Friday's Express.

LONDON, THURSDAY, MARCH 2.

The state of commercial credit in the City was much improved yesterday, and it is now understood that the Directors of the Bank of England will extend accommodation to American as well as other paper. It is highly satisfactory to know that such a determination has been come to by the Bank, and it produced a marked effect upon Change. It is, therefore, considered that the greater portion of the difficulties which were apprehended this week have been averted, and that the pressure may be considered as nearly over. The Stock Market was not beneficially affected by the increase of confidence among the commercial interests. Money, in fact, was very scarce, and speculation was carried on only to a small amount. The sales of Exchequer Bills have been rather considerable, and the prem. is down to 26s. 28s.

At the King's Levee yesterday, the Earl of Yarborough was presented, on his elevation to the Earldom, by the Duke of Norfolk.—After the levee, his Majesty held a Privy Council.

The expectation of a dissolution of Parliament has greatly diminished since the late triumphant majority of the Government in the House of Commons. It is thought the Lords can be brought to reason without the inconvenience of a general election. Many, however, doubt this.

HOUSE of COMMONS, *Wednesday.*

The House went into a Committee on the Imprisonment for Debt Abolition Bill. On coming to clause 12, the *Attorney-General* moved that it do not apply to Members of Parliament, but that the privilege of the freedom from arrest be still continued to them.—*Mr. Jervis* and others opposed the amendment, contending that no individual in debt ought to have a seat in the House, especially no protection in the case of contracting fraudulent debts ought to be afforded by the House to its members. The committee divided—for the Attorney-General's amendment, 54; against it, 51: so that Members of Parliament are thus to be exempted from arrest for debt, even fraudulently contracted; thereby leaving the law as regards them precisely as it is at present.—The remaining clauses were agreed to, and the report was ordered to be brought up on Monday.

	Thurs.	Frid.	Satur.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.
3 per Cent. Consols	90¼	90	—	—	89¾	[illegible]
Ditto for Account	90¼	90¼	90¼	90¼	90	[illegible]
3 per Cent. Consols	—	—	—	—	—	[illegible]
3 per Cent. Reduced	90¼	90½	90¼	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3½ per Cents. Reduced	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	98
New 3½ per Cents.	98	—	—	—	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank Long Annuities	—	—	—	—	—	[illegible]
New ditto	—	—	—	—	—	14
Bank Stock, 8 per Cent.	207¼	—	207¼	207¼	207¼	207¼
India Stock, 10½ per Cent.	258	—	258	258	257½	257
Exchequer Bills, 2½d. p.diem	28	30	28	29	31	29p
Ditto small	31	28	28	31	31	29p
India Bonds, 2½ per Cent.	30p	28	—	28	27	25p

☞ The very large increase in the number of copies of the MERCURY printed weekly, has often of late made it difficult (and sometimes impossible) for us to save the Posts in dispatching our papers, and has also occasioned our Newsmen in some directions to be later than formerly in their deliveries. We are already printing by steam at the rate of 1200 copies per hour; but shall in a few weeks possess machinery for executing 2500 impressions in the hour. This arrangement, when effected, we trust will obviate all delays: in the interim we beg the indulgence of our friends; and, in particular, we request that Advertisers will forward their communications as early in the week as possible, that disappointment may not arise to them from an excessive pressure upon us by the last posts and conveyances. —The number of copies of the Mercury printed weekly is now rapidly advancing to 5000.

Stamford, Friday, March 3.

BIRTHS.

On Monday, at Broughton, Hunts, the lady of the Rev. George Johnson, of a daughter.

On Sunday last, at Brompton, Mrs. P. Westcott, of Oundle, of a son.

MARRIED.

Yesterday, at St. Mary's, (by the Rev. T. Roberts,) Mr. Wm. Bowker, jun., of this place, to Elizabeth daughter of Mr. W. A. Horden, of the Queen's Head Inn.

At Yarwell, near Wansford, on Tuesday last, (by the Rev. H. Liston,) Mr. Thos. Rippon Hatfield, to Frances the only daughter of the late Mr. Jas. Bradshaw.

At Langham, on Tuesday the 21st ult., Mr. Rudkin, of Pickwell Grange, to Mrs. Cunnington, of the Wheatsheaf, Langham.

On Monday last, at Rockingham, Northamptonshire, (by the Rev. G. F. Jones,) Mr. Thos. Sewell, of Middleton, to Miss Susannah Phillips, of the former place.—After the ceremony, the bridegroom tendered 11½d., which he said he was instructed was all the parson and the clerk could demand, and he departed from the church to their inexpressible astonishment, and the no small amuse- [illegible]

[illegible] Plant, butcher.

