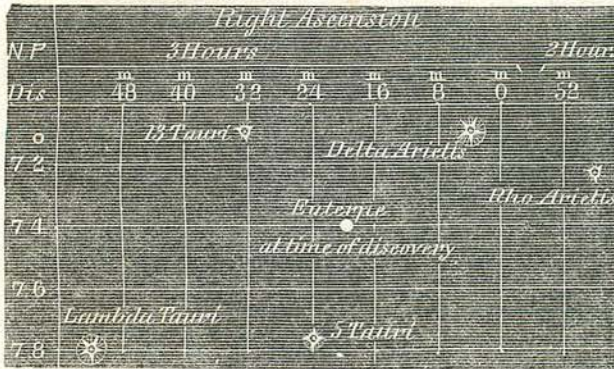


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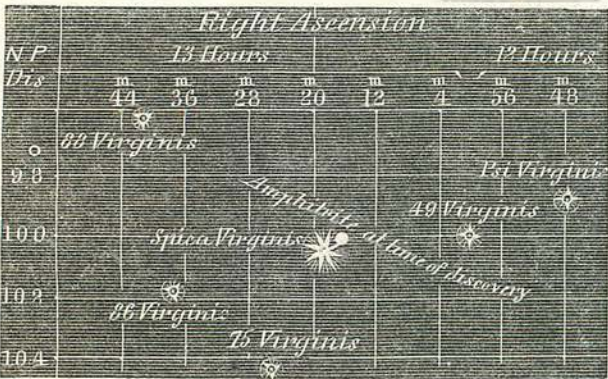
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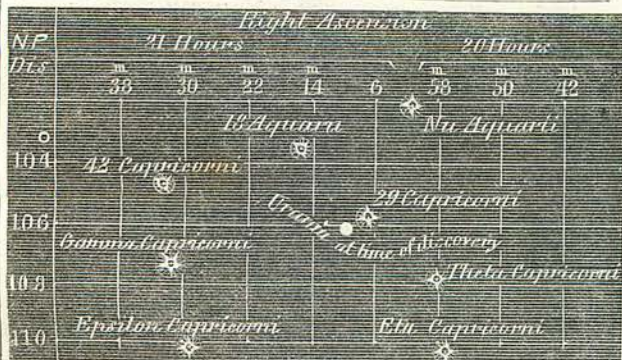
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PLACE IN THE HEAVENS OCCUPIED BY THE NEW PLANET BELLONA, ON ITS DISCOVERY BY M. LUTHER, 1ST MARCH, 1854.



PLACE IN THE HEAVENS OCCUPIED BY THE NEW PLANET AMPHITRITE, ON ITS DISCOVERY BY ALBERT MARTH, ESQ., 2ND MARCH, 1854.



PLACE IN THE HEAVENS OCCUPIED BY THE NEW PLANET URANIA, ON ITS DISCOVERY BY J. R. HIND, ESQ., 22ND JULY, 1854.

AN EXPLANATORY TABLE OF THE
PUBLIC ACTS OF PARLIAMENT
PASSED IN THE SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH YEARS OF
HER MAJESTY'S REIGN, 1853-4.

