

REMARKABLE OCCURRENCES, &c., 1879-80.

SEPTEMBER, 1879.

1. Joseph Kempster, of Sunderland, defeated J. M. Feecey, of Barrow, in a sculling-match on the Tyne.  
 2. Entry of Austrians into Novi Bazar.  
 3. Meeting of the Czar and German Emperor.  
 — Arrival of the armistied Communists in Paris.  
 4. Funeral of Sir Rowland Hill in Westminster Abbey.  
 — News arrived that the Swedish expedition had successfully made the North-East Passage.  
 — The Khedive of Egypt signed the appointments of Mr. Baring and M. de Blignières as European controllers.  
 5. The Commissioners of the Patriotic Fund intrusted with the administration of the Zulu war fund.  
 8. Details of the revolt at Cabul arrived. Sir L. Cavagnari and all the members of the British Embassy massacred, after a desperate resistance.  
 — New Regulations for the Volunteer force issued.  
 9. Sir Evelyn Wood and Colonel Buller sent for to Balmoral, the former invested a K.C.B. and the latter receiving the Victoria Cross.  
 10. The St. Leger won by Rayon d'Or.  
 11. The Governor of Candahar received a letter from the Ameer, commanding fidelity to the British authorities.  
 12. The Doncaster Cup won by Isonomy.  
 — Lord Cranbrook received from the Viceroy details of the advance on Cabul.  
 — Withdrawal of British Resident and Embassy from Burmah.  
 16. Statue of the late Mr. Sotherton-Estcourt unveiled at Devizes.  
 17. Prince Albert Victor and Prince George of Wales commenced their cruise on board the *Bacchante*.  
 — Capture of Cetewayo by Major Marter.  
 18. The Order of the Thistle conferred on the Duke of Montrose; Sir H. D. Wolff, M.P., created a K.C.B.; and the Earl of Donoughmore a K.C.M.G.  
 22. The 204th Board School in London opened at Kennington.  
 23. The Great Fox Stakes at Newmarket won by Rayon d'Or.  
 — Cable between Algeria and Marseilles laid.  
 — Disastrous gales and floods throughout the country.  
 24. Great Eastern Handicap won by Luetta.  
 25. Triennial Produce Stakes at Newmarket won by Bend Or.  
 26. Bay Archer won the St. Leger Stakes and Bend Or the Rous Stakes at Newmarket.  
 29. Arrival of the Ameer in the British camp announced. Proclamation of General Roberts to the Afghans.  
 — R. W. Boyd, of the Tyne, defeated J. Higgins, of Shadwell, in a sculling-match on the Thames for £400.  
 30. H. Thomas defeated J. Cannon in a sculling-match on the Thames for £200.

OCTOBER.

2. Major Chard, V.C., and Surgeon-Major Reynolds, of Rorke's Drift, fame, landed at Portsmouth.  
 7. The Cesarewitch won by Chipendale.  
 — Bestowal of the Victoria Cross on Lieutenant W. P. R. Hamilton.  
 8. General Roberts reports a severe engagement with the Afghans near Cabul, the enemy defeated with a loss of twelve guns, the British casualties numbering seventy.  
 — The Middle Park Plate won by Beaudesert.  
 9. Capture of the Peruvian ram Huascar by the Chilians.  
 — The Champion Stakes won by

Rayon d'Or, and the Newmarket Oaks by Whirlwind.  
 10. Despatch received from Sir G. Wolsley reporting the conclusion of the Zulu war.  
 — The Victoria Cross bestowed on Commandant D'Arcy and Sergeant Edmund O'Toole.  
 — Waterloo Bridge illuminated by the electric light.  
 13. General Roberts's public entry into Cabul.  
 17. Reported capture of 200 Afghan guns and the dispersion of the enemy; General Roberts issued a proclamation to the people of Cabul.  
 20. Abdication of Yakoub Khan.  
 — Mr. G. H. Damant, Political Agent in the Naga Hills, murdered.  
 — Fifty miles running championship at Lillie-bridge won by James Baily, of Sittingbourne.  
 — Over 1000 lives reported to have been lost by floods in Spain.  
 21. The Cambridgeshire won by La Merveille.  
 22. The 100 miles bicycle-race between Stanton and Keen won by the latter.  
 — Dewhurst Plate at Newmarket won by Grace Cup.  
 27. Adolphus Rosenbert sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment for the libels in *Town Talk* on Mrs. Langtry and Mrs. Cornwallis West.  
 — The Mayor of Cabul executed for complicity in the massacre of the British Resident and suite.  
 — Severe fighting with Ghilzais at Shutargardan.

NOVEMBER.

