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The Right Honourable Sir Barnes Peacock, late Chief Justice of the High Court of Calcutta, was appointed in June last a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, with a salary of £5,000 a year. Sir Jas. W. Colville, one of his colleagues on the Judicial Committee, is also a retired Chief Justice of the same Indian Court.

Mr. Baron Hughes, one of the judges of the Irish Exchequer, died last July. It is said that his successor will be the present Attorney-General for Ireland, the Right Honourable Richard Dowse, M.P.

In noticing the death of Matthew Davenport Hill, Q.C.,—the senior in the list of Queen's Counsel—the *Law Magazines* and the *Solicitors' Journal* advert to the fact, that in 1838 he won general respect and admiration by his gratuitous defence of twelve men, who had been condemned to transportation by a Canadian Court for political offences in Canada and who were brought to London on a writ of *habeas corpus*, obtained on the ground of an illegal conviction. He succeeded in getting the conviction quashed as to one half the number.

Chief Justice Bovill, who has earned the reputation of being singularly infelicitous in his remarks, when he gives his mind to it, lately adverted to the judgment of the Privy Council in the *Bennett* case, in the following manner—when acknowledging the toast of Her Majesty's judges, at a dinner given by the "Solicitors' Benevolent Association"—
"As it was said in former days, that a prisoner had been acquitted, but desired not to do it again, so the Privy Council had in a most elaborate judgment, pronounced a gentleman to be not guilty, at the same time telling him to take warning for the future." He hoped the judgment would at least have the advantage of satisfying both sides—a result which perhaps some day, from the fusion of law and equity, might be attained in all cases, so that both parties to a cause might retire equally well pleased.