

SPEECH

OF

SIR WILLIAM MOLESWORTH,

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SIR,

IN submitting to the consideration of the House the motion of which I have given notice, the task which I have to perform is both difficult and painful; difficult on account of the extent of the subject; painful on account of the nature of many of the facts to which it will be my duty to refer. I assure the house, however, that I do not approach this subject without having long and carefully studied it, or without having carefully examined and weighed every opinion and every fact connected with it. I therefore presume to solicit a patient and attentive hearing.

The Report of the Committee to which this motion relates, was laid on the table at the end of the session of 1838. Two reasons prevented me last year from bringing the topics contained