On Monday last, at Skirbeck, Mr. Israel Hackford, to Sarah Goodson.

At Grantham, on Tuesday last, Mr. Augustine Pridmore Wood, of Bottesford, to Miss Ann Bembridge Andrews, dress-maker.

On the 23d ult., at Billesdon, (by the Rev. Charles Dalley,) Mr. E. Pratt, of Broughton Astley, to Fanny Humphreys only daughter of Henry Green, Esq. of Rolleston Hall, Leicestershire.

[illegible] daughter of Mr. Wm. Cordley, farmer, of Weston Hills, near Spalding.

Lately, at Hampstead, John eldest son of Chas. Hurstone, Esq. of Norwich, late of Tydd St. Mary's, to Ellen fourth daughter of Capt. Wilson, of Stockton.

DIED.

On Wednesday last, in his 80th year, Charles James Packe, Esq. of Prestwold Hall, Leicestershire, formerly of Hanthorpe, near Bourn, and a Magistrate and Deputy Lieutenant for this county.

On the 26th ult., at her house in Wimpole-street, London, in her 86th year, Mrs. Rebecca Packe, sister of the above Charles James Packe, Esq.

On Saturday last, aged 45, Susanna wife of Mr. Ed. Perkins, of St. George's, Stamford.

On Sunday, in St. George's, aged 65, Mrs. Mary Garton.

On the 19th ult., in St. Martin's, Stamford Baron, Mr. Henry Todd, aged 53.

On Monday last, at Great Casterton, Widow Blades, aged 57.

At Thornhaugh, near Wansford, on the 23d ult., Rebecca Lattimore, aged 45.

At Stibbington, on Tuesday last, Sarah Simmons, advanced in years.

At Saxelington, on Sunday last, (at the house of her mother, Mrs. Reeve,) after a long illness, borne with true resignation, much beloved and lamented by her family and friends, Catherine Mary wife of Mr. Francis Reeve, of Coston, Leicestershire, aged 29;—and on the same day, her son George, aged 9 months.

At Oundle, on the 1st inst., Mrs. T. White, aged 33.

At Oakham, on Saturday last, in her 100th year, Mary Glenn, late of Burley.

At Barrowden, Rutland, on Saturday, aged 42, Miss Sapey;—and on Sunday, Susan Bains.

On Friday last, aged 64, Mr. Letts, of Harringworth, Northamptonshire.

Same day, aged 69, Mrs. Gregory, of Uppingham, formerly of Wing.

At Deeping St. James, on Thursday the 23d ult., Mr. John Tye, at the advanced age of 98.

On Tuesday last, at Crowland, Mrs. Boyer, wife of Mr. Jonathan Boyer.

At Whaplode, on the 26th ult., Mr. Usher, advanced in years.

On the 23d ult., aged 73, Mrs. Miller, wife of George Miller, Gent., of Long Sutton.

On Thursday the 23d ult., at Donington, after much severe suffering from asthma, aged 73, Mrs. Lucas, widow of Mr. Hurdman Lucas, formerly landlord of the Red Cow Inn.

On Tuesday last, after a long and severe illness, aged 56, Mr. J. Rylatt, surgeon, of Liquorpond-street, Boston.

On Wednesday evening, suddenly, of the cramp in the chest, aged 32, Susannah Showler, housekeeper to Mr. P. Smith, of Pump-square, Boston.

Yesterday, at Boston, after a long illness, aged 66, Mrs. Rosamond Wright, widow, of Norfolk-street;—same day, aged 38, Mr. James Wharf, sail-maker, of Mather's row.

On Monday last, at Wrangle, aged 40, Mr. Mark Kitchen, farmer, much respected.

At Fishtoft, on the 15th ult., Eliz. Jessup, aged 70.

At Sickney, last week, much respected, Mr. Wm. Trollope, farmer, aged 83.

On Wednesday the 15th ult., aged 68, Mr. Wm. Smith, farmer, of Leasingham, much respected.

At Grantham, on Tuesday last, Charlotte wife of Mr. Wm. Mallender, aged 55.

At Ropsley, near Grantham, on the 15th ult., Mrs. Hazzlewood, mother of Mr. Hazzlewood, surgeon, aged 77;—also, lately, Mrs. Summerfields, aged 62.

At Ousby, on the 20th, Mrs. Lane, aged 87;—and on the 27th, Mrs. Bullimore, aged 70.