3. The Christian Knowledge Society's new building in Northumberland-avenue opened by the Primate.  
 5. Ameer of Cabul's treasure taken possession of.  
 6. The Liverpool Cup won by Master Kildare.  
 12. The Shropshire Handicap won by Rosy Cross.  
 17. Great rise in the shares of the London water companies owing to the notice of a bill for their purchase.  
 18. The Victoria Cross conferred upon Captain O'Moore Creagh, Bombay Staff Corps, for service in Afghanistan, and Sub-Assistant-Commissionary J. L. Dalton for heroism at Rorke's Drift.  
 — Midland Counties Handicap won by Stitchey.  
 21. The Manchester Autumn Handicap won by Mars.  
 — The Afghan war said by Lord Cranbrook to be concluded; promotions gazetted.  
 24. The Chilian army defeated the Peruvian and Bolivian forces near Iquique.  
 — James Mortimer, of the *London Figaro*, sentenced to three months' imprisonment and a fine of £100 for libelling Mr. Weldon and Sir Henry de Batho.  
 26. Capture of Iquique by the Chilians.  
 29. Alfonso, King of Spain, married to the Archduchess Christine at Madrid.

DECEMBER.

1. Yakoob Khan conveyed as a prisoner from Cabul to India.  
 — Severe frost set in throughout the country.  
 — W. Spencer defeated G. Tarryer in a sculling-match for £200.  
 5. Mr. Gladstone delivered his Rectorial address in Glasgow University.  
 8. The Smithfield Club Cattle Show opened: champion prize awarded to Mr. J. J. Ratcliff.  
 10. Col. Pearson created K.C.M.G., and General Hope Crealock C.M.G.  
 — The German Parliament resolve to purchase the railways of the country.  
 15. Severe fighting near Cabul: nineteen killed, including Captain Spens and Lieutenant Gainsford; eighty-eight wounded, including Captain Gordon and Lieutenant Egerton.

— Details of the capture of Moiroso's stronghold; Moiroso killed.  
 18. The Duchess of Marlborough opened a national subscription for the relief of Irish distress.  
 22. Extraordinary fog in the metropolis.  
 23. The "Brush" system of electric lighting exhibited.  
 — Mr. Maude, Q.C., appointed Director of Public Prosecutions.  
 24. Capture of Zulu chief Secokuni.  
 25. Christmas Day. Dense fog. Railway and river traffic greatly impeded.  
 28. Fall of half a mile of the Tay Bridge; a train from Edinburgh to Dundee thrown into the river; about ninety persons drowned.  
 — General Roberts defeats and disperses the enemy whilst attempting to storm the Shipur trenchment at Cabul.  
 29. Direct telegraphic communication with the Cape established.  
 30. King Alfonso shot at in Madrid, escaped unhurt.  
 — Henry Thomas defeated Frank Emmett in sculling-match for £200.  
 31. Sir H. Layard suspended diplomatic relations with the Porte on account of its neglect to comply with his demand respecting the missionary Köeller.

JANUARY, 1880.

1. General Roberts reports that 3000 of the enemy were killed and wounded in the last fortnight's fighting in Afghanistan.  
 7. The Government resolved to appropriate a quarter of a million of the Irish Church surplus to the relief of Irish distress.  
 9. Fifteen executions of persons concerned in the massacre of Major Cavagnari and staff at Cabul.  
 13. Seizure and looting of Ghuzni by Mahomed Jan's force.  
 — The distinction of K.C.B. conferred on Sir J. Pauncefote, Major-General E. B. Hamley, R.A., and Mr. Rivers Wilson.  
 15. The black flag carried through Dublin by unemployed men.  
 19. Ten degrees of frost registered in London and twenty at Wimbledon.  
 21. Serious inundations in Holland.  
 23. Thirty-one persons committed for trial at Tubbercurry, Sligo, for an attack upon the police and process-servers.  
 30. Cambridge Mathematical Tripos: Mr. Joseph Larmor, senior wrangler.

FEBRUARY.

3. A series of experiments with the Thunderer gun resulted in its bursting by double loading.  
 5. The Queen opened Parliament in person.  
 9. Boyd defeated Elliott in a boat-race on the Tyne for £400.  
 — Dublin Theatre Royal destroyed by fire.  
 11. Alexander Schossa sentenced to penal servitude for life for shooting at a priest in the Italian Church, Hatton-garden.  
 16. Severe gales and floods. Several fatal wrecks.  
 — Accident to Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne whilst sleigh-driving in Canada.  
 — Huddersfield Theatre destroyed by fire.  
 17. Explosion in the Winter Palace at St. Petersburg: attempt to kill the Czar and Imperial family; ten soldiers killed and forty-five wounded.  
 18. The Pope issued an Encyclical on marriage.  
 — Supplementary Civil Service Estimate for £556,967.  
 20. Waterloo Cup won by Honeywood, the Purse by Shepherdess, and the Plate by Débonnaire.  
 23. John Hawdon, of Delaval, defeated J. Kempster in a skiff-race for £100, on the Tyne.  
 24. Dean Stanley, replying to two deputations, declined to alter his decision to allow a monument to Prince Louis Napoleon to be erected in Westminster Abbey.

