

R E P O R T

FROM THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

EAST INDIA (PUBLIC WORKS):

TOGETHER WITH THE,

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE,

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

AND APPENDIX.

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed.*  
*1 August 1878.*

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*Ordered*,—[*Tuesday, 22nd January 1878*]:—THAT a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report as to the expediency of constructing Public Works in India with money raised on loan, both as regards financial results and the prevention of famine.

*Ordered*,—[*Monday, 18th February 1878*]:—THAT the Committee do consist of—

Mr Balfour.	Sir Joseph M'Kenna.
Mr Fawcett.	Mr. Sampson Lloyd.
Mr Childers.	Mr. Grant Duff.
Mr. Ashbury.	Mr. Mulholland.
Sir George Campbell.	Mr. Eustace Smith.
Mr. Onslow.	Mr. Agnew.
Mr. John Cross.	Lord George Hamilton.
Mr. Hardcastle.	

THAT the Committee have power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

THAT Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

*Ordered*,—[*Tuesday, 7th May 1878*]:—THAT Lord George Hamilton be re-appointed a Member of the Committee.

*Ordered*,—[*Thursday, 9th May 1878*]:—THAT the Committee do consist of Seventeen Members.

THAT Mr Edward Stanhope and Mr. Pease be added to the Committee.

*Ordered*,—[*Tuesday, 14th May 1878*]:—THAT Mr. Eustace Smith be discharged from further attendance on the Committee.

THAT Mr. Ernest Noel be added to the Committee.

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THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to inquire into and report as to the expediency of constructing PUBLIC WORKS in *India* with money raised on loan, both as regards financial results and the prevention of famine;—HAVE agreed to the following REPORT:—

YOUR COMMITTEE have examined Witnesses upon the subject referred to them; but as it will not be in their power to conclude their investigation in the present Session they have agreed to Report to the House the Evidence which they have taken, together with an Appendix, and they recommend that the Committee be re-appointed in the next Session of Parliament.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

*Friday, 22nd February 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Sampson Lloyd.	Mr. Balfour.
Mr. Agnew.	Sir Joseph M'Kenna.
Mr. John Cross.	Lord George Hamilton.
Mr. Eustace Smith.	Mr. Fawcett.
Mr. Childers.	Sir George Campbell.
Mr. Ashbury.	Mr. Mulholland.

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON was called to the Chair.

The Committee deliberated.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.

*Thursday, 7th March 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr Childers.	Mr. Fawcett.
Mr. Agnew.	Mr. Grant Duff.
Mr. Ashbury.	Mr. Sampson Lloyd.
Mr. John Cross.	Sir George Campbell.
Sir Joseph M'Kenna.	Mr. Balfour.
Mr. Onslow.	Mr. Hardcastle.
Mr. Mulholland.	

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. CHILDEKS took the Chair.

Major General *C. H. Dickens* was examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.

*Thursday, 14th March 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. CHILDEKS in the Chair.

Mr. Sampson Lloyd.	Mr. Ashbury.
Sir George Campbell.	Mr. Onslow.
Mr. John Cross.	Mr. Balfour.
Mr. Fawcett.	Mr. Hardcastle.
Mr. Agnew.	

Major General *C. H. Dickens* was further examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.

*Thursday, 21st March 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON in the Chair.

Mr. Agnew.	Mr. Grant Duff.
Mr. Childers.	Mr. Balfour.
Mr. John Cross.	Mr. Hardcastle.
Sir George Campbell.	Mr. Fawcett.
Mr. Sampson Lloyd.	Mr. Mulholland.
Mr. Onslow.	

Major General *C. H. Dickens* was further examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.

*Thursday, 28th March 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. CHILDERS in the Chair.

Mr. Fawcett.	Mr. Ashbury.
Mr. Agnew.	Mr. Hardcastle.
Sir George Campbell.	Mr. Balfour.
Mr. John Cross.	Mr. Mulholland.
Mr. Onslow.	

Major General *C. H. Dickens* was further examined.

*Sir George Campbell* (a Member of the Committee) was examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.

*Thursday, 4th April 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. CHILDERS in the Chair.

Mr. Agnew.	Mr. Balfour.
Mr. Grant Duff.	Mr. John Cross.
Mr. Sampson Lloyd.	Mr. Fawcett.
Sir George Campbell.	Mr. Onslow.
Mr. Hardcastle.	Mr. Mulholland.

The Earl of *Northbrook* (attending by permission of the House of Lords) was examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday, 9th May, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.

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*Thursday, 9th May 1878.*

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON in the Chair

Mr. Childers. Mr. Sampson Lloyd. Mr. Agnew. Mr. Onslow.		Sir George Campbell. Mr. Fawcett. Mr. Balfour. Mr. John Cross.
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Colonel *James Crofton* was examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.]

*Thursday, 16th May 1878.*

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON in the Chair.

Mr. Childers. Mr. Ashbury. * Mr. Edward Stanhope. Mr. Agnew. Mr. Sampson Lloyd. Sir Joseph M'Kenna.		Mr. Onslow. Mr. John Cross Mr. Fawcett. Mr. Grant Duff. Mr. Hardcastle. Mr. Pease.
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Sir *George Campbell* (a Member of the Committee) was further examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.]

