The railway authorized by the South Essex Railway Act, 1865, is therein described as :---

No. 1. A railway commencing in the parish of Shenfield, by a junction with the Great Eastern Railway, at a point about five and a half chains eastward of the first bridge over that railway, on the east or Chelmsford side of the Brentford Station thereon, and terminating in the parish of Southminster, at a point on the public road leading from Southminster to Burnham, about fifteen and a half chains southward of Somer's Windmill, and about twenty-five chains northward of a house called and known as Ratsboro'.

No. 2. A railway commencing from and out of the intended Railway No. 1, in the parish of Woodham Ferris, otherwise Ferrers, at a point in a field or common known as the Fen, about thirty-eight chains from the Whalebone Inn, in a southerly direction on the public road leading from Battles Bridge and Wickford to Woodham Ferris and Southminster, and terminating in the parish of Heybridge by a junction with the Maldon Branch of the Great Eastern Railway, at or near the bridge carrying that branch over the Chelmer Navigation, near to Maldon Railway Station.

No. 3. A railway commencing in the parish of Shenfield, by a junction with the said intended Railway No. 1, at or near its before-described commencement, and terminating in the parish of Great Warley by a junction with the Great Eastern Railway, at or near the east end of the up platform of the Brentwood Station of that railway.

All which railways will be situated within the county of Essex.

The railway authorized by the South Essex Railway Act, 1866, is therein described as :--

A railway five miles and three furlongs in length, commencing in the parish of Rettenden by a junction with the authorized South Essex Railway, near the point where it crosses the public road leading from Battle Bridge to Rettenden, and terminating in the parish of Pitsea by a junction with the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway, at the north side of the Pitsea Station thereon.

And notice is hereby further given, that any person who may think himself aggrieved by such proposed abandonment of the said railway, and who may desire to object thereto, may bring such objection before the Board of Trade by sending a written statement thereof by post, on or before the 17th day of March next, addressed to the Assistant Secretary of the Railway Department, Board of Trade, Whitehall, London.—Dated this 28th day of January, 1874.

Hargrove, Fowler, and Blunt, 3, Victoriastreet, Westminster, Solicitors for the said William Webster.

## European Society Arbitration.

Saturday, the 24th day of January, 1874. In the Matter of the European Assurance Society Arbitration Acts, 1872 and 1873, and in the Matter of the Wellington Reversionary Annuity and Life Assurance Society.

I, THE Right Honourable John, Baron Romilly, the Arbitrator appointed under the abovementioned Acts, do declare and order as follows:

1. A claim by the holder of a policy, originally issued by the Wellington Reversionary Annuity and Life Assurance Society (in this Order called the Wellington Society), shall be received subject to the further directions of this Order against the

Wellington Society, or against the British Nation Life Assurance Association (in this Order called the British Nation Association), or against the European Assurance Society (in this Order called the European Society), if the claim is delivered to the Joint Official Liquidator acting in this Arbitration, before or on 28th February, 1874, but not later. \*\*\*

2. Each claim so received shall, subject and according to my directions, be allowed against the Wellington Society, or against the British Nation Association, or against the European Society, or be otherwise dealt with in this Arbitration.

3. Each policy on which a claim is allowed against the Wellington Society shall be valued as on 8th April, 1873, being the day of the date of the Order to wind up that Society.

4. Each policy on which a claim is allowed against the British Nation Association shall be valued as on 18th January, 1872, being deemed to be the day of the date of the Order to wind up that Association.

5. Each policy on which a claim is allowed against the European Society shall be valued as on J2th January, 1872, being the day of the date of the Order to wind up that Society.

6. A claim shall not be received against the Wellington Society, unless the claimant first pays every premium which fell due and became payable in respect thereof before 8th April, 1873.

7. À claim shall not be received against the British Nation Association, unless the claimant first pays every premium which fell due and became payable in respect thereof before 18th January, 1872.

8. A claim shall not be received against the European Society, unless the claimant first pays every premium which fell due and became payable in respect thereof before 12th January, 1872.

9. Where any such premium as aforesaid was payable by half-yearly, quarterly, or other instalments, and the year of payment began to run before 8th April, 1873, or 18th January, 1872, or 12th January, 1872 (as the case may be), the aggregate amount of the instalments for that year, or so much thereof as remains unpaid, shall be deducted from any dividend that may become payable on the policy.

10. Where under this Order premiums are paid up to 8th April, 1873, but the claim is not allowed against the Wellington Society, and is allowed against the British Nation Association, or against the European Society, any premium paid under this Order which fell due on or after 12th January, 1872, or on or after 18th January, 1872, as the case may be, and before 8th April, 1873, shall be returned without deduction to the person by whom the same was paid.

11. Where any person pays a premium under this Order, any premium previously paid by him under the Orders of the Court of Chancery and not afterwards repaid to him shall be allowed for, but any premium previously paid by him under those Orders and afterwards repaid to him shall be regarded as not having been paid by him.

12: If any person holding a policy originally issued by the Wellington Society, desires that any premium paid by him under the Orders of the Court of Chancery and not afterwards returned to him should now be returned to him, the same shall be returned to him, but in that case he shall be deemed to have abandoned the right to prove on the policy, against either the Wellington Society, or the British Nation Association, or the European Society, or otherwise in this Arbitration.

## Thomas Preston, Secretary.

Romilly.