27. Ukase of the Czar appointing a Commission of Safety.  
 28. A special sitting of the House of Commons to consider new rules to prevent obstruction.

MARCH.

1. A Russian official shot in Constantinople and subsequently died of his wounds.  
 — William Spencer, of Chelsea, defeated Thomas Green, of Barnes, in a sculling-match for £200.  
 2. Destructive gale around the coasts.  
 3. The House of Commons committed Mr. Grissell to Newgate for breach of privilege.  
 — Grand International Hurdle-race at Crocydon won by Thornfield.  
 — Festival in celebration of the completion of the St. Gothard Tunnel.  
 4. Excitement on the Stock Exchange for London Waterworks shares; great rise in all the companies.  
 5. Sir W. Lawson's local option resolution rejected by 238 to 134.  
 8. Ministers announced in both Houses that Parliament would be dissolved at Easter.  
 9. Lord Beaconsfield's manifesto published.  
 10. Captain Webb completed a sixty-hours' swim at the Aquarium.  
 11. The Budget introduced: estimated expenditure, £81,486,472; revenue, £81,560,000; alteration in the Probate Duties; the deficit provided for by a sinking fund.  
 15. Destructive fire in Blantyre Colliery.  
 — Lord Derby's formal secession from the Conservative party.  
 16. In the Commons, protracted opposition to the Conveyance of Voters in Boroughs Bill.  
 17. The Lincolnshire Handicap won by Rosy Cross.  
 19. Cambridge won six out of nine events in the Inter-University Athletic Sports.  
 — The Grand National at Liverpool won by Empress.  
 20. The Oxford and Cambridge Boat-race postponed till Monday on account of the fog.  
 22. The University Boat-race won by Oxford.  
 — Submission of Afghan chiefs reported.  
 24. Parliament dissolved by Royal proclamation.  
 25. The Queen left Windsor for Germany.

— The Empress Eugénie started on her journey to Zululand.  
 — Dr. Farr made a C.B.  
 — Cambridge classical tripos—senior, E. C. Perry, of King's.  
 29. Volunteer review at Brighton.  
 — The French Government issued a decree for the expulsion of the Jesuits.

APRIL.

5. Mr. Gladstone elected M.P. for Midlothian.  
 — Election riots at Leamington, Manningtree, Richmond, &c.  
 — Peerage conferred upon Mrs. Cavendish-Bentinck as Baroness Bolsover.  
 6. Her Majesty appointed Sirdar Shere Ali Prince of Candahar.  
 — Earl Spencer's Plate won by Frivola.  
 7. The Northamptonshire Stakes won by Dresden China.  
 9. Viscount Holmesdale raised to the Peerage by the title of Baron Amherst.  
 12. Lord Lytton created an Earl, and Lord Barrington, Sir Lawrence Palk, Sir A. Guinness, Sir Ivor B. Guest, and Mr. Baillie Cochrane elevated to the Peerage.  
 14. Newmarket Handicap won by Wallenstein, and the Breyby Plate by Silverstreak.  
 15. The Very Rev. Canon Ryle, Dean of Salisbury, appointed first Bishop of Liverpool.  
 — New Russian loan issued of fifteen millions sterling.  
 — The elections concluded, with the exception of Orkney and Shetland.



and Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities, the results being the return of 352 Liberals, 236 Conservatives, and 62 Home Rulers.

— Newmarket International Handicap won by Fashion.

19. Baronetries conferred on Mr. H. Allsopp and Colonel Bourne.

— Attack by Pathans on British troops near Quetta.

21. The last Cabinet Council of the Beaconsfield Ministry held. Lord Beaconsfield tendered the resignation of Ministers, and conferred a Peerage upon Mr. Montagu Corry, C.B.

— Great Metropolitan Stakes won by Chippendale.

22. Lord Hartington summoned to Windsor by the Queen.

— The City and Suburban won by Master Kildare.

23. Lord Granville and Lord Hartington had a joint audience of the Queen.

— Mr. Gladstone was afterwards summoned by her Majesty, and kissed hands on his appointment as Premier and Chancellor of the Exchequer.

— Baronetries announced to be conferred upon Sir Edward Watkin, M.P., Mr. Bates, M.P., and Colonel Campbell, of Blythwood.

— Attack by Afghan tribes upon General Stewart's force near Ghuzni, 1000 of the enemy killed.