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

- Cap. 1. An Act to Explain and Amend an Act of the last Session, the 16 and 17 Vic., c. 90, relating to the Duties of Assessed Taxes, and to Authorise Justices of the Peace in Ireland to Administer Oaths required in matters relating to the Income-tax. 17th Feb.
2. An Act to Apply the Sum of £8,000,000 out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of 1854. 23rd March.
3. An Act for Raising £1,750,000, by Exchequer-bills, for the Service of the Year 1854. 23rd March.
4. An Act for Punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the Better Payment of the Army and their Quarters. The annual Act relating to the Army. 23rd March.
5. An Act to Admit Foreign Ships to the Coast-trade. 23rd March. This Statute removes the restriction by which goods or passengers going coastwise from one part of the United Kingdom to another could only be carried in British ships. Goods and passengers may for the future be so carried in foreign ships also.
6. An Act for the Regulation of her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on Shore. 23rd March. The usual annual Act.
7. An Act for Extending, until one month at least, before the 25th March, 1855, the time limited for putting into execution the 14 and 15 Vic., c. 16, for the better Management and Control of Highways in South Wales. 12th May.
8. An Act further to Amend the 15 and 16 Vic., c. 63, relating to the Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland. 12th May.
9. An Act to Authorise the Inclosure of certain Lands, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales. 12th May. The following are the inclosures to be made under this Statute:—Heaver's Wood Common, Surrey; Lampeter-pont-Stephen, Cardigan, Cardiganshire; Iping, Sussex; Barby, Yorkshire; Church Brough Intake, Westmoreland; Curdridge, Bursledon, the Oakcuts Woods, Haunts; Porlock, Wootton, Courtney Hawkridge, Somersetsire; Tinhead, Wilts.
10. An Act for Granting to her Majesty Additional Duties on Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades, and Offices. 12th May.
11. An Act to Amend the Laws Relating in Ireland to Ministers' Money and the Irish Church Temporalities. 12th May. By this Statute the charge known as Ministers' Money is to cease after the 1st October, 1854, and a house rate is to be substituted for it.
12. An Act for Raising the Sum of £16,024,000, by Exchequer-bills, for the Service of the Year 1854. 12th May.
13. An Act to Amend the Acts Relating to the Militia of the United Kingdom. 12th May. By this Statute the militia may be embodied whenever a state of war exists.
14. An Act to Continue her Majesty's Commission for Building New Churches. 12th May.
15. An Act to Empower the Commissioners of the Admiralty to Construct a Tunnel between her Majesty's Dockyard at Devonport and her Majesty's Steam Factory Yard at Keyham; and to Acquire Certain Property for her Majesty's Service. 2nd June.
16. An Act to Amend the 13 and 14 Vic., c. 61; and the 15 and 16 Vic., c. 54. 2nd June. By this Statute the right of appeal is extended to cases in which the County Court has jurisdiction, pursuant to agreement of parties; and the parties may, if they choose, exclude in their agreement such right of appeal. By this Statute, also, insolvents' petitions for protection from process are to be within the provisions of the 15 and 16 Vic., c. 54, s. 8.
17. An Act to make further Provision for Defining the Boundaries of Counties, Baronies, Half-Baronies, Parishes, Townlands, and other Divisions and Denominations of Land in Ireland for Public Purposes. 2nd June.
18. An Act for the Encouragement of Seamen, and the more effectual Manning of her Majesty's Navy during the present War. 2nd June. This Statute contains the regulations relative to prizes taken from the Emperor of Russia and his subjects, the benefit of which seizures is given to the captors. This Statute called the "Prize Act, Russia, 1854," came into operation on the 1st of June of that year.
19. An Act for Facilitating the Payment of her Majesty's Navy, and the Payment and Distribution of Prize Bounty, Salvage, and other Monies to and amongst the Officers and Crews of her Majesty's Ships and Vessels of War, and for the Better Regulation of the Accounts relating thereto. 2nd June. This Statute, called "The Naval Pay and Prize Act, 1854," came into operation on the 1st of June of that year.
20. An Act to Repeal the 53 George III., c. 72, and the 7 and 8 Vic., c. 30, s. 21, and for making Provision for the Appointment and for Remuneration of a Stipendiary Justice for the Division of Manchester, in the County of Lancaster, and of Clerks to such Justice and the Justices for the Borough of Salford, and for other purposes. 2nd June.
21. An Act to Apply the sum of £8,000,000 out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the Year 1854. 16th June.
22. An Act to enable the Collector-General of Dublin to Levy Money to Repay a certain Outlay by the Corporation for Preserving and Improving the Port of Dublin, in and about; Repairing the Quay Walls of the River Liffey, and for its future Repairs; and for Repairing and Rebuilding Bridges over that River. 16th June.
23. An Act for Raising the Sum of £5,000,000 by Exchequer-bills and Exchequer-bills. 16th June.
24. An Act for Granting to her Majesty an Increased Rate of Duty on Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades, and Offices. 16th June. This Statute raises the Income Tax to one shilling and twopence in the pound: present abatement to be proportionally allowed. To commence from the 5th April, 1854, and to last during the war, until the 6th April next after the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace.
25. An Act to Amend the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1852. 16th June.
26. An Act to Assimilate the Law and Practice existing in cases of High Treason in Ireland, to the Law and Practice existing in cases of High Treason in England—viz., as to a List of the Witnesses and a List of the Jury being given with the Copy of the Indictment to the accused party, ten days before the trial, in the presence of two or more witnesses. 3rd July.

