So it passed in the negative.

Ayes, 4. Mr. Bastings, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Stout. Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 7. Mr. Ballance, Sir R. Douglas, Mr. Harper, Mr. Lumsden, Hon. D. Reid, Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Teschemaker.

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, In the first blank, after the words "more than," to insert the words "one shilling and sixpence." (Hon. Mr. Reid.)

Amendment proposed thereto, To insert, in lieu thereof, the words "two shillings." (Mr. Stout.)

And the question being put, That the words "one shilling and sixpence" be inserted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:-

Ayes, 7. Mr. Bastings, Sir R. Douglas, Mr. Harper, Mr. Lumsden, Hon. D. Reid, Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Teschemaker.

Noes, 4. Mr. Ballance, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Stout, Mr. Thomson.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, In the second blank, after the words "nor less than," to insert the words "one shilling and threepence." (Mr. Stout.)

And the question being put, That these words be inserted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:

> Ayes, 2. Mr. Stout, Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 9. Mr. Ballance, Mr. Bastings, Sir R. Douglas, Mr. Harper, Mr. Lumsden, Hon. D. Reid, Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Teschemaker.

So it passed in the negative.

Another amendment proposed, To insert the words "one shilling." (Hon. Mr. Reid.)

And the question being put, That the words "one shilling" be inserted, the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follows:

Ayes, 6. Mr. Ballance, Mr. Bastings, Mr. Lumsden, Hon. Mr. Reid, Mr. Stout, Mr. Thomson.

Noes, 5. Sir R. Douglas, Mr. Harper, Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Teschemaker.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Amendment agreed to.

Another amendment proposed, To insert the words "eight pence" in lieu of the words "one shilling." (Mr. Rolleston.)

Amendment negatived.

Another amendment proposed, In the third blank, after the words "nor more than," to insert the words "seven shillings and sixpence;" and in the fourth blank, after the words "nor less than," to insert the words "five shillings."

Amendments agreed to. Clause as amended agreed to.

The Committee then adjourned until Thursday, 13th September, at 11 o'clock.

## THURSDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, 1877.

The Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock. PRESENT:

Mr. Ballance, Mr. Bastings, Mr. Beetham. Sir R. Douglas, Mr. Harper, Mr. Lumsden, Mr. Lusk, 3.—I. 6.

Mr. Pyke, Hon. D. Reid, Mr. Rolleston, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Stout, Mr. Teschemaker, Mr. Thomson.