24. Marriage of Princess Frederica of Hanover and Baron von Pawel Rammigen.

25. Severe engagement with General Ross's force in Afghanistan, 1200 of the enemy killed.

— Baronetries conferred upon Mr. Gabriel Goldney, M.P. for Chippenham, and Mr. H. W. Ripley.

25. The Two Thousand Guineas Stakes won by Petronel.

29. Meeting of the new Parliament. Mr. Brand elected Speaker of the House of Commons for the third time.

30. The One Thousand Guineas Stakes won by Elizabeth.

MAY.

1. Baronetries conferred on Colonel Lennard, of Wickham Court, Kent; the Right Hon. John R. Mowbray, M.P.; and Mr. Thomas Meyrick, of Bush, Pembrokeshire.

3. Mr. Bradlaugh's claim to affirm instead of taking the oath referred to a Select Committee.

4. Search for the Atalanta by the Channel Squadron reported to have failed.

5. The Queen reviewed the troops at Aldershot.

— The Chester Cup won by Fashion.

6. Mr. Goschen appointed Special Ambassador to Constantinople.

— Great Cheshire Stakes won by Humbert.

— Meeting in the City for the relief of sufferers from famine in Armenia.

— Mr. Fawcett, returning thanks for re-election at Hackney, spoke on the Indian deficit of £4,000,000, which, although known before the elections, had been concealed from the country.

11. The Queen held a Drawing-room at Buckingham Palace.

— Mr. Gladstone's explanatory letter to the Austrian Ambassador published.

— Sir G. P. Colley appointed Governor-General of Natal.

— The House of Commons resolve, by 171 to 74, to appoint a Committee to consider Mr. Bradlaugh's claim to dispense with the Parliamentary oath.

12. Select Committee of the House of Commons decided that the Parliamentary oath could not be dispensed with as desired by Mr. Bradlaugh.

13. The new Viceroy, Lord Ripon, left for India.

— Prince Leopold embarked for Canada.

17. Mr. Goschen left London for Constantinople.

19. Defeat of Afghans near Jellalabad.

20. The Manchester Cup won by Isomy.

25. M. Léon Say elected President of the French Senate.

26. The Derby won by Bend Or.

28. The Epsom Oaks won by Jenny Howlett.

31. Great Fire at Cox's Quay, Lower Thames-street.

— The Marquis of Ripon arrived at Bombay and assumed the Viceroyalty.

JUNE.

2. Midhat Pasha resigned the Governorship of Syria.

— Official papers relating to the Indian deficit issued.

3. In the House of Lords, the Burials Bill read the second time by 126 to 101.

— Death of the Empress of Russia.

— The King of Greece arrived in London.

7. The Central Chamber of Agriculture approved of the Hares and Rabbits Bill.

9. The Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot won by Strathern.

10. Mr. Gladstone introduced a Supplementary Budget proposing a reduction in the duties on French wines, an additional penny on the income tax, the abolition of the malt tax, and the substitution of a tax on beer.

— M. Challemeil-Lacour appointed French Ambassador.

— The Ascot Gold Cup won by somny.

— Orders for the evacuation of Cabul and the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan.

11. At Ascot, the Wokingham Stakes won by Warrior, the Alexandra Plate by Thurio, and the Hardwicke Stakes by Exeter.

15. The London Water Supply inquiry opened.

16. King George of Greece received an address and Freedom of the City.

17. The Prince of Wales inaugurated a new harbour at Holyhead.

21. In the House of Lords, Lord Kimberley stated that the Basuto chief had ordered his people to give up their arms. Select Committee on the Highways Acts appointed.

23. Exciting scene in the House of Commons—Mr. Bradlaugh taken into custody by the Serjeant-at-Arms for resisting the authority of the House.

— The Northumberland Plate won by Mycene.

24. Mr. Bradlaugh released from the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms.

25. In the House of Lords the second reading of the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill rejected by 101 to 90.

26. Freeing of Putney, Wandsworth, and Hammersmith Bridges from toll by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

28. The first Home Hospital opened in Fitzroy-square.

— Sunday-School Centenary celebrations commenced with a conference at Guildhall.

29. Cambridge defeated Oxford in a cricket-match at Lords' by 115 runs.

— Forcible expulsion of Jesuits from their establishments in France.

30. The revenue for the quarter showed a net increase of £637,005.

JULY.

1. In the Commons, Mr. Gladstone's resolutions to permit members to affirm instead of taking the oath carried by 303 to 249.

— Gravesend election: Sir S. Waterlow (L.), 1504; Sir R. Peel (C.), 1284.

2. Mr. Bradlaugh made the affirmation and took his seat.

— The Order of the White Elephant, sent by the King of Siam, presented to the Queen.

