in respect of Horses Let for Hire, and to grant New Duties on Licenses to Let Horses for Hire. 20th August, 1853. By this Act, from the 10th October, 1853, the duties are to be—where the person taking out a license shall keep at one and the same time to let for hire 1 horse or 1 carriage, only £7 10s.; and where such person shall keep any greater number of horses or carriages, £12 10s. for not exceeding 2 horses or 2 carriages; £20, not exceeding 4 horses and 3 carriages; £30, not exceeding 8 horses or 6 carriages; £40, not exceeding 12 horses or 9 carriages; £50, not exceeding 16 horses or 12 carriages; £60 not exceeding 20 horses or 15 carriages; and £70, exceeding 15 carriages, &c.
- Cap. 89. An Act to Regulate the Admission of Professors to the Lay Chairs in the Universities of Scotland. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 90. An Act to Repeal certain Duties of Assessed Taxes, and to Grant other Duties of the same Description; and to Amend the Laws relating to the Application of the Moneys arising from the Redemption and Purchase of the Land-tax. 20th August, 1853. This Act alters, lessens, or re-arranges the duties on servants, carriages, horses, dogs, hair-powder, and armorial bearings.
- Cap. 91. An Act to Extend for a Limited Time the Provision for Abatement of Income-tax in respect of Insurances on Lives. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 92. An Act to Diminish the Number of Sheriffs in Scotland, and to Unite certain Counties in Scotland, in so far as regards the Jurisdiction of the Sheriff. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 93. An Act to Enable Burghs in Scotland to Maintain and Improve their Harbours. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 94. An Act to Extend the Benefits of the 11th and 12th Vic., c. 36—the Act for the Amendment of the Law of Entail in Scotland. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 95. An Act to Provide for the Government of India. 20th August, 1853. This Act makes changes in the directorship of the East India Company, and other very important alterations in the East Indian Government.
- Cap. 96. An Act to Amend the 8th and 9th Vic., c. 100—an Act for the Regulation of the Care and Treatment of Lunatics. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 97. An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Laws for the Provision and Regulation of Lunatic Asylums for Counties and Boroughs, and for the Maintenance and Care of Pauper Lunatics in England. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 98. An Act for the further Relief of the Suitors of the High Court of Chancery. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 99. An Act to Substitute, in certain cases, other Punishment in lieu of Transportation. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 100. An Act further to Extend and make Compulsory the Practice of Vaccination. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 101. An Act to Extend the 13th and 14th Vic., c. 65—the Public Libraries Act, 1850—to Ireland and Scotland. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 102. An Act to Prevent the Defacing of the Current Coin of the Realm. 20th August, 1853. By this Act the defacing of the current gold, silver, or copper coin, by stamping names or words on it, or the using of a machine or instrument to tend it, is a misdemeanour, punishable by fine or imprisonment. Coin defaced by such bending or stamping is not a legal tender; and persons tendering, uttering, or putting off coin defaced by such stamping or bending, are liable to a fine not exceeding 40s.; but this penalty of 40s. cannot be proceeded for without the consent of the Attorney-General or Lord Advocate.
- Cap. 103. An Act to Amend and Continue certain Acts relating to Linen, Hemp, and other Manufactures in Ireland. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 104. An Act further to Regulate the Employment of Children in Factories. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 105. An Act to Continue the Exemption of Inhabitants from Liability to be Rated as such in respect of Stock in Trade, or other property, to the Relief of the Poor. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 106. An Act for Consolidating Customs' Duties Acts. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 107. An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Laws relating to the Customs of the United Kingdom, and of the Isle of Man, and certain Laws relating to Trade and Navigation and the British Possessions. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 108. An Act for further Continuing certain temporary Provisions concerning Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in England. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 109. An Act to Continue an Act to Amend the Laws relating to Loan Societies. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 110. An Act to Apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund and the Surplus of Ways and Means to the Public Service of the Year 1853, and to appropriate the Surplus granted in the Session of Parliament. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 111. An Act to Appoint Additional Commissioners for Executing the Acts for granting a Land-tax and other Rates and Taxes. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 112. An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Laws relating to Hackney and Stage Carriages; also Job Carriages and Horses, and Carts to Let for Hire, within the Police District of Dublin. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 113. An Act to Amend the Procedure in the Superior Courts of Common Law in Ireland. 20th August, 1853. This Act makes great and beneficial alterations in the Irish Common Law procedure.
- Cap. 114. An Act to Extend the Municipal Boundaries of the Borough of Belfast, and to Reduce the Scale of the Rating upon certain Property within the said Borough. 20th August, 1853.

