

Now, look at the amounts charged under the head of "Law and Notarial" charges. These charges for the year ending the

30th of June, 1865, amounted to	£ 6,713
30th of June, 1866,           ,,	£ 9,158
30th of June, 1867,           ,,	£ 10,224
for the <i>half-year</i> ending 31st December, 1867	
	£ 5,964.

I should like to see the particulars of all these charges, and to have a detailed statement of the work done for the money. It seems to me very excessive to spend £ 10,000 per annum under this head, when we have no parliamentary fights going on that I am aware of. Then again, look at the item "Compensation for Damages."

31st December, 1864 .....	£ 7,384
30th June, 1865 .....	18,565
31st December, 1865 .....	9,749
30th June, 1866 .....	8,689
31st December, 1866 .....	7,772
30th June, 1867 .....	7,734
31st December, 1867 .....	7,830

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£ 67,714

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These amounts appear very heavy. During the past two years we have been paying about £ 15,000 per annum in compensation. What is most noteworthy is the uniformity of the amounts, just slightly dipping below or rising above £ 8,000 each half-year since 1865. I might go through many other items in the accounts, but, I have said enough to indicate the impression on my mind, which I have before told you, that a return to prosperity is alone to be looked for, from a careful and economical expenditure of our revenue.