On Saturday last, Eliza Catherine second daughter of James Briggs Robinson, Esq. of Kirby Frith, near Leicester, aged 16.

On Monday se'nnight, Mr. Joseph Hutchinson, of Gravel-street, Leicester, aged 67;—on the 11th ult., at the house of her son-in-law, Mr. C. Billson, Southgate, Leicester, Mrs. Bradbury, aged 82;—on the 17th, Ann wife of the late Mr. John Barrows, of the High-street, aged 81;—same day, Millicent relict of Mr. Fox, of the Market-place.

On the 21st ult., at Wilford, Thomas Cox, Gent.

On the 14th ult., Mary youngest daughter of C. Hill, Esq. of Wellingborough, aged 18.

On the 18th ult., Miss P. Reynolds, the fourth daughter of L. Reynolds, Esq. of Paxton Hall, in her 19th year.

Lately, in London, Mrs. Warrington, widow of Mr. Robert Warrington, shoemaker, of Huntingdon.

On Sunday se'nnight, aged 45, Mr. John Merrill, proprietor of the Star brewery, Parson Drove.

At his seat, St. Clere, Kent, in his 79th year, Alexander Evelyn, Esq., brother of Sir Abraham Hume, Bart.

In London, J. D. Sherwood, Esq. Colonel of the Hon. East India Company's Artillery for many years, and Major of the Arsenal there. He was well beloved as an officer of that department, and will be lamented by a large circle of friends both at home and abroad.

At a meeting of the Town Council of Stamford on Saturday last, a correspondence between the Town Clerk and Mr. Walford (the London agent of Lord Exeter) was read, in which the latter urged the immediate relinquishment of the stallage tolls by the Corporation, and complained of delay in fulfilling the resolution of the Council to give them up.—*Mr. Phillips* thereupon moved "that Mr. Reed be ordered to discontinue the collection of the stallage tolls on account of the Town Council, and that the same be absolutely given up and forthwith relinquished to the Marquis of Exeter."—*Dr. Arnold* seconded this motion.—*Mr. Lowe* and *Mr. Newcomb* urged the impolicy and injustice of thus abandoning the rights of the town, and a very warm altercation arose.—*Dr. Arnold* objected to the remark of Mr. Newcomb that the motion for giving up that which both Mr. Torkington (the Town Clerk) and Mr. Duval (the Counsel who had been consulted) had stated there was legal and good ground for keeping, was "flagrant," and *Mr. Newcomb* maintained his right, under the circumstances, to apply the term.—*Mr. Torkington*, being appealed to, said, "I have no reason to change the opinion I have frequently given, that the Council have a good case for resisting Lord Exeter's claim."—On a division, however, the motion was carried by 13 to 5. Those in favour of it were, the Mayor (Mr. Weldon), Dr. Arnold, and Messrs. Phillips, Cooper, [illegible], Rose, Simpson, Jelley, Chadwick, Rt. Hunt, Gilchrist, [illegible], and Grant;—those against it were, Messrs. Wm. Hunt, [illegible], Ashby, Newcomb, and Fyth.—Mr. Reed was then called in and ordered to surrender the stallage dues to Lord Exeter. Thus has one of the most injurious arrangements by which the town was ever vexed and oppressed been completed.

The next business was to receive the opinion of Mr. Clarke, the barrister, respecting the Borough Rate. This proved to be one of the most extraordinary documents ever read; and it was acknowledged that it had been concocted after much communication with Mr. Finch, M.P. for Stamford. [Its great length precludes our giving to our readers a copy of it this week, but hereafter probably we shall find room in our columns for the case and the opinion. The latter is represented to be favourable to the collection of the rate: we do not so interpret it, and are firmly persuaded that the rate cannot legally be enforced.] It was ordered that the document should lie at the Town-hall, for inspection by the rate-payers.

Statements were laid before the Council of the Debts and Income of the Corporation. The outstanding debts of the old body amount to 1607l., besides what is due to the charity trusts. The new Corporation have incurred debts to the amount of 1341l., besides what may be due to Messrs. Hack, Browning, and Dunn, for valuations, maps, &c. The estimate of expense for the next year is 1300l. The income of the Corporation from all sources is nearly absorbed in annuities, interest, &c., leaving only the small sum of 35l. 12s. 10½d. available for public charges and improvements. The Finance Committee recommended an application to the Lords of the Treasury for permission to sell several houses in Scotgate belonging to the Corporation, in order to pay off the debt owing by the old body. It was ordered that the subject should be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

The new Trustees of Charities in the borough of Stamford held their first meeting, at the Town-hall, on Saturday evening last, and unanimously elected George Barwis, Gent. to be their Solicitor and Clerk, and Mr. Garmston Chapman to be Treasurer. Mr. Barwis was directed to make application in the proper quarters for obtaining a surrender of the property and documents connected with the several charitable institutions, and the Trustees appointed their second meeting for this evening (Friday), at the Town-hall.

