

The above enactment seems to point to any money or valuable consideration given to any voter, not to the community generally.

In the *Hastings case* (1 O.M. & H. 218), where the charge was of lavish expenditure in anticipation of an election, Mr. Justice Blackburn said: "There is no law yet which says that any lavish expenditure in a neighborhood, with a view of gaining influence in the neighborhood and influencing an election, is illegal at all. In order to constitute anything which would be a corrupt practice in respect of expenditure of that sort, it must be made with a view of influencing a particular vote. If such an expenditure is made at a place, with a tacit understanding of this kind, 'I will incur bills, and spend my money with you, if you will vote for me,' that not being the side on which you intended to vote; if it is intended to produce that effect upon the vote, it amounts to bribery." In the *Windsor case* (2 O.M. & H. 90), which was a charge of colorable charity, Mr. Baron Bramwell says: "It is certain that the coming election must have been present to his mind when he gave away these things. But there is no harm in it if a man has a legitimate motive for doing a thing, although in addition to that he has a motive which, if it stood alone, would be an illegitimate one. He is not to refrain from doing that which he might legitimately have done, on account of the existence of this motive, which by itself would have been an illegitimate motive. If the respondent had not been an intending candidate for the borough, and yet had done as he has done in respect to these gifts, there would have been nothing illegal in what he did; and the fact that he did intend to represent Windsor, and thought good would be done to him, and that he would gain popularity by this, does not make that corrupt which otherwise would not be corrupt at all."

In the *Boston case* (2 O.M. & H. 160), which was also a charge of charitable gifts for a corrupt purpose, it appeared that the respondent, who had formerly represented