*Thursday, 23rd May 1878.*

## MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON in the Chair.

Sir George Campbell. Mr. Sampson Lloyd. Mr. John Cross. Mr. Ernest Noel. Mr. Agnew. Mr. Fawcett. Mr. Ashbury.		Mr. Childers. Mr. Balfour. Mr. Hardcastle. Mr. Pease. Mr. Edward Stanhope. Sir Joseph M'Kenna.
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Sir *George Campbell* (a Member of the Committee) was further examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Two o'clock.]

SELECT COMMITTEE ON EAST INDIA (PUBLIC WORKS).

*Thursday, 30th May 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON in the Chair.

Mr. John Cross.	Mr. Agnew.
Mr. Sampson Lloyd.	Mr. Hardcastle.
Mr. Onslow.	Mr. Balfour.
Mr. Fawcett.	Mr. Pease.
Mr. Childers.	Mr. Grant Duff.
Sir George Campbell.	

Colonel *James Fife* was examined.

[Adjourned till To-morrow, at Half-past Two o'clock.

*Friday, 31st May 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sir GEORGE CAMPBELL in the Chair.

Sir Joseph M'Kenna.	Mr. John Cross.
Mr. Onslow.	Mr. Fawcett.
Mr. Hardcastle.	Mr. Pease.

Colonel *James Fife* was further examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.

*Thursday, 6th June 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON in the Chair.

Mr. Ernest Noel.	Mr. Ashbury.
Mr. Fawcett.	Mr. Hardcastle.
Mr. John Cross.	Mr. Mulholland.
Mr. Sampson Lloyd.	Sir George Campbell.
Mr. Balfour.	

Sir *George Campbell* (a Member of the Committee) was further examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday, 20th June, at Twelve o'clock.

*Thursday, 20th June 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON in the Chair.

Mr. Mulholland.	Mr. Onslow.
Mr. Sampson Lloyd.	Sir George Campbell.
Mr. John Cross.	Mr. Agnew.
Mr. Edward Stanhope.	Mr. Hardcastle.

Lieutenant General Sir *Arthur Cotton* was examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at Twelve o'clock.

*Thursday, 27th June 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON in the Chair.

Mr. Agnew.	Mr. Fawcett.
Sir George Campbell.	Mr. Sampson Lloyd.
Mr. Onslow.	Mr. Hardcastle.
Mr. Ashbury.	Mr. Childers.
Mr. Edward Stanhope.	Mr. John Cross.
Mr. Ernest Noel.	Mr. Pease.

Lieutenant General Sir *Arthur Cotton* was further examined.

Sir *William Mur* was examined.

Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.

*Thursday, 4th July 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON in the Chair.

Mr. Ernest Noel.	Mr. John Cross.
Mr. Onslow.	Mr. Hardcastle.
Mr. Agnew.	Mr. Edward Stanhope.
Mr. Fawcett.	Mr. Childers.

Sir *William Mur* and Lieutenant General Sir *Arthur Cotton* were further examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.]

*Thursday, 11th July 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON in the Chair.

Mr. Fawcett.	Mr. Sampson Lloyd.
Sir Joseph M'Kenna.	Mr. Hardcastle.
Mr. Onslow.	Mr. Childers.
Sir George Campbell.	Mr. Earnest Noel.
Mr. Grant Duff.	Mr. Edward Stanhope.
Mr. Agnew.	Mr. John Cross.

The Lord *Napier and Ettrick* (attending by permission of the House of Lords) was examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.]



SELECT COMMITTEE ON EAST INDIA (PUBLIC WORKS).

*Thursday, 18th July 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON in the Chair.

Mr. Onslow.  
Mr. John Cross.  
Mr. Fawcett.  
Sir George Campbell.  
Mr. Hardcastle.

Sir Joseph M'Kenna.  
Mr. Ernest Noel.  
Mr. Ashbury.  
Mr. Pease.  
Mr. Agnew.

Colonel *G. Chesney* was examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.

*Thursday, 25th July 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sir GEORGE CAMPBELL in the Chair.

Mr. Agnew.  
Mr. John Cross.  
Mr. Sampson Lloyd.  
Mr. Ashbury.  
Mr. Childers.  
Mr. Onslow.

Mr. Hardcastle.  
Mr. Balfour.  
Sir Joseph M'Kenna.  
Lord George Hamilton.  
Mr. Grant Duff.  
Mr. Fawcett.

Colonel *J. F. Fischer*, R.E., and Mr. *A. M. Rendel* were severally examined.

[Adjourned till Thursday next, at a Quarter-past Twelve o'clock.

*Thursday, 1st August 1878.*

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lord GEORGE HAMILTON in the Chair.

Mr. Fawcett.  
Mr. Agnew.  
Mr. Sampson Lloyd.  
Mr. Onslow.  
Mr. Childers.

Mr. John Cross.  
Sir Joseph M'Kenna.  
Mr. Grant Duff.  
Mr. Ashbury.

Mr. *J. Danvers* was examined.

Report read, and *agreed to*.

*Ordered*, To Report, together with the Minutes of Evidence, and an Appendix.

LIST OF WITNESSES.

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