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27. An Act for Granting certain Additional Rates and Duties of Excise. 3rd July.
28. An Act to Alter and Amend certain Duties of Customs. 3rd July.
29. An Act to Alter the Duties of Customs on Sugar, Molasses, and Spirits. 10th July.
30. An Act for Granting certain Duties of Excise on Sugar made in the United Kingdom. 10th July.
31. An Act for the better Regulation of the Traffic on Railways and Canals. 10th July. By this Statute it is compulsory for every Railway Company to make arrangements for receiving and forwarding passengers and their luggage, and goods, animals and other things, without any unreasonable delay, and without any partiality. A Railway Company is to be liable for injury done in the carrying, to animals or goods, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. The Company, however, will not be liable beyond a limited amount—viz., for a horse, £50; for any neat cattle, £15 per head; or for any sheep or pigs, £2 per head, unless the value be declared, and an extra percentage paid.
32. An Act to Facilitate the Apportionment of the Rent when Parts of Lands in Lease are Taken for the purposes of the Church Building Acts. 10th July.
33. An Act to Place Public Statutes within the Metropolitan Police district, under the Control of the Commissioners of Works and Public Buildings. 10th July.
34. An Act to Enable the Courts of Law in England, Ireland, and Scotland, to Issue Process to Compel the Attendance of Witnesses out of their Jurisdiction, and to give Effect to the Service of such Process in any part of the United Kingdom. 10th July. This Statute gives a power to the Superior Courts of Law at Westminster or Dublin, and to the Court of Session or Exchequer in Scotland, or to a Judge of such Courts, to compel the attendance of a witness resident in one part of the United Kingdom at a trial in another part. No witness, however, is punishable for non-attendance, unless sufficient money has been tendered to pay his expenses.
35. An Act to Repeal Certain Provisions of the 5 and 6 Vic. c. 110, concerning the Holding of the Assizes for Warwickshire; which, for the future, are to be held at Warwick only, and not at Coventry. 10th July.
36. An Act for Preventing Frauds upon Creditors by Secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels. 10th July. By this Act every bill of sale of personal chattels will be null and void unless it, or a true copy of it, be filed within twenty-one days of its making, with the Clerk of the Doquets and Judgments in the Court of Queen's Bench.
37. An Act for Establishing the Validity of certain proceedings in her Majesty's Court of Vice-Admiralty in Mauritius. 10th July.
38. An Act for the Suppression of Gaming-houses. 24th July. By this Act a summary penalty, not exceeding £100, with six months' imprisonment and hard labour, in case of non-payment, will be incurred by any person obstructing, by means of bolts, bars, chains, or in any other way the entry of constables authorised to enter a house suspected to be a common gaming-house: such obstruction will, in itself, be evidence of the house being a common gaming-house. A person found in a house so entered by constables will be liable to a penalty not exceeding £50, or to imprisonment not exceeding one month, if he refuse to give his name and address, or give a false name and address. Persons keeping gaming-houses are liable to a penalty not exceeding £500, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, not exceeding twelve months. Persons apprehended in a house may be compelled to give evidence as to the gaming going on there.
39. An Act to Indemnify such Persons in the United Kingdom as have Omitted to Qualify themselves for Offices and Employments, and to Extend the Time limited for those Purposes respectively. 25th July.
40. An Act to Continue, till the 5th July, 1855, the 16 and 17 Vic. c. 91, for Extending, for a Limited Time, the Provision for Abatement of Income-tax, in respect of Insurance on Lives. 24th July.
41. An Act to Continue the Poor-law Board in England until the 23rd July, 1859, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament. 24th July.
42. An Act to Continue until the 31st July, 1855, and until the End of the then Session of Parliament, certain Acts for Regulating Turnpike Roads in Ireland. 24th July.
43. An Act to Continue until the 30th Sept., 1855, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, the 16 and 17 Vic. c. 77—an Act for Charging the Maintenance of certain Poor Persons in Unions in England and Wales upon the Common Fund. 24th July.