5. In the Commons, the Compensation for Disturbance (Ireland) Bill was read a second time by 295 to 217.

— Explosion of a gas-main in Tottenham-court-road; two persons killed; great destruction of property.

— Printing Exhibition opened at the Agricultural Hall.

— Colonel Dyott (C.) unseated on petition for Lichfield.

6. Deputation of Turkish bondholders to the Foreign Office.

— Newmarket July Stakes won by Bal Gal.

7. Commons rejected the Sea Fisheries (Ireland) Bill by 172 to 125.

— Metropolitan Railway declare a dividend of 5 per cent per annum.

8. Baronetries conferred upon the Knight of Kerry (Mr. Fitzgerald).

— The West Worcestershire election petition dismissed.

12. In the House of Lords a bill for taking the Census introduced.

— The Wimbledon Meeting commenced. The Alfred Prize won by Private Whitlaw, 1st Lanark.

13. In the House of Lords, a bill of indemnity in favour of Lord Byron introduced.

— Explosion of a gas-main at Bilston, near Wolverhampton.

— At Wimbledon, the Inter-University Match won by Cambridge; the Daily Telegraph Cup by Colour-Sergeant Symons, 1st Guernsey Militia.

— Fatal thunderstorm at Manchester.

14. The Queen reviewed the Aldershot Army in Windsor Great Park.

— The Liverpool Cup won by Blackthorn.

— The National Fête in France. New colours presented to the Army.

— Mr. Mark Stewart (C.) unseated at Wigtown.

— The Wingfield Sculls won by A. Payne.

15. The Collective Note presented to the Porte.

— Explosion in the Risca Colliery; 119 lives lost.

— A protest lodged against Bend Or, the Derby Winner.

— At Wimbledon, the silver medal and badge in the Queen's Prize won by Corporal Scott, of Stockport.

— Destructive floods in the Midlands and other parts of the country.

16. In the Commons, Mr. Brigg's motion against the erection of a memorial to the Prince Imperial in Westminster Abbey carried by a majority of 54.

— The St. George's Vase at Wimbledon won by Corporal King, 3rd Wilts.

19. Celebration of Belgian Independence.

— Wreck of the steamer Hydaspes, off Dungeness.

20. In the Commons Mr. Hubbard's motion on the Income Tax negatived by 217 to 23.

— The Queen's Prize at Wimbledon won by Private Ferguson, 1st Argyle; the Public Schools Challenge Trophy by Eton.

21. The proposal to place the Prince Imperial's memorial in Westminster Abbey withdrawn: the monument to be erected in St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

— At Wimbledon the Kolapore Cup won by the mother country, the Chancellor's Challenge Plate by Cambridge; the United Service Challenge Cup by the Volunteers.

22. At Wimbledon, the Elcho Shield won by Ireland by one point, England being second. For the Ashburton Shield, Eton and Cheltenham tie with 429.

— At Cabul, Abdurrahman proclaimed Ameer.

— The Porte, replying to the Collective Note, required the Powers to modify their demands as to the Greek frontier.

— Sentences of imprisonment passed on the directors of the Northern Counties of England Insurance Company.

23. Sir R. H. Mersey-Thompson (L.) unseated at Knaresborough.

25. In the Commons, debate on the third reading of the Irish Disturbance Bill, Colonel Tottenham's amendment rejected by 303 to 237.

— Verdict of manslaughter against Nurse Ingle, of Guy's Hospital, for the ill-treatment of a patient.

— The City Livery Companies' Commission appointed, with Lord Derby as chairman.

27. Goodwood Stakes won by Reveller.

— Dr. Haller and two Swiss Guides lost in the Bernese Alps.

28. In the House of Commons, Lord Hartington announced that he had received news to the effect that General Burrows' force beyond Candahar had been annihilated, and that General Primrose had in consequence withdrawn his force at Candahar into the citadel. Mr. Gladstone's financial policy further discussed, Lord George Hamilton's amendment against the increase of the income tax being rejected by 230 to 94.

— The Stewards' Cup at Goodwood won by Elf King.

— Mr. Garitt (C.) unseated for Boston.

— The Select Committee of the House of Commons threw out the bill for the reconstruction of the Tay Bridge.

29. Further telegrams from Candahar show that General Burrows', Colonel St. John, and a number of other officers, had arrived at Candahar, reporting the defeat of Burrows' force by Ayoub Khan's army.

— The Goodwood Cup won by Dresden China.

30. The Chesterfield Cup won by Victor Emanuel.

— Orders received at Chatham, Portsmouth, &c., for the dispatch of reinforcements to India.

AUGUST.

2. (Bank Holiday.) Recall of Sir Bartle Frere from the Cape.

— The Republicans gained 240 seats in the French Departmental elections.

— Serious illness of Mr. Gladstone.