- Cap. 115. An Act to Amend certain Provisions of the 15th and 16th Vic., c. 83—in the Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852—in respect of the Transmission of Certified Copies of Letters Patent and Specifications to certain Offices in Edinburgh and Dublin, and otherwise to Amend that Act. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 116. An Act to Defray the Charge of the Pay, Clothing, and Contingent, and other Expenses of the Disembodied Militia in Great Britain and Ireland; to Grant Allowances in certain Cases to Subaltern Officers, Adjutants, Paymasters, Quartermasters, Surgeons, Assistant-Surgeons, Surgeons' Mates, and Sergeant-Majors of the Militia; and to Authorise the Employment of the Non-Commissioned Officers. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 117. An Act to Amend the Laws relating to the Redemption and Purchase of the Land-tax in Great Britain. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 118. An Act to Amend the 6th and 7th Vic., c. 34—An Act for the Better Apprehension of certain Offenders. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 119. An Act for the Suppression of Betting Houses. By this Act, betting-houses are forbidden, and are to be treated as common gaming-houses. The owner or occupier of a betting-house, or person managing it, will be liable to a penalty not exceeding £100, or (without the option of a fine) to imprisonment not exceeding six months, with or without hard labour: persons having or managing betting-houses, who receive money on condition of paying money on event of a bet, will be liable to a fine not exceeding £50, or to similar imprisonment to the above, not exceeding three months. Persons advertising betting-houses will be liable to a fine not exceeding £30, or to similar imprisonment to the above, not exceeding two months: commissioners of police may authorise a police search of suspected houses.
- Cap. 120. An Act to Authorise the Inclosure of certain Lands, in pursuance of a Special Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales. 20th August, 1853. This act incloses Stratfield Turgiss, &c., Aldershot, Stroud Wood Common, Hants and Berks; Knighton, Radnorshire; Long Framlington, Knarlesdale Common, Northumberland; Hopesay, Salop; Llanfihangel-y-eroth, Carmarthenshire; Beacon Hill, Hammerwich, Staffordshire; Halse, Somersetshire; Farnham, Chobham, Surrey; Llanfair Mountain, Cardiganshire; Greshaw Green, Suffolk; Dickleburgh, Norfolk; Raworth Sho, Essex; Chardstock, Church Knowle, Dorsetshire; Chisenbury Farm, Wilts; Souldern, Oxfordshire; Wormley, Hertfordshire; Cheddington Fields, Pitstone, Buckingham; Old Storrige Common, Worcester-shire; Undy and Bishton, Monmouthshire; Cerrig-y-druidion, Denbigh-shire.
- Cap. 121. An Act for Providing Places of Confinement in England or Wales for Female Offenders under Sentence or Order of Transportation. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 122. An Act to Render Valid certain Marriages in the Church or the Holy Trinity in the Township of Hulme and Parish of Manchester, in the County of Lancaster. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 123. An Act to Amend the Laws relating to the Investments of Friendly Societies. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 124. An Act to Continue Appointments under the Act for Consolidating the Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, and for Completing Proceedings under the Tithe Commutation Acts. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 125. An Act to Continue and Amend the Metropolitan Sewers Acts. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 126. An Act to Confirm certain Provisional Orders of the General Board of Health for Accrington, Bangor, and Uxbridge, and to Provide for Conducting the First Election of a Local Board of Health at Eiland. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 127. An Act to Reduce the Duties payable in respect of Hackney Carriages used in the Metropolis, and to Amend the Laws relating to the Granting of Licenses, and Payments of Duties in respect of Metropolitan Stage and Hackney Carriages, and to make Provision as to the Charge for the Hire of Hackney Carriages in certain cases. 20th August, 1853. By this Act, the new cab law has undergone some further change. Sixpence for the whole journey is to be charged for each person over two; one shilling is chargeable for every mile or part of a mile beyond a circle of four miles from Charing Cross, when a cab is discharged beyond that circle; sixpence is to be charged, over the fare by distance, for every quarter of an hour during which the cab is made to stop; cabs are not to be withdrawn by their owners without ten days' notice.
- Cap. 128. An Act to Abate the Nuisance arising from the Smoke of Furnaces in the Metropolis, and from Vessels above London Bridge. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 129. An Act further to Amend the Law relating to Pilotage. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 130. An Act to Amend the Acts for Promoting the Drainage of Lands, and Improvements in connection therewith in Ireland. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 131. An Act to Amend various laws relating to Merchant Shipping. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 132. An Act to Extend the Provisions of an Act of the present session for Redeeming or Commuting the Annuity payable to the South Sea Company, and certain Annuities of £3 per Cent per Annum, and to Provide for Payments to be made under the said Act. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 133. An Act to Suspend the Making of Lists and the Ballots and Enrolments for the Militia of the United Kingdom, and to Amend the Law in relation to the Militia in England. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 134. An Act to Amend the Laws concerning the Burial of the Dead in England beyond the limits of the Metropolis, and to Amend the 15th and 16th Vic., c. 85—an Act concerning the Burial of the Dead in the Metropolis. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 135. An Act to Continue certain Turnpike Acts in Great Britain, and to make further Provisions concerning Turnpike Roads in England. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 136. An Act for Enabling Grand Juries in Ireland to Borrow Money from Private Sources, on the Security of Presentment, and for Transferring to Counties, certain Works constructed wholly or in part with Public Money. 20th August, 1853.
- Cap. 137. An Act for the Better Administration of Charitable Trusts. 20th August, 1853.