44. An Act for Regulating and Maintaining the Harbours of Holyhead, and for Vesting them in the Admiralty. 24th July.
45. An Act to Amend the 16 and 17 Vic. c. 112—the Dublin Carriage Act. 24th July.
46. An Act to Continue for Five Years, from the 24th July, 1854, certain Acts relating to Linen, Hempen, and other Manufactures in Ireland. 24th July.
47. An Act to Alter and Improve the Mode of Taking Evidence in the Ecclesiastical Courts of England and Wales. 24th July. This Act gives power to the Ecclesiastical Courts to summon and examine witnesses *via voce*.
48. An Act to Authorise the Inclosure of Certain Lands, in pursuance of a Special Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales. 24th July. By this Act the following lands are to be enclosed:—Queenborough Common, Kent; St. Iton, Yorkshire; Chalford, South Weston, Wheatfield, and Stoke Talmadge, Oxfordshire; Wanwood Pasture, Gablesby, and Biglands, Cumberland; Stanmore, Berks; Bariton, Cove, Hants; Snettisham Warren, Norfolk; Woodmancote, Gloucestershire; Hatfield Forest, Essex; Haverhill, Suffolk; Hutton, Somersetshire; Drungewick, Sussex; Benhill Wood, Elstead, Surrey; Cusop, Herefordshire.
49. An Act for the Settlement of Claims Upon and Over the New Forest. 24th July.
50. An Act to Continue until the 1st January, 1858, and to the End of the then next ensuing Session of Parliament, the 11 and 12 Vic. c. 133—an Act for Amending the Laws relating to Savings Banks in Ireland; and to Authorise Friendly Societies to Invest the whole of their Funds in Savings Banks. 24th July.
51. An Act to Confirm Certain Provisional Orders made under the 14 and 15 Vic. c. 33—an Act to Facilitate Arrangements for the Relief of Turnpike Trusts; and to make certain Provisions respecting Exemptions from Tolls. 31st July.
52. An Act to Continue till the 1st October, 1860, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, the 4 and 5 Vic. c. 59—an Act for Authorising the Application of Highway Rates to Turnpike Roads. 31st July.
53. An Act to Confirm Provisional Orders of the General Board of Health for the districts of Plymouth, Haworth, Aberdare, Bishop Auckland, Willenhall, and Over Darwen. 31st July.
54. An Act to Guarantee the Liquidation of a Loan or Loans for the Service of the Colony of Jamaica. 31st July.
55. An Act for the Registration of Bills of Sale in Ireland. Similar to Cap. 36 for England (see *Supra*). 31st July.
56. An Act to make further Provisions in relation to certain Friendly Societies. 31st July.
57. An Act to Amend the Law relating to the Appointment of Returning Officers in certain cases. 31st July. By this Act, the Sheriff is to be the returning officer at the Parliamentary election in boroughs where the office of returning officer shall be vacant.
58. An Act to Continue in Great Britain all Turnpike Acts expiring before the End of the next Session of Parliament, to the 1st October, 1855, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and to continue to the 1st Nov., 1855, certain Turnpike Acts mentioned in a Schedule to this Act; and to make Further Provisions concerning Turnpike Roads in England. 31st July.
59. An Act to Allow Verdicts on Trials by Jury in Civil Causes in Scotland to be Returned, although the Jury may not be unanimous. 31st July.
60. An Act to Amend the 12 and 13 Vic. c. 92—an Act for the more effectual Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. 31st July. By this Act the expenses of food and water for impounded animals may be recovered from the owners, and after seven days of impounding, the animals may be sold to pay such expenses. This Act also extends to all parts of the United Kingdom, the provision of the 2 and 3 Vic. c. 47, forbidding, under a penalty, the using of dogs for drawing carts, or other purposes of draught.
61. An Act to Authorise the Application of a Sum of Money out of the Forfeited and Unclaimed Army Prize Fund, in Enlarging and Improving the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea. 31st July.
62. An Act to Extend the Benefits of Two Acts, the 8 and 9 Vic. c. 31, and the 10 and 11 Vic. c. 50, relating to the Constitution, Transmission, and Extinction of Heritable Securities in Scotland. 31st July.
63. An Act to Continue, till the 23rd of July, 1859, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, the Poor-law Commission for Ireland. 31st July.
64. An Act to Amend the 16 and 17 Vic. c. 101, an Act for Extending the Public Librarians Act, 1850, to Ireland and Scotland. 31st July.
