said county of Lincoln in the week after the close of the Feast of Faster 1897 to have two persons named or appointed by the Justices there assembled to be together with a third person to be named and chosen by such two persons arbitrators or referees for inquiring into and ascertaining by or from or by means of the London Gazette or in case the Average Price of Corn and in Grain shall not have been published therein then by such ways and means as they shall think equitable or proper the Average Price of a Winchester Bushel of Good Marketable Wheat within the said county of Lincoln for the 10 years last past in order to vary and to fix for a term of 10 years the annual sum of money payble to the Rector for the time being of Uffington aforesaid in lieu of tithes out of certain lands in the said parish of Uffington according to the provision in that behalf contained in the said Act of Parliament .- Dated this 24th day of November 1896. LINDSEY.

In the High Court of Justice.—Chancery Division. Mr. Justice Chitty. 1896. T. 0141.

In the Matter of the Thompson Steamshipping Company Limited and Reduced and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1867 and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division dated the 5th day of December 1896 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £200,000 to £120,000 and the Minute (npproved by the

Court) showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars. required by the above Statutes were registered by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies on the 24th day of December 1896 and further take notice that the said Minute is in the words and figures following:—"The capital of the Company henceforth is £120,000 divided into 20,000 ordinary shares of £6 each instead of the original capital of £200,000 divided into 20,000 ordinary shares of £10 each. At the time of the registration of this Minute the sum of £6 has been and is to be deemed paid up on each of the 6,875 shares numbered 1 to 5,667 and 5,711 to 6,918 all inclusive which have been issued."—Dated the 31st day of December 1896.

> CROSSMAN and PRICHARD 16 Theobald'sroad Gray's-inn W.C. Agents for MCKENZIE and HEDLEY of Sunderland Solicitors for the Company.

Lead Office, December 22, 1896. NOTICE is hereby given, that a General Court of the Corporation of the Governor and Company for Smelting down Lead with Pit Coal and Sea Coal, will be held at the Company's office, 9, Martin's-lane, Cannon-street, London, on Tuesday, the 19th January next, at one o'clock in the afternoon precisely, being a half-yearly General Court, to receive the accounts for the half-year, and to consider of a dividend. The Transfer Book will be closed from the 13th to the 19th January, inclusive.

By order of the Court of Assistants, JOHN ELLIOTT Secretary.

## BANK OF ENGLAND.

AN ACCOUNT, pursuant to the Act 7th and 8th Victoria, cap. 32, for the Week ending on Wednesday, the 30th day of December, 1896.

Issue Department.								
Notes issued	•••	•••	•••	48,985,105	Government Debt Other Securities Gold Coin and Bullion Silver Bullion	••• ••• •••	••• • • • • • •	11,015,100 5,784,900 32,135,105
				£48,935,105			•	£48,935,105

Dated the 31st day of December, 1896.

H. G. Bowen, Chief Cashier.

	BANKING D	EPARTMENT.	• .	. · ·
	£	•		£
Proprietors' Capital	14,553,000	Government Securities		13,752,969
Rest	3,192,573	Other Securities		34,563,345
Public Deposits (including Ex-		Notes	••• •••	22,270,980
chequer, Savings Banks, Com-		Gold and Silver Coin	••• •••	2,023,794
missioners of National Debt, and			•	
Dividend Accounts)	8,384,436	• • •		
Other Deposits	46,351,795			•
Seven Day and other Bills	129,284			
	£72,611,088			£72,611,088
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Dated	the 31st day	of December, 1896.	•	

H. G. Bowen, Chief Cashier.