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REPORT

FROM THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

BLEACHING AND DYEING WORKS;

TOGETHER WITH THE

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

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Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed,*
6 *July* 1857.

151—Sess. 2.

Veneris, 15° *die Maii*, 1857.

Ordered, THAT a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the circumstances connected with the Employment of Women and Young Persons in the Bleaching and Dyeing Establishments in England, Scotland and Ireland, and to consider how far it may be necessary or expedient to extend to those Establishments Provisions regulating such Employment; and to report their Observations thereupon to The House.

Lunæ, 18° *die Maii*, 1857.

Committee nominated of—

Mr. Butt.	Mr. Clark.
Lord John Manners.	Mr. Cheetham.
Viscount Goderich.	Lord Naas.
Mr. Kirk.	Mr. Cobbett.
Mr. Baxter.	Mr. Wise.
Mr. Massey.	Mr. Turner.
Mr. Fergus.	Mr. Packe.

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

Ordered, THAT Five be the Quorum of the Committee.

Mercurii, 20° *die Maii*, 1857.

Ordered, THAT Mr. Davison be added to the Committee.

Jovis, 25° *die Junii*, 1857.

Ordered, THAT Viscount Goderich be discharged from further attendance, and that Mr. Crook be added thereto.

Ordered, THAT Mr. Fergus be discharged from further attendance, and that Mr. Dalgleish be added thereto.

Lunæ, 6° *die Julii*, 1857.

Ordered, THAT the Committee have power to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before them, from time to time to The House.

FIRST REPORT.

THE SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to inquire into the Circumstances connected with the Employment of Women and Children in the BLEACHING and DYEING ESTABLISHMENTS in England, Scotland and Ireland, and to consider how far it may be necessary or expedient to extend to these Establishments Provisions regulating such Employment, and to Report their Observations thereupon to The House; and who were also empowered to Report from time to time the MINUTES OF EVIDENCE taken before them:—

HAVE taken Evidence upon a portion of the matters to them referred, and have agreed to Report the same to The House.

6 *July* 1857.

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