3. Lords rejected the Irish Disturbance Bill by 282 to 51.

— General Sir F. Roberts ordered to march with a strong force from Cabul to Candahar.

— Fatal explosion at Benham Colliery.

— Collective Note presented to the Porte respecting Montenegro.

4. New scheme for Christ's Hospital issued by the Charity Commissioners.

— Mr. Hall (C.) unseated for Oxford.

— The Brighton Cup won by Bay Archer.

— The Queen's Cup at the Royal Yacht Squadron Regatta won by the Prince of Wales's Pormosa.

5. The Government ordered 1000 Marines to be sent to Ireland.

6. Lord Lytton arrived from India.

— Louisa Ingle, nurse at Guy's, sentenced to three months' imprisonment for ill-treatment of a patient.

— Select Committee's report on the London Water Supply issued; Mr. Smith's agreements for the purchase of the water companies' interests rejected.

— Dr. Tanner concludes his forty days' fast at New York.

9. Agrarian outrage on Mr. Boyd and his two sons near New Ross; one of the latter dying of his injuries.

— General Roberts's force left Cabul on its march to Candahar, General Stewart subsequently leaving for the remainder of the British force for Gundamak.

10. News of the murder of Captain Carter and Mr. Cardenhead, of the Belgian Expedition to Central Africa.

— Meeting of the Emperors of Germany and Austria at Ischl.

— Mr. Crompton-Roberts (C.) unseated on petition for Sandwich.

11. Accident on the Midland Railway at Wennington; seven persons killed and twenty injured.

— The Queen's Prize at Shoeburyness won by the 9th detachment 2nd Durham.

— British Medical Association Congress at Cambridge.

— Knighthood conferred on Mr. E. J. Reed, M.P.

12. Seizure of arms from the ship Juno in Cork Harbour.

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— Knighthood conferred on Col. J. C. McNeil, C.B.  
 16. Gunpowder discovered in a tunnel under Cork Barracks.  
 — Serious riots at Dungannon, Downpatrick, Portadown, and other parts of Ireland.  
 — A flood burst into a church at Gweedore, Donegal, and drowned several persons.  
 — The Prince of Wales presented new colours to the 1st battalion 23rd Regiment on its departure for Afghanistan.  
 17. Lord Hartington explained the Supplementary Indian Budget.  
 — Disturbance at Belfast.  
 — A Patriotic Fund for the relief of sufferers by the Afghan War established in Bombay.  
 — In the Commons, the Employers' Liability Bill read the third time.  
 19. Collision with a Pullman express in Blea Moor Tunnel on the Midland Railway.  
 — The Bèrenger Centenary held in his native town.  
 20. In the Commons, the Ground Game Bill passed through Committee.  
 — Report of the Royal Commission on Wellington College issued.  
 23. Destructive storms in France.  
 — Successful laying of new Atlantic cable for the Anglo-American Company.  
 24. The House of Commons occupied the whole night in discussing Irish affairs.  
 — Cavalry skirmish near Candahar reported.  
 25. In the House of Commons, the Savings Banks Bill passed through committee, and the Grain Cargoes Bill read a third time.  
 — The second Collective Note of the Powers on the Greek question handed to the Porte.  
 — British Association meet at Swansea under Professor Ramsay.  
 — In a sortie from Candahar on the 16th Brigadier-General Brooke and eleven other officers killed and wounded.  
 — The Welsh Eisteddfod held at Carnarvon.  
 — The Great Ebor Handicap won by Novice.  
 26. The House of Commons held a 21 hours' sitting, the Irish Constabulary Vote being opposed by the Home Rulers.  
 — Mr. Gladstone embarked on board the Granully Castle for a sea trip.  
 — Destruction of Whitechapel Church by fire.  
 — Great Yorkshire Stakes won by Napsbury.  
 27. The Ground Game Bill read a third time and passed.  
 28. Special sitting of the House of Commons to forward Burials Bill.  
 30. In the Lords, Earl Granville stated that the Powers had ordered vessels of war to Ragusa in consequence of the attitude of the Porte on the decrees of the Berlin Conference.  
 — Viscount Enfield appointed Under-Secretary of State for India.  
 31. In the Commons, Debate on the South African vote and Sir B. Frere's salary; ultimately agreed to by 113 to 32.  
 — General Roberts's force reached Candahar, having marched 345 miles in 21 days.  
 — The Right Hon. W. P. Adam appointed Governor of Madras.  
 — The March Decrees against the Jesuits in France carried out.

— Knighthood conferred on Mr. Rupert Kettle, Mr. L. S. Jackson, Dr. E. B. Sinclair; and Mr. H. B. Loch made a K.C.B.

SEPTEMBER.