Among the two hundred and twenty-seven local and personal Acts passed in the last session of Parliament, there are one hundred and seven relating to railways. Among the private Acts, there are three for divorces, viz., to dissolve the marriages of—1st, Alfred Richard Cutbill with his wife Elizabeth; 2ndly, George Fisher with his wife Mary Matilda; 3rdly, Robert Frederick Brownlow Russhrooke with his wife Albina Maria. There is also a private Act to restore in blood, George Drummond, Duke of Melfort, and Count of Lussan, in France, and to remove in his favour, the attainder on the Earldom of Perth.

THE QUEEN AND ROYAL FAMILY.

THE QUEEN.—VICTORIA, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, was born at Kensington Palace, May 24th, 1819; succeeded to the throne, June 20th, 1837, on the death of her uncle, King William IV.; was crowned June 28th, 1838; and married, February 10th, 1840, his Royal Highness Prince Albert. Her Majesty is the only child of his late Royal Highness Edward Duke of Kent, son of King George III.

His Royal Highness Francis-ALBERT-ANGUSTUS-CHARLES-EMANUEL-BUSID, DUKE OF SAXE, PRINCE OF COBURG AND GOTHA, K.G., Consort of her Majesty, born August 26th, 1819.

The children of her Majesty are:—
Her Royal Highness Victoria-Adelaide-Mary-Louisa, PRINCESS ROYAL, born November 21st, 1840.
His Royal Highness Albert-Edward, PRINCE OF WALES, born November 9th, 1841.
Her Royal Highness Alice-Maud-Mary, born April 25th, 1843.
His Royal Highness Alfred-Ernest-Albert, born August 6th, 1844.
Her Royal Highness Princess Helena-Augusta-Victoria, born May 25, 1846.
Her Royal Highness Princess Louisa-Carolina-Alberta, born March 18, 1848.
His Royal Highness Arthur-William-Patrick-Albert, born May 1st, 1850.
His Royal Highness Leopold-George-Duncan-Albert, born April 8, 1853.

