

MR. MALINS said, he thought the Vote was not too large, considering the advantages which the public derived from it.

MR. HUNT said, he would support the Motion of the hon. Member for Finsbury on the same grounds as he had voted for the former Amendment.

VISCOUNT PALMERSTON said, that if the Committee, after spending a great many hours in discussing sums of every possible magnitude, should at twelve o'clock at night determine at last to cut off some £500 which was to be devoted to the enjoyment, health, and recreation of the people, they would be taking a course not worthy of them.

Motion made, and Question put,

"That a sum, not exceeding £84,081, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1863, for Maintaining and Keeping in Repair the Royal Parks, Pleasure Grounds, &c., and other Charges connected therewith."

The Committee *divided*:—Ayes 64; Noes 108: Majority 44.

Original Question put, and *agreed to*.

House *resumed*.

Resolutions to be reported *To-morrow*.

Committee to sit again on *Wednesday*.

EDUCATION—THE REVISED CODE. COMMITTEE.

Order for Committee read.

VISCOUNT PALMERSTON: I propose that this question be taken on Monday, the 5th of May, a week after the day on which the House will meet after the Easter recess.

MR. WALPOLE said, as far as he could hear, there was no objection to the day which the noble Viscount had fixed; but it had been mentioned on Friday night that it would be very desirable that the Government amendments on the Revised Code should be laid on the table as early as might be convenient, in order that the House and the country might have time to consider their details. He would, therefore, ask that the noble Viscount should say that he would be prepared within a reasonable time to lay the amendments on the table.

Committee *deferred* till *Monday, May 5*.

COPYRIGHT (WORKS OF ART) BILL.

THIRD READING.

Order for Third Reading read.

Motion made and Question proposed,

Mr. Locke

"That the Bill be now read the third time."

MR. DILLWYN said, he would move that the Bill be read that day six months. He thought that the Bill would be wholly ineffective to afford a protection to artists. The measure appeared to have been prepared in a hurry, and was apparently intended only for the purposes of the Great Exhibition. Hasty legislation was always found by experience to be unsuccessful. Supposing that an artist did not register his picture, he saw nothing to prevent a surreptitious copy of the work being taken, without the slightest remedy to the artist. It would be better to reconsider the subject, wait a little longer, and get a better Bill.

Amendment proposed, to leave out the word "now," and at the end of the Question to add the words "upon this day six months."

Question proposed, "That the word 'now' stand part of the Question."

THE SOLICITOR GENERAL said, he hoped that the hon. Gentleman would not persevere with his Amendment. He had been indebted to several hon. Members on both sides of the House for suggestions and improvements in the measure. Nor was it fair to say the Bill had been prepared in a hurry. He had been requested by a committee of artists to introduce such a measure, the object being to place copyright in works of art on the same footing as that in literary works, sculptures, and engravings. The artists were at first opposed to the plan of a register; but finally their objections were removed. The object of the register was to afford absolute protection to every purchaser of a work of art after it had left the artist's hand. There was a difficulty in the way of a register of works of art, for a requisition to register would operate as an interference with the productions of artists; but no one could be injured by the Bill as it stood, and he hoped, that as it had reached that stage, it would not be opposed.

MR. MACEVOY said, he was glad that such an improvement had been made in the law relating to works of art; and he thought that some such summary protection should be extended to literary property as was afforded to works of art by the Bill.

MR. DILLWYN said, he would withdraw his Amendment.

Amendment, by leave, *withdrawn*.

Main Question put, and *agreed to*.

Bill read 3^o, and *passed*.