1. House of Lords rejected the Registration of Voters (Ireland) Bill by 42 to 30.  
 — House of Commons adopted an address to the Crown for Royal Commissioners to inquire into the existence of corrupt practices at Gloucester, Canterbury, Chester, Macclesfield, Knaresborough, Boston, Oxford, and Sandwich.  
 2. In the Lords, Lord Strathnairn called Lord Chelmsford's generalship in Zululand in question.  
 — Serious accident to the Liverpool express on the Midland Railway at Manchester.  
 — The Champion Breeders' Foal Stakes at Derby won by Amber Witch.  
 3. General Roberts defeated and dispersed Ayoub Khan's army and captured 27 guns.  
 — In the Lords, the Commons' amendments to the Burials Bill and the Employers' Liability Bill agreed to.  
 4. Mr. Gladstone returned to London from his cruise, and received with an ovation on entering the House.  
 6. Board of Trade correspondence with the railway companies on continuous brakes issued.  
 — Telegram from General Roberts giving details of his victory at Argandah.  
 7. Parliament prorogued by Commission till Nov. 24.  
 — General Roberts telegraphed that General Phayre had arrived at Abdul Rahman.  
 8. Terrible railway collision at Paisley.  
 — The great cricket-match, Australia v. England, won by the home team by five wickets.  
 — Annexation of the island of Tahiti by France.  
 — Terrible colliery explosion at the Seaham Pit, near Sunderland; upwards of 140 lives lost.  
 9. The Election Commissioners for Macclesfield, Chester, Gloucester, Canterbury, Boston, Oxford, Sandwich, and Knaresborough gazetted.  
 13. Attempt to blow up an express-train on the North-Western Railway by dynamite.  
 — Birth of a daughter to the King and Queen of Spain.  
 14. The Home Secretary expressed an opinion adverse to the imprisonment of juvenile offenders.  
 — Lord Thurlow appointed a Lord in Waiting to the Queen.  
 — Great Yorkshire Handicap won by Reveller, and the Champagne Stakes by Bal Gal.  
 15. The Bacchante, with Princes Albert Victor and George on board, sailed from Spithead for Vigo.  
 — The St. Leger won by Robert the Devil, Bend Or, the favourite, being sixth.  
 — Unsuccessful attack by Basutos on the Cape Rifles.  
 16. Destructive storms and floods throughout the country.  
 — The Portland Plate at Doncaster won by Discount.  
 17. Letter from the Queen respecting the Seaham Colliery Explosion.  
 — The Doncaster Cup won by Dresden China.  
 18. Conflict between Turks and Greeks, resulting in the defeat of the latter.

STAMP DUTIES.

AFFIDAVIT, or Statutory declaration made under the provisions of 5 and 6 Will. 4, c. 62 ... .. £0 2 6

APPRAISEMENT or valuation of any property, or of any interest therein, or of the annual value thereof, or of any dilapidations, or of any repairs wanted, or of the materials and labour used or to be used in any building, or of any artificers' work whatsoever:—

Not exceeding £5 ... ..	£0 0 3	Exc. £40 and not exc. £50 ...	£0 2 6
Exc. £5 and not exc. £10 ...	0 0 6	" 50 " 100 ...	0 5 0
" 10 " 20 ...	0 1 0	" 100 " 200 ...	0 10 0
" 20 " 30 ...	0 1 6	" 200 " 500 ...	0 15 0
" 30 " 40 ...	0 2 0	" 500 " ...	1 0 0
Bankers' Cheques ... ..	...	...	1d.

BANK NOTE for money:—

Not exceeding £1 ... ..	0 0 5	Exc. £10 and not exc. £20 ...	0 2 0
Exc. £1 and not exc. £2 ...	0 0 10	" 20 " 30 ...	0 3 0
" 2 " 5 ...	0 1 3	" 30 " 50 ...	0 5 0
" 5 " 10 ...	0 1 9	" 50 " 100 ...	0 8 6

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.—Certified copy or extract of or from any register of ... .. 1d.  
 (To be paid by the person requiring such copy or extract.)

Exemptions.—Copies of entries transmitted to the registrar of the diocese in pursuance of the 52nd George III., c. 145; certified copies sent by Superintending Registrars to the General Registrar in pursuance of the 6th and 7th William IV., c. 86; copies or extracts in pursuance of the 7th Vict. c. 15; and copies under the 16th and 17th Vict. c. 45, to enable persons to purchase Government Annuities through the medium of savings banks.

MORTGAGE, BOND, DEBENTURE, COVENANT, WARRANT OF ATTORNEY to confess and enter up judgment, and FOREIGN SECURITY of any kind. Being the only, principal, or primary security for the payment or repayment of money—

Not exceeding £25 ... ..	£0 0 8	Exc. £150 and not exc. £200 ...	£0 5 0
Exc. £25 and not exc. £50 ...	0 1 3	" 200 " 250 ...	0 6 3
" 50 " 100 ...	0 2 6	" 250 " 300 ...	0 7 6
" 100 " 150 ...	0 3 9	...	...

