

Memorandum of Mr. *Wicksteed* :—

From all the Authorities in *England* I received the greatest attention, with regard to my application for official documents and papers published by the Government. To Mr. *Lefevre*, the Clerk of the House of Lords,—Mr. *Vardon*, the Librarian of the House of Commons,—Mr. *Meyer*, the Librarian of the Colonial Office,—and Mr. *Lemon*, the Chief Clerk of the State Paper Office, my thanks are especially due. Copies of all the Works published by order of the Government were immediately granted on my application. It is true these (apart from the Sessional Papers of the two Houses of Parliament,) amounted then only to about 60 volumes; but in comparing the amount and value of the Donations from the English Government with those from the French Government, it must always be borne in mind, that the kind of Works which, in *France*, are published by the Ministers of the several Departments, are, in *England*, laid before Parliament by the Ministers, and published by order of one or other of the Houses. The Government, as such, publishes little or nothing, except (as in case of the Record Commissioners) when some Commission is issued by the Crown, at the request of the Legislature, for the express purpose of collecting and publishing certain documents. The Sessional Papers must therefore be taken into account in comparing the Donations received from the two Governments; and when this is done, the advantage will, I believe, be found to lie with the British Government, both as regards the number and the value of the Works presented to our Library.

G. W. Wicksteed.

List of official Personages, and Private individuals, from whom Donations of Books to the Library of Parliament, have been received since last Session :—

Reported by Mr. *Faribault* :* (From *France*.)

M. le Ministre de l'Instruction Publique, 100 volumes.

M. le Ministre de l'Intérieur, (Département des Beaux-Arts,) 80 volumes.

M. le Président et M. le Secrétaire perpétuel de l'Académie Française, 95 volumes.

Monseigneur le Prince Président du Corps Législatif, 295 volumes.

M. le Ministre de la Guerre, 14 volumes.

M. le Ministre de la Marine et des Colonies, 92 volumes.

M. Adolphe de Puibusque, 2 works.

(From *England*.)

Admiral Sir *Francis Beaufort*, complete set, Charts and Plans of Gulf and River *St. Lawrence* &c.; and other Publications of the Board of Admiralty.

Reported by Mr. *Wicksteed* : (From *England*.)

The Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Secretary for the Colonies :—The works of the Record Commission; Colonial Regulations; Notes on Public Departments; [Series of State Papers,—not yet received]. In all about 60 volumes.

The Speaker of the House of Lords, and the Clerk of the House of Lords :—A set of the Parliamentary Papers of that House,—not yet received.

The Speaker of the House of Commons :—Continuations of Parliamentary Papers, previously sent. About 210 volumes.

Thomas Vardon, Esquire, Librarian to the House of Commons :—A copy of a General Index to the first 17 volumes of Commons' Journals, compiled by himself and Mr. *May*.

Mr. *Wicksteed* further states, that he was much indebted to — *Meyer*, Esquire, of the Colonial Office, and *Robert Lemon*, Esquire, of the State Paper Office, for valuable assistance in procuring the above mentioned Donations.

* Complete Lists of these Books are given in the Library Catalogue, distributed to Members during the present Session.