

It may be added that the amount of dormant and unclaimed moneys in official custody is very large.

Unclaimed dividends on the Public Funds have accumulated, until the amount reached £991,711 in April, 1873.. but at the beginning of the present year the Army prize money, from which upwards of £6,000,000 has been expended on Chelsea Hospital pensions.

The usual annual account of naval prize money has not yet, we believe, been issued this year.

From these sources thousands of small sums are due to old soldiers and sailors, or their next of kin, and it should be known that these moneys are easily recoverable by the proper parties."—(*Gunn's Index*, 1878.)

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

Few persons are aware of, and will scarcely credit, the enormous amount of money and other property lying unclaimed in Great Britain, India, and the British Colonies. In the Court of Chancery alone the amount reaches 57 millions in fact, it is a golden Charybdis.

In the Treasury the money taken possession of by the Government is also of large amount, although advertisements have been inserted in the public papers for the proper claimants.

With regard to the money in the Bank of England, the following extract from the *Times* will speak for itself:

Unclaimed Dividends.—The unclaimed dividends handed over to the Commissioners for the reduction of the National Debt, and by them invested in the public funds, amounted at the