The annual elections for Stamford under the Municipal Act, on Wednesday, were attended with the following results: for All Saints ward, Mr. William Richardson and William Hopkinson, Gent. were elected Assessors, in the place of Mr. Thompson and Mr. Robbins; and for St. Mary's ward, Mr. William White and Mr. H. Mortlock, in the place of Mr. T. H. Jackson and Mr. Lunn. Mr. Knight and Mr. Michelson were re-elected Auditors.

STAMFORD UNION.—At the weekly Board of Guardians on Tuesday last, a letter from Edward Gulson, Esq., assistant Poor Law Commissioner, was read, in which he stated that as the new Workhouse was nearly ready for occupation, all out-relief to *able-bodied* paupers should be prohibited, and in-door relief, or an *offer* of in-door relief, be substituted. As out-door pauperism would then diminish, he thought the Guardians would see the impropriety of *increasing* their expenses for medical attendance, which ought rather to be lessened; and that, in fact, he felt confident the Board in London would not sanction any increase.—The medical tenders for the year ensuing were then opened, and found to be as follows:—

	Year 1836.	Year 1837.
Stamford District	45	70
Ketton District	35	60
Barnack District	45	45
Ryhall District	70	70
	195	245

The *increase* being 50l., the Guardians declined accepting the tenders until the decision of the Poor Law Commissioners be known.——A letter from John Gates, Esq., secretary to the Bishop of Peterborough, was read, stating that the Bishop would grant a licence to inter corpses in the ground appropriated and fenced for the purpose at the new Workhouse, until an opportunity should occur for consecrating it.—[An enquiry arises, what efficacy the Bishop attaches to the ceremony of consecration, if its performance is to be contingent upon convenient opportunity, and the ground may be used for interments before it take place?]

At Northampton assizes this week, *Francis Jackson*, for having in his possession some wool, the property of Mr. John Cunnington, of Cliffe, knowing it to have been stolen, was sentenced to be transported for life;—*Mark Brown* and *Robert Spires*, for poaching in the Marquis of Exeter's wood at Collyweston,—and *Wm. Blades* and *John Humphry*, for poaching on lands of the Earl of Cardigan,—were sentenced to three months' imprisonment each;—*Wm. Beatney*, for poaching on lands of the Earl of Westmorland, six months' imprisonment;—and *John Newton*, *Samuel Swan*, and *Robert Lee*, for being armed at Duddington, for the destruction of game and rabbits, one year's imprisonment.—Only four law cases were entered for trial: in a special jury cause, *the Earl of Westmorland v. Newcomb*, (charging that an assistant of the defendant had wrongfully destroyed nets of the plaintiff in a fishery at Stibbington, and in which the answer was that the plaintiff had no business to fish there, the right belonging exclusively to the defendant,) the case, on the application of the plaintiff's solicitor, was referred to arbitration, and Mr. Dwarris, a barrister, was appointed to decide all points in difference.

At Rutland assizes to-day there are seven prisoners for trial, viz. *Ed. Elliott*, for stealing a mare from Mr. Tomblin at Manton; *Thomas Downs*, *James Bryan*, and *Newbern Pask*, for stealing a sheep from Mr. George Porter, of Great Casterton; *Esther Munton*, for stealing two shifts from Sarah Hackett and Mary Anne Goodacre at Oakham; *Samuel Lawrence*, for stealing poultry from Mr. John Bromhead at Belmisthorpe; and *John Morris*, for receiving the poultry, knowing it to have been stolen.—We hear of only one cause at Nisi Prius, about a horse and a quarter of malt.

On Tuesday last an inquest was held at Londonthorpe, by George White, Gent. coroner, on the body of John Gadsden, a carter in the employ of Mr. Millhouse, of Harrowby Mill. He had for some time been labouring under an asthmatic complaint, and was on the previous day with a cart between Harrowby and Londonthorpe, when on attempting to get upon the cart to drive, he fell backwards to the ground, and died immediately: the horse was standing still at the time. Verdict, *visitation of God.*

Mr. Godwin, of Oundle, (late of Stamford,) was on the 20th ult. appointed to the Mastership of the free School at Surfleet.