For every £100, or fractional part of £100, of such amount ... .. 0 2 6  
 Being a collateral, or auxiliary, or additional, or substituted security, or by way of further assurance for the above-mentioned purpose where the principal or primary security is duly stamped, for every £100, and also for every fractional part of £100 of the amount secured ... .. 0 0 6

Transfer, Assignment, Dispositions of Assignment of any mortgage, bond, debenture, covenant or foreign security, or of any money or stock secured by any such instrument, or by any warrant of attorney to enter up judgment, or by any judgment. For every £100, and also for any fractional part of £100, of the amount transferred, assigned, or disposed ... .. 0 0 6

And also where any further money is added to the money already secured, the same duty as a principal security for such further money.

Reconveyance, Release, Discharge, Surrender, Resurrender, Warrant to Vacate, or Renunciation of, any such security as aforesaid, or of the benefit thereof, or of the money thereby secured:—For every £100, or fractional part of £100, of the total amount or value of the money at any time secured ... .. 0 0 6

CHEQUES, DRAFTS, OR ORDERS ON DEMAND ... .. 0 0 1  
 which must be cancelled by the person drawing the cheque, draft, or order, by writing his name on the stamp.

RECEIPTS.—For £2 and upwards ... .. 0 0 1  
 N.B. Persons receiving the money are to pay the duty.  
 Receipts may be stamped within fourteen days of date on payment of £5, or within one month on payment of £10, penalty: after that time they cannot be stamped. Penalty for giving a receipt without a stamp, £10. Penalty for not effectually cancelling or obliterating adhesive stamps when used, £10. Penalty for frauds in the use of adhesive stamps, £20.

PASSPORT ... .. 0 0 6  
 LEGACIES AND SUCCESSION TO REAL PROPERTY.—  
 To children or their descendants, or lineal ancestors of the deceased £1 0 0  
 Brother or sister, or their descendants ... .. 3 0 0  
 Uncle or aunt, or their descendants ... .. 5 0 0  
 Grand uncle or aunt, or their descendants ... .. 6 0 0  
 All other relations or strangers ... .. 10 0 0  
 The husband or wife of the deceased not chargeable with duty.

DUTIES PAYABLE ON INHABITED HOUSES OF THE ANNUAL VALUE OF £20 OR UPWARDS.

The duty is 6d. in the pound in respect of dwelling-houses occupied by any person in trade who shall expose to sale and sell any goods in any shop or warehouse, being part of the same dwelling-house and in front and on the ground or basement story thereof; or by a person licensed to sell therein, by retail, beer; hotel or coffee-house keeper; or as a farmhouse by a tenant or farm servant, and bona fide used for the purpose of husbandry only.  
 The duty is 9d. in the pound for dwelling-houses and offices not occupied and used for all of the purposes described in the preceding.  
 Exemptions.—Market-gardens and Nursery-grounds.

PROPERTY AND INCOME TAX.

From July, 1880, to April 1881, the Property and Income Tax is fixed at 6d. in the pound; incomes of £150 per annum and not exceeding £400 are taxed at the rate of 5d. in the pound after allowing an abatement of £120.  
 Exemptions of Premiums from Income Tax.—Premiums paid by a person for an Assurance of his own life or on the life of his wife, or for a deferred Annuity to his widow, are declared free from income tax, provided such Premiums do not exceed one-sixth of his returnable income.

DOG LICENSES.—EXCISE.

For dog of any kind ... .. 0 7 6  
 With a special exemption for dogs under six months.  
 Penalty for keeping a dog without a license ... .. 5 0 0

GAME LICENSES.

If license or certificate be taken out after April 5 and before Nov. 1 to expire on April 5 in the following year ... .. £3 0 0  
 License to carry a gun ... 0 10 0 | License to deal in game ... 2 0 0

THE RELIGIOUS BODIES OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—A Report issued shows the relative strength of the religious bodies outside the Church as to buildings certified for worship and registered for marriages, gives the total number of buildings certified as 18,723, while those registered are only 8425, exclusive of 122 estimated to belong to the Jewish and Quaker denominations. In the counties of England and Wales the more important Nonconformist bodies—viz., the Independents, Baptists, Wesleyans, Roman Catholics, and Unitarians, have the following numbers of registered buildings:—Independents, 2101; Baptists, 1601; Wesleyans, 1478; Roman Catholics, 819; Unitarians, 127. The number of new churches which have been built, endowed, and have had new parishes or districts assigned to them within about the last sixty years, not including churches in which marriages are not solemnised, is 3704.