

filling one page and a half. I cannot make out by whom the article in the third, fourth and fifth editions is written. It is not only interesting, but important, as it was largely used in the pamphlet printed by the order of the Parliament. I have not extracted the article in the *Encycl. Britan.*, as the Dobson's edition at least is present in every library. But I shall quote in the Parliament pamphlet the letters reprinted or extracted in *Encycl. Britan.* The *Encycl. Perthensis*, vol. xi., p. 254-256, has the same article somewhat abridged.

In the three copies of the Brit. Parliamentary papers which I was able to consult, I found in the printed papers of the House of Commons that April 21, 1789, was ordered to be printed a paper entitled "Proceedings of His Majesty's Most Honorable Council, and Information Received Respecting an Insect Supposed to Infest the Wheat of the Territories of the United States of America." But the paper itself seems to be wanting in those three copies. Kirby speaks of a vast amount of material collected by the Council, which filled upwards of 200 octavo pages. As this paper contains several reports by Sir Joseph Banks and others, and as it seems to have been used only in the article of the *Encycl. Britan.*, I was very eager to know something more. Prof. W. R. Nichols, of Boston, was so kind as to make in the British Museum the following index of the contents of this paper :—

This is a 4to pamphlet of 65 pages, and, of course, it would be too expensive a matter to have the whole thing copied without special directions. I will give you, however, a list of everything in the volume, and state just how long each portion is.

*Contents of Paper Referred to.*

1. Letter from Mr. Bond, Consul at Philadelphia, to the Marquis of Carmarthen, 22nd April, 1788 ; half page.
2. Letter from Sir Joseph Banks to the Marquis of C., 4th June, 1788 ; one page.
3. Order in Council forbidding any entry of wheat, etc., etc., 25th June, 1788 ; half page.
4. Minute of Council, 4th July, 1788 ; one and a half pages.
5. " " 5th " " " " (Containing statement by Sir Joseph Banks.)
6. Report of Sir Joseph Banks, proposing the mode of making experiment on the American wheat, 6th July, 1788 ; half page.