65. An Act for further Continuing to the 1st August, 1855, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, certain Temporary Provisions concerning Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in England. 31st July.
66. An Act to Continue till the 1st October, 1855, 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. 31st July.
67. An Act to Facilitate the Purchase of Common, Commonable, and other Rights by the Principal Officers of her Majesty's Ordnance. 31st July.
68. An Act to Provide for the Application of Certain Stock Purchased with Monies which Arose from the Sale of Part of the Land Revenues of the Crown in Ireland. 31st July.
69. An Act to Indemnify Local Boards of Health as regards Rating for the Repair of Highways, under the Public Health Act, 1848. 31st July.
70. An Act to Enable the Trustees of Portland Chapel, Oxford Chapel, and Welbeck Chapel, in the parish of Saint Marylebone, to Augment the Salaries of the Ministers of the said Chapels. 31st July.
71. An Act to Amend the Law concerning the Making of Borough Rates in Boroughs not within the Municipal Corporation Acts. 31st July.
72. An Act to Provide for Payment of the Salaries of the Sheriff and Sheriff Clerk of Chancery in Scotland. 31st July.
73. An Act to Amend the Acts for the Regulation of Joint Stock Banks in Scotland. 31st July.
74. An Act to Render Reformatory and Industrial Schools in Scotland more Available for the Benefit of Vagrant Children. 7th August.
75. An Act to Remove Doubts concerning the Due Acknowledgment of Deeds by Married Women in Certain Cases. 7th August.
76. An Act for the Formation, Regulation, and Government of Convict Prisons in Ireland. 7th August.
77. An Act to Provide for the Mode of Passing Letters Patent and other Acts of the Crown Relating to India, and for Vesting certain Powers in the Governor-General of India in Council. 7th August.
78. An Act to Appoint Persons to Administer Oaths, and to Substitute Stamps in Lieu of Fees, and for other purposes, in the High Court of Admiralty of England. 7th August.
79. An Act for further Regulating the Sale of Beer and other Liquors on the Lord's-day. 7th August. By this Act, licensed victuallers and all other persons are prohibited, in England and Wales, from opening their houses for the sale of beer, wine, spirits, or any fermented or distilled liquor, between half-past two and six o'clock p.m., or after ten o'clock p.m. on Sunday, Christmas-day, Good Friday, or Days of Public Fast or Thanksgiving; and before four a.m. of the next day, "except as Refreshments to a bona fide Traveller or Lodger therein." The penalty for each offence against this Act is a summary conviction in a sum not exceeding £5: every separate sale is to be deemed a separate offence.
80. An Act to Provide for the Better Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in Scotland. 7th August.
81. An Act to make further Provision for the good Government and Extension of the University of Oxford, and its Colleges, and of the College of St. Mary, Winchester. 7th August. This Act, after appointing Commissioners, materially alters the constitution of the University of Oxford; the most important Enactment being to the effect that, after Michaelmas Term, 1854, it will not be necessary to make a declaration, or take an oath, on matriculating; nor, with certain exceptions and restrictions, on taking the degree of B.A. in Arts, Law, Medicine, or Music.
82. An Act further to Improve the Administration of Justice in the Court of Chancery of the County Palatine of Lancaster. 7th August.
83. An Act to Amend the Laws relating to Stamp-duties. 9th August. This Statute alters the Stamp-duty on Bills and Promissory Notes, and on certain Leases; and makes other alterations. (See List of Stamps, in this Almanack.)
84. An Act to Extend the Provisions of the Acts for the Augmentation of Benefices. 10th August.
85. An Act for better Securing the Collecting and Accounting for the Land-tax, Assessed Taxes, and Income-tax, by the Collectors thereof. 10th August.
86. An Act for the Better Care and Reformation of Youthful Offenders in Great Britain. 10th August. This statute empowers Courts, Judges, or Magistrates to send juvenile offenders under sixteen, on conviction, to a Reformatory School, to be there maintained by the Government, and by parents and step-parents.
87. An Act to make further Provision for the Burial of the Dead in England beyond the Limits of the Metropolis. 10th August.
88. An Act to Render Valid certain Marriages of British Subjects in Mexico. 10th August.