On Tuesday se'nnight an inquest was held by Mr. T. U. Robson, one of the coroners for Cambridgeshire, at Chippenham, on the body of John Hockley, a farming servant of Mr. Fletcher of Moulton. It appeared that on Monday the 19th ult. the deceased went with a waggon load of wheat to Soham, and while passing through Chippenham, on his [illegible], in attempting to stop the horses in the waggon, [illegible] beginning to trot, he was knocked down, and, the [illegible] going over his neck, he was killed on the spot. [illegible] *accidental death.*

[illegible] men were on the 24th ult. cleaning [illegible] at Moulton, near Spalding, they discovered the [illegible] female child in a rather decomposed state: it was [illegible] flannel, and has since been examined. It was a [illegible] fine child, and appears to have been of mature [illegible] a cord tied tight round its head passing over its [illegible] purpose, it would seem, of preventing its making [illegible] probably also of destroying life. Who the un[illegible] mother is, is at present a mystery.

[illegible] Holbeach Board of Guardians on Mon[illegible] was a spirited discussion, arising out of a motion, [illegible] which had been given the previous board-day with a [illegible] for the attendance of the members, "That it was the opinion of the Board that the time for refusing all out-door relief to able-bodied men had not yet arrived." This was strenuously opposed by two or three Guardians. An amendment was proposed, that the subject be considered that day six months. A long debate ensued, and another amendment was made, including the substance of the original motion with this addition—"that the relief recommended to be given to men with large families be by taking some of their children to the school." This was carried by an immense majority, only three being against it.

BOSTON, March 2.—The Charles, freighted with goods from Harrison's Wharf for Boston, which had been waiting for two or three weeks on the wharf, has not yet made her appearance, although nearly three weeks have elapsed since she left the wharf. Surely a steam communication is required.

The annual election of Assessors and Auditors for the borough of Boston took place on Wednesday, when, after keeping the poll open for seven hours according to the Act, only about a dozen voting papers were delivered in. S. H. Jebb, Esq. and Mr. J. H. Thomas were chosen Assessors, and Mr. T. P. Cooke and Mr. J. Bontoft Auditors for the Bargate ward; J. Brown, Esq. M.D. and Mr. J. P. Smyth Assessors for the West ward.

At the last letting-day of lands, &c. of the Boston Town Council, an objection was started to members of the Council becoming tenants of any such property, as being an infringement of the provisions of the Municipal Reform Act, notwithstanding the property was invariably let by public auction, and no preference shown. A case has in consequence been prepared and submitted to Sir Frederic Pollock, whose opinion is decidedly that members of the Council may hold property under lease legally, and without infringing upon the provisions of the Act.

GRANTHAM, Mar. 1.—At the municipal election held here this day, the Assessors and Auditors appointed last year were re-elected without opposition; viz. in the Conservative interest, W. Ostler, Esq. Assessor; George White, Esq. Auditor;—in the Liberal interest, Mr. Hinds, grocer, Assessor; Mr. S. King, ironmonger, Auditor.

A petition in favour of vote by ballot has been numerously and respectably signed by the inhabitants of Grantham, and will be forwarded to-morrow to Mr. Charles Buller, the Member for Liskeard, for presentation to the House of Commons, accompanied with a letter requesting his support when Mr. Grote brings forward his motion.

GRANTHAM.—*Manchester South Union Railway.*—We observe that several of the principal towns in the Eastern Counties are manifesting great interest in the success of this railway. On Thursday the 23d ult. a meeting of the Town Council of Grantham was specially called to take into consideration the propriety of petitioning Parliament in favor of the Manchester South Union: it was attended by nearly all the members of the Council, and after a long discussion as to the advantages to be afforded by the proposed railway, it was decided by a large majority that petitions in favour of the above projected line should be adopted. On the following morning a similar petition from the inhabitants of the town was set on foot, and in the course of the day was generally signed by the most respectable portion of the trade, as well as by others interested in the success of the railway. The meeting of the Council was attended by H. Mozley, Esq. from Derby, who gave most satisfactory and able explanations as to the line, clearly showing its general utility to the Eastern districts, as affording the best mode of communication with Manchester, Liverpool, and other great markets.

At the Town-hall, Stamford, on Monday last, *John Congreve*, of the White Hart beer-shop, pleaded guilty to an information charging him with suffering beer to be drunk on his premises between 3 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Sunday [illegible]

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