

might have been expected, every one consulted only his own convenience. The equestrians recommended an encroachment on the carriage drive, while those who rode in carriages were anxious for an invasion of Rotten Row. Again, an hon. Friend of his on the other side, who lived in a fine broad street, in a direct line with the Exhibition, was indignant at the thought of any intrusion on its privacy and repose.

ALDERMAN SALOMONS said, that the Exhibition was a public undertaking, and it was but fitting that the public should defray the expense of making a convenient access to it.

LORD ELCHO said, he had lived in Belgravia, and had found out the inconvenience of having to go round by Westminster or Hyde Park Corner. He could, therefore, well sympathize with the gentlemen in Tyburnia who objected to making such a circuit to get to the Exhibition. From the great increase which was taking place in that part of London, it would be found necessary, sooner or later, to open communication by a road across Hyde Park. The way to look at the question was not as a temporary matter, but as the best way of establishing permanent communication between those two parts of London. He did not like the plan proposed by the right hon. Gentleman the First Commissioner of Works, and least of all did he like the proposition that the engineer who had turned out so extraordinary an architect should be allowed to improve the bridge across the Serpentine by the sort of outrigger which had been suggested. He thought the best way would be that suggested by the hon. Member for Honiton. He did not think any inconvenience would be found to arise to the gardens, and certainly not so much to the persons who frequented the gardens, as by the plan proposed by the right hon. Gentleman.

MR. BANKS STANHOPE said, he thought that under no circumstances should a permanent road be permitted through Kensington Gardens.

MR. PEACOCKE moved that the Chairman should report progress.

Motion made, and Question put, "That the Chairman do report Progress, and ask leave to sit again."

The Committee *divided*:—Ayes 30; Noes 78: Majority 48.

SIR JAMES FERGUSSON said, he thought the proposed road was merely a

metropolitan improvement; it was only a temporary improvement, and he thought the expense ought to be borne by the receipts at the door. He begged to move the rejection of the Vote.

MR. COWPER said, he had not thought it necessary to reply at length to the proposal of the hon. Member for Honiton (Mr. Cochrane), because it was obvious that the road he proposed would be quite unsuited for the traffic of cabs and omnibuses; it would be quite a quagmire. It was also a much longer road than that proposed by himself (Mr. Cowper), and if it had to be metalled, it would cost a great deal more than £2,000. Everybody, he thought, must feel that a carriage road on the level through Kensington Gardens was not a thing to be desired. All he wished to propose was, that carriages should go where horses went now; and it must be remembered that Hyde Park was a Royal park, and no metropolitan funds could be devoted to the construction of a road through it.

MR. BAILLIE COCHRANE said, he wanted to know how it was proposed that pedestrians should reach Kensington Gardens at all when there was a stream of carriages blocking the way?

MR. COWPER said, he would remind the hon. Member that there were pathways for foot passengers under the arches of the bridge on either side of the Serpentine, by which Kensington Gardens might be reached without any interference whatever from the carriage traffic.

Original Question put.

The Committee *divided*:—Ayes 78; Noes 28: Majority 50.

House *resumed*.

Resolutions to be reported *To-morrow*.

Committee to sit again *To-morrow*.

#### COPYRIGHT (WORKS OF ART) BILL.

##### SECOND READING.

Order for Second Reading read.

MR. WALPOLE said, the Bill involved a very important principle, and he hoped the next stage would be fixed for such a day as would give time for a full consideration of it.

THE SOLICITOR GENERAL said, he proposed to fix the next stage for Monday week.

Bill read 2<sup>o</sup> and *committed* for *Monday*, 17th March.

House adjourned at a quarter after One o'clock.