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89. An Act to Amend the Laws for the Better Prevention of the Sale of Spirits by Unlicensed Persons, and for the Suppression of Illicit Distillation, in Ireland. 10th August.
90. An Act to Repeal the Laws relating to Usury and to the Enrolment of Annuities. 10th August. By this Act, all existing laws against usury, except as relating to pawnbrokers, are abolished. The meaning of current or legal interest payable by rule of law is to remain as before.
91. An Act for the Valuation of Lands and Heritages in Scotland. 10th August.
92. An Act to Continue to the 31st August, 1855, the 11 and 12 Vic., c. 2—An Act for the Better Prevention of Crime and Outrage in certain Parts of Ireland. 10th August.
93. An Act for the Exchange of the Office, in Somerset House, of the Duchy of Cornwall for an Office to be erected in Piccadilly on the Hereditary Possessions of the Crown. 10th August.
94. An Act to Alter the Mode of Providing for certain Expenses now charged upon certain Branches of the Public Revenues and upon the Consolidated Fund. 10th August.
95. An Act to make Better Provision for the Administration of the Laws relating to the Public Health. 10th August.
96. An Act for Allowing Gold Wares to be Manufactured at a Lower Standard than that now allowed by Law, and to Amend the Law relating to the Assaying of Gold and Silver Wares. 10th August.
97. An Act to Amend and Extend the Acts for the Enclosure, Exchange, and Improvement of Land. 10th August.
98. An Act to Regulate the Salaries of the Parochial Schoolmasters of Scotland. 10th August.
99. An Act to Provide for the Establishment of a National Gallery of Paintings, Sculpture, and the Fine Arts, for the Care of a Public Library, and the Erection of a Public Museum, in Dublin. 10th August.
100. An Act to Make further Provision for the more Speedy and Efficient Dispatch of Business in the High Court of Chancery. 10th August.
101. An Act to Continue and Amend the Acts now in force relating to Friendly Societies. 10th August.
102. An Act to Consolidate and Amend the Laws Relating to Bribery, Treating, and Undue Influence at Elections of Members of Parliament. 10th August. This Statute defines what is bribery, and declares it to be a misdemeanour, punishable by fine and imprisonment; the offender to be liable to forfeit £100 to any person suing for the same. The Act also defines treating, and makes the party treating liable to a forfeit of £50 to any person suing for the same; a party using undue influence (also defined) will be guilty of a misdemeanour, and also subject to forfeit £50 to any person suing for the same. No cockades, ribbons, or marks of distinction are to be used at elections, under a forfeit of £2 for each offence. Election auditors are to be appointed to settle proper expenses of candidates. Refreshments to voters are declared illegal, under a forfeit of 40s. for each offence.
103. An Act to Make Better Provision for the Paving, Lighting, Draining, Cleaning, Supplying with Water, and Regulation of Towns in Ireland. 11th August.
104. An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Acts relating to Merchant Shipping. 11th August.
105. An Act to Amend the Laws relating to the Militia in England and Wales. 11th August.
106. An Act for Amending the Laws relating to the Militia, and Raising a Volunteer Force in Scotland. 11th August.
107. An Act to Amend the Laws relating to the Militia, and for Raising a Volunteer Militia Force in Ireland. 11th August.
108. An Act to Suspend the Making of Lists and the Ballots for the Militia of the United Kingdom. 11th August.
109. 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. 11th August.
110. An Act to Provide for the Repayment of Monies advanced from the Exchequer to the County of Mayo for Public Purposes. 11th August.
111. An Act to Continue and Amend the Metropolitan Sewers Acts. 11th August.
112. An Act to Afford Greater Facilities for the Establishment of Institutions for the Promotion of Literature and Science, and the Fine Arts, and to Provide for their Better Regulation. 11th August.
113. An Act to Amend the Law relating to the Administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons. 11th August.
114. An Act to Extend the Rights enjoyed by the Graduates of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge in respect to the Practice of Physic to the Graduates of the University of London. 11th August.
115. An Act to Amend the Law relative to the Removal of Prisoners in Custody. 11th August.
116. An Act to Continue and Amend an Act to Facilitate the Management and Improvement of Episcopal and Capitular Estates in England. 11th August.
117. An Act to Facilitate the Sale and Transfer of Incumbered Estates in the West Indies. 11th August.
118. An Act to Empower the Legislature of Canada to Alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council for that Province, and for other Purposes. 11th August.
119. An Act for Regulating Appointments to Offices in the Court of Bankruptcy, and for Amending the Laws relating to Bankrupts. 11th August.
120. An Act to Repeal certain Acts and Parts of Acts relating to Merchant Shipping, and to Continue certain Provisions in the said Acts. 11th August.
121. An Act to Apply a Sum out of the Consolidated Fund and certain other Sums to the Service of 1854, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament. 12th August.
122. An Act for the further Alteration and Amendment of the Laws and Duties of Customs. 12th August.
123. An Act to Repeal any Dealing with Securities issued during the present War between Russia and England by the Russian Government a Misdemeanour. 12th August.
124. An Act to Settle the Contribution to be made by certain Baronies in Roscommon and Galway and the County of the Town of Galway to the Midland Great Western Railway of Ireland Company. 12th August.
125. An Act for the further Amendment of the Process, Practice, and Mode of Pleading in, and Enlarging the Jurisdiction of, the Superior Courts of Common Law at Westminster, and of the Superior Courts of Common Law of the Counties Palatine of Lancaster and Durham. 12th August. This Statute, coming into operation on the 24th Oct., 1854, makes some very important alterations in the practice of actions at law; viz., as to a Judge, by consent, trying questions of fact without a jury; as to arbitrations; as to the mode of addressing the jury; as to affirmations instead of oaths; as to witnesses;

