

Sample Searches: House of Commons Parliamentary Papers

1. What was the connection between Henry M Stanley and Gordon Bennett?
 - From the **Keyword** field enter: "Henry M Stanley" AND "Gordon Bennett"
 - Click **Search**

Henry M Stanley was a travelling correspondent for the New York Herald and he was sent by son of the editor James Gordon Bennett to find Dr Livingstone and if alive find information on him, or if dead bring back his bones!

2. Why would the parliamentary papers include references to the Moabites?
 - From the **Keyword** field enter: Moabites
 - Click **Search**

Parliamentary Papers include sermons preached before the House. In 1810 and 1855, these made reference to the Moabites. These also appear in reports on education, in observers reports on the Sunday school curriculum and in examination papers for school mistresses.

3. Who was ignorant, filthy, ragged and deplorable?
 - From the **Keyword** field enter: ignorant NEAR filthy NEAR ragged NEAR deplorable
 - Click **Search**

The words (those of one of the Report's Sub-Commissioners) are at the top of page image number 93. Navigate back one page to discover the identity of the girl referred to. Towards the bottom of image number 92, see the evidence given by Patience Kershaw, aged 17, of Mr Joseph Stock's Booth Town Pit, Halifax.

TIP! The NEAR operator retrieves records containing terms that have a specified distance between each other, and are in any order. E.g Weaving NEAR.3 Lancashire. When a number is omitted (like in this example) terms are searched within 10 words of each other.

4. Find some examples of papers relating to influenza epidemics.
 - From the **Keyword** field enter: influenza NEAR epidemic
 - Click **Search**

The earliest document is:

1819 (449) Select Committee to consider Validity of Doctrine of Contagion in Plague. Report, Minutes of Evidence, Appendix.

Other papers mentioning this include:

Reports on children's employment in factories, on conditions in gaols, in the army, on the poor in Ireland, on slavery and on medical education.

TIP! Re-sort results chronologically by most recent date to view most recent documents first.

5. What is the first parliamentary paper to deal with the United Nations and human rights?
- From the **Subject** field, click on **Select from an alphabetical subject list**
 - From the **Alphabetical subjects** search box, enter united nations and click on the **Look For** box
 - Mark united nations from the list and then click **Select**
 - From the **Subject** field, click on **Select from an alphabetical subject list**
 - From the **Alphabetical subjects** search box, enter human rights and click on the **Look For** box
 - Mark human rights from the list and then click **Select**

TIP! Multiple subject selections are combined with the OR operator by default, so be sure to change this to AND.

- Click **Search**

1948-49 [Cmd. 7662] Universal Declaration of Human Rights approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations (TREATIES, CONVENTIONS, &c.: Human Rights)

6. 1995/96 HC 115 is better known as?
- From the **Session** field enter years: 1995/96
 - From the **Paper number** field enter: HC 115
 - Click **Search**

*The Scott Report, or Arms to Iraq Inquiry. This shows up under the **Alternative Title** field in the full record as well as the **Subject** field.*

7. Locate a table detailing duties on the import of Corn into the UK at the beginning of the 19th Century.
- From the **Keyword** field enter: "Corn Duties"
 - From the **Subject** field, click on **Select from a hierarchical 19th century subject list**
 - Click the **+** option to show all subject headings for 'Trade and Commerce', 'International trade and navigation', and then mark 'The corn and navigation laws' option
 - Click **Select**
 - From the **Paper containing** field select: Tables/Graphs
 - From the **Year** field enter: 1801-1810
 - Click **Search**

8. When was legislation proposing identity cards first brought before the House?
- From the **Keyword** field enter: "Identity Card"
 - From the **Limit to** field select: Bills
 - Click **Search**

1938-39 (250) Bill [passed, cap. 91] to make provision for the establishment of a National Register, for the issue of identity cards, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.



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9. A Royal Commission chaired by Baron Kelvin reported on what potential danger to beer drinkers?

- From the **Subject** field enter: beer
- From the **Chair/Author** field click on **Select from a list** and enter: Kelvin
- Mark KELVIN, William Thomson, 1st Baron from the list and then click **Select**
- Click **Search**

Arsenic!

10. To whom did a Private Bill propose to advance £5000 from the South Sea Company in 1728?

- From the **Keyword** or **Paper title** field enter: "South Sea Company"
- From the **Limit to** field select: Private and local bills and acts

The Trustees named in the Marriage Settlement of John Gore Esq; and Hannah his Wife.

11. Find debates featuring contributions from Fox and Pitt.

- From the **Keyword** field enter: Fox NEAR Pitt
- From the **Limit to** field select: Debates
- Click **Search**

*Fifteenth Parliament of Great Britain: second session (27 November 1781 - 11 July 1782) 9 July 1782
9 July 1782 OR Fifteenth Parliament of Great Britain: third session (5 December 1782 - 16 July 1783)
19 February 1783.*

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