George-Frederick-William-Charles, K.G., DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, cousin to her Majesty, born March 26th, 1819.
Mary, DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER, aunt to her Majesty, born April 25th, 1776; married, July 22nd, 1816, to her cousin, the Duke of Gloucester, deceased.
Victoria-Mary-Louisa, DUCHESS OF KENT, born August 17th, 1786; married, in 1818, to the Duke of Kent (who died January 23rd, 1820): her Majesty's mother.
Augusta-Wilhelmina-Louisa, DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE, niece of the Landgrave of Hesse, born July 25th, 1795; married, in 1818, the late Duke of Cambridge, by whom she has issue, George-William, Augusta-Caroline, and Mary-Adelaide.
George-Frederick-Alexander-Charles-Ernest-Augustus, K.G., KING OF HANNOVER, cousin to her Majesty; born May 27, 1819; married, February, 1843, Princess Mary of Saxe-Altenberg, and has a son.
Augusta-Caroline-Charlotte-Elizabeth-Mary-Sophia-Louisa, daughter of the late Duke of Cambridge, and cousin to her Majesty, born July 19th, 1822; married, June 28th, 1843, Frederick, Hereditary Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.
Mary-Adelaide-Wilhelmina-Elizabeth, daughter of the late Duke of Cambridge, and cousin to her Majesty, born November 27th, 1833.

THE QUEEN'S HOUSEHOLD.

Lord Great Chamberlain	Lord Willoughby D'Eresby
Lord Steward	Duke of Norfolk
Lord Chamberlain	Marquis of Breadalbane
Vice-Chamberlain	Lord E. A. C. B. Bruce
Master of the Horse	Duke of Welling on
Clerk Marshal and Chief Equerry ..	Lord Alfred Paget
Treasurer of the Household	Earl of Mulgrave
Comptroller of the Household	Viscount Drumlanrig
Lord High Almoner	Bishop of Oxford
Sub-Almoner	Rev. Dr. Jelf
Clerk of the Closet	Bishop of Chester
Master of the Buckhounds	Earl of Bessborough
Comptroller of Accounts	Norman Hilton Macdonald, Esq.
Master of the Household	Lieut.-Col T. M. Biddulph
Captain of the Yeomen of the Guard ..	Viscount Sydney
Captain of Gentlemen-at-Arms	Lord Foley
Lords in Waiting	Marquis of Ormonde, Lord Camoys, Earl Somers, Lord Rivers, Lord Waterpark, Lord de Tabley, Earl of Listowel, Lord Byron
Mistress of the Robes	The Duchess of Sutherland Duchess of Wellington, Countess of Charlemont, Countess of Mount- Edgecumbe, Countess of Desart, Countess of Gainsborough, Vis- countess Jocelyn, Viscountess Can- ning, and Marchioness of Ely
Ladies of the Bedchamber	Sir J. Clark, Sir H. Holland Dr. Locoec, Dr. Ferguson Sir B. C. Brodie, Bart., R. Keate, Esq.
Physicians	
Physicians-Accoucheurs	
Surgeons	

HER MAJESTY'S MINISTERS.

First Lord of the Treasury (Premier) ..	Earl of Aberdeen
Lord Chancellor	Lord Cranworth
Lord President of the Council	Earl Granville
Lord Privy Seal	Duke of Argyll
Secretaries of State	Home Viscount Palmerston
	Foreign Earl of Clarendon
	Colonial Duke of Newcastle
Chancellor of the Exchequer	Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone
President of the Board of Control	Right Hon. Sir C. Wood
First Lord of the Admiralty	Right Hon. Sir J. G. Graham, M.P.
Secretary-at-War	Right Hon. Sidney Herbert, M.P.
Commissioner of Public Works	Right Hon. Sir W. Molesworth, M.P.
Without office	Marquis of Lansdowne Lord John Russell
(The above form the Cabinet.)	
President of the Board of Trade	Right Hon. E. Cardwell, M.P.
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster ..	Right Hon. E. Stuart
Postmaster-General	Viscount Canning

IRELAND.

Lord Lieutenant	Earl St. Germans
Lord Chancellor	Right Hon. <i>Manners Brady</i>
Chief Secretary	Sir John Young, Bart.
Attorney-General	Right Hon. A. Brewster
Solicitor-General	W. Kogh, Esq., M.P.
SCOTLAND.	
Lord High Constable	The Earl of Errol
Lord Privy Seal	Lord Panmure
Lord Advocate	Right Hon. James Moncrieff, M.P.