comparison of handwriting; stamping documents at trial; appeals; oral examinations; discovery of documents; written interrogatories; inspection by jury; attachments; mandamus to enforce Acts to be done, and injunctions, without applying to Courts of Equity; judgments, and executions. General rules for putting the Act in force, are to be made by the Judges.

There are 222 Local and Personal Acts, seventy-eight of which relate to railways. One local and personal act, c. 54, incorporates the Guild of Literature and Art, and enables it to hold land. Among the forty-one private acts, is an Act, c. 39, to relieve Thomas Alexander, Lord Lovat, from the effect of the attainder of Simon, Lord Lovat. There are also two Divorce Acts; viz. c. 40, to dissolve the marriage of Richard Redmond Caton, Esq., and Anna Maria, his wife; and c. 41, to dissolve the marriage of Henry Stocker, schoolmaster, and Sarah, his wife.

SUMMARY OF

PERSONS OF NOTE OR TITLE WHO HAVE DIED

DURING THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS.

* * Detailed Biographical Notices of all these Persons are to be found in the ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS.

- 1853—OCT. 25. BRADSTREET, Sir Simon, Bart.; aged 82.
26. BETHAM, Sir William, Knt., Ulster King of Arms, Knight Attendant on the Order of St. Patrick, and Deputy Keeper of the Birmingham Tower Records.
27. DERRY and RAPHOE, the Hon. and Right Rev. Richard Ponsonby, D.D., Bishop of; aged 82.
28. CLONCURRY, Valentine, Second Baron; a distinguished and patriotic Irish nobleman; born 19th Aug., 1773.
28. LEVINGE, Elizabeth Anne, Lady; widow of the late, and mother of the present, Sir Richard Levinge, Bart.; daughter of the first Lord Rancliffe; aged 67.
31. KENMARE, Valentine, second Earl of; born 15th Jan., 1788.
- In Oct. MACKESON, Colonel, Commissioner of Peshawar; assassinated.
- NOV. 1. POWER, Harriet, Lady; relict of Sir John Power, Bart., of Kilfane, and niece of the famous orator, Henry Grattan; aged 76.
4. LANGFORD, Lady; wife of the present Lord Langford, and daughter of the late E. M. Conolly, Esq., of Castletown; aged 32; she was accidentally drowned while bathing.
5. LAWLESS, the Hon. Cecil John, M.P. for Clonmel, second son of the late Lord Cloncurry; born 1st Aug., 1820.
5. NESHAM, Admiral Christopher John Williams; aged 85.
11. CLAVERING, Sir Thomas John, eighth Bart., of Axwell, county of Durham; aged 81.
11. PANMURE, Montague, Lady; wife of the present Lord Panmure, and daughter of George, second Lord Abercromby.
15. PORTUGAL, Donna Maria II. da Gloria, Queen of, and of the Algarves; born 14th April, 1819; ascended the throne 2nd May, 1826.
17. ESTERHAZY DE GALANTHA, the Princess Sarah Frederica Caroline; daughter of the present Earl of Jersey, and Consort of Prince Nicholas Paul Esterhazy de Galantha; born 12th Aug., 1822.
