

act of theirs, withdrawn from the Bank the means they had then in their possession. He had the greater satisfaction in calling the attention of the House to this statement, because, whether the subject was considered with reference either to the ability of the Bank to make their payments in specie on the one hand, or to the moderation of His Majesty's Government, in their demands upon the Bank, on the other, it was very desirable that no mistake should take place, but that the providence of the Bank of England to provide the necessary means in the one case, and the forbearance of His Majesty's Government to trench upon those means in the other, should be clearly understood, and duly estimated. A great deal had been said about the silver currency. Now it was well known that silver did not form any part of the standing currency of the realm. Indeed it was declared by law, that no payment for a sum exceeding £25 could be made in silver, unless it was tendered by weight at the standard price. His Majesty's Government had purchased silver therefore only as they would other merchandise, and he had no doubt but more might have been procured. To prove his assertions with respect to the satisfactory state of the Bank of England in these respects, he would move, "That there be laid before the House an account of all issues of the coin of this realm