17. BEAUFORT, John Henry Somerset, seventh Duke of; born 5th Feb., 1792.
22. DARTMOUTH, William Legge, fourth Earl of; born 29th Nov., 1784.
24. KAY, Ellis Cuncliffe Lister, Esq.; aged 82.
26. SANFORD, Lady Caroline Anne; second daughter of Charles, third Earl of Harrington, and wife of E. Aysford Sanford, Esq., of Nynhead, Somersetshire.
28. GROVER, the Rev. John Septimus, late Vice-Provost of Eton College; aged 86.
28. DE BUTTS, Gen. Sir Augustus, K.C.H., Colonel Commandant of the Royal Engineers; born in 1770.
28. BRADFORD, Gen. Sir Thomas, G.C.B.; a distinguished military commander.
29. EWING, James, Esq., of Strathlinen; aged 73.
30. WITHAM, Sir Charles, Knight; aged 62.
- In Nov. ARUNDELL of WARDOUR, Mary, Lady of; third daughter of Robert Jones, Esq., of Aves, Sussex, and widow of the ninth Lord Arundell, of Wardour; aged 76.
- In Nov. BRISTOW WILSON, the Rev. Dr. Harry; Rector of St. Mary and St. Thomas the Apostle, London; aged 78.
- In Nov. ESCOTT, Beckham, Esq., of Harbrow-house, Somersetshire; a well-known M.P. and politician; born in 1800.
- In Nov.—GOLDSMID, Colonel John L.; formerly of the British service, and late of Watertown, in America.
- In Nov.—MEYCALFE, Sir Thomas Theophilus, Bart.; Agent to the Governor-General of India, at Delhi; born 2nd Jan., 1795.
- DEC. 3. PRINGLE John, Esq., Sheriff Substitute of Banffshire; born in 1785.
15. MAR and KELLIE, Philadelphia, Countess of; daughter of Sir C. G. Men-teath, Bart., and wife of John, fifteenth Earl of Mar.
16. EGLINTON and WINTON, Theresa, Countess of; daughter of C. Newcomen, Esq.; married, first, to R. H. Cockerell, Esq., Commander R.N., and, secondly, to the present Earl of Eglington.
17. WELLESLEY, Marianne, Marchioness; daughter of R. Caton, Esq., of Maryland; married, first, to R. Paterson, Esq., and, secondly, to the late Marquis Wellesley.
17. HOWDEN, Theodosia Sarah Frances, Dowager Baroness; daughter of John, first Earl of Clanwilliam, and widow of Gen. John F. Cradock, G.C.B., first Baron Howden; aged 79.
19. LOWTHROP, Sir William, of Alga House, Scarborough; born in 1794.
20. ELLIOT, Sir H. Miers, K.C.B.; Foreign Secretary to the East Indian Government.
25. GILLKREST, Dr. James; Inspector-General of Army Hospitals.
25. MILL, the Rev. Dr. William Hodge; Regius Professor of Hebrew at Cambridge, and Canon of Ely.
30. JENKINS, Sir Richard, G.C.B., B.C.L., F.R.A.S.; aged 68.
- In Dec., FETHERSTONHAUGH, Thomas James, Esq., of Bracklyn Castle, county Westmeath; aged 62.
- 1854.—JAN. 4. SIMEON, Sir R. Godin, Bart.; born 21st May, 1784.
5. PLUNKET, William Conyngham, Baron; ex-Lord Chancellor of Ireland; born in 1765.
6. PAWSON, William, of Shawden, Northumberland, Esq., R.N.; born 1780.
6. MURTON, Colonel.