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THIS Table extends over the period since 1806, and affords very conclusive evidence that the issue of Notes for very small amounts is a great incentive to forgery.

During the time—from 1809 to 1821—when there was a large issue of £1 and £2 Notes, the forgeries presented at the Bank yearly were counted by tens of thousands, and the cost of the prosecutions for forgery was in proportion; thus—in 1820, 29,083 Notes of the value of only £33,682 were presented, and the sum of £53,785 was spent in prosecutions; whereas, in 1822, when the issue of £1 and £2 Notes had ceased, the number of forgeries presented fell to 3,642, and the cost of the prosecutions to £3,873.

Of late years, with the exception of 1884, the *new* forgeries have been few in number, and the cost of prosecutions has been merely nominal.

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Year ending Feb.	First issued in March, 1797.		£5	£10	£15 & £20	£25	£30	£40 & £50	£100 & Upwards.	Number of Notes.	Value.	PROSECUTIONS.	
	£1	£2										Number.	Cost.
1798	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	4.130
1799	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	5.705
1800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	12.753
1801	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	11.349
1802	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	15.618
1803	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	3.861
1804	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	6.148
1805	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28	9.873
1806	1.740	1.553	535	5	2	4	1	1	..	3.841	7.781	10	2.849
1807	3.016	1.123	384	7	1	4	2	1	..	4.540	7.489	45	11.844
1808	3.107	1.180	228	4	2	..	..	..	..	4.521	6.697	34	8.136
1809	4.390	1.420	236	4	..	2	5	..	..	6.057	8.550	68	16.414
1810	3.484	1.350	271	99	..	..	1	..	..	5.202	8.446	29	8.070
1811	4.825	2.580	492	136	8	1	2	..	..	8.044	14.045	33	7.236
1812	11.682	3.894	1,049	177	33	2	..	1	..	16.838	27.235	64	15.752
1813	10.530	2.905	693	35	3	..	1	1	..	14.171	20.291	65	15.306
1814	9.973	3.165	951	38	12	1	..	..	..	14.142	21.705	47	10.952
1815	12.711	2.522	696	41	2	..	..	1	..	15.973	21.730	63	13.818
1816	20.024	2.032	639	20	5	9	9	6	1/100	22.745	28.438	120	25.971
1817	26.179	1.718	756	51	1	1	..	..	..	28.706	33.950	142	29.910
1818	25.617	788	740	55	9	..	..	..	..	27.209	31.623	232	35.908
1819	21.340	875	704	88	28	..	..	..	..	23.035	28.050	222	34.452
1820	27.993	217	745	103	25	..	..	..	..	29.083	33.682	411	53.785
1821†	17.389	152	507	72	6	..	..	..	..	18.126	21.068	275	35.420
1822	3.125	97	352	61	7	..	..	..	..	3.642	5.829	16	3.873
1823	1.347	60	214	19	..	1	7	..	..	1.648	2.962	8	1.967
1824	785	47	95	18	1	6	8	5	..	965	2.174	5	1.041

\* No record of Forged Notes presented at the Bank previous to the year 1806.

† These were the total charges for Criminal Prosecutions during these years, and include some few cases of prosecutions for forging "tokens &c." which cannot be separated.

‡ On the resumption of cash payments (May, 1821), the issue of £1 and £2 Notes was discontinued.

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Year ending Feb.	£1 First issued in March, 1797.	£2	£5	£10	£15 & £20	£25	£30	£40 & £50	£100 & Upwards.	Number of Notes.	Value.	PROSECUTIONS.	
												Number.	Cost.
1825*	579	61	121	9	..	..	..	..	..	770	£ 1.396	4	£ 350
1826	1.601	55	345	29	3	2	..	3	..	2.038	3.976	23	4.359
1827	1.695	43	265	35	..	..	..	..	..	2.038	3.456	38	6.543
1828	722	33	348	63	4	..	..	..	..	1.170	3.238	12	2.751
1829	613	30	431	40	3	..	..	..	..	1.117	3.288	16	3.670
1830	273	23	279	37	..	1	..	..	..	613	2.109	3	817
1831	190	28	133	11	2	..	..	..	..	364	1.061	3	600
1832	225	13	159	27	..	..	..	..	..	424	1.316	2	203
1833	223	24	120	57	15	..	..	8	..	447	2.141	18	2.105
1834	169	22	50	13	7	..	..	1	..	262	783	1	157
1835	148	24	52	15	34	..	..	6	..	279	1.586	1	148
1836	129	18	52	9	8	..	..	7	..	223	1.025	..	..
1837	182	18	77	16	2	1	..	..	..	296	828	3	404
1838	169	12	60	9	2	2	..	..	..	254	668	7	843
1839	154	18	96	19	1	..	..	{ 2 Post 1 Bill.}	1/100	292	1.120	3	307
1840 †	157	19	126	26	..	..	..	..	..	328	1.085	13	1.734
1841	172	18	58	9	..	..	..	..	..	257	588	7	985
1842	127	21	79	7	1	..	..	..	..	235	654	6	592
1843	151	18	38	5	..	..	..	..	..	212	427	4	414
1844 ‡	144	20	32	3	..	..	..	..	(To Oct.) 22/100	221	2.580	..	..
1845	130	14	34	3	..	..	..	1	..	182	408	1	108
1846	107	8	63	4	4	..	..	1	2/100	189	798	1	136
1847	145	13	63	2	5	..	..	..	..	228	606	1	105
1848	169	15	214	11	..	..	..	..	..	409	1.379	5	655
1849	118	18	109	65	..	..	..	..	..	310	1.349	11	2.289

\* On the failure of some Provincial Banks, in 1825, a temporary issue was again made.

† In these years 47 £5 Notes were altered to £10.

‡ In this year 1 £10 Note was do. £50.

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	£1	£2										Number.	Cost.
1850	125	11	47	11	1	..	..	..	..	195	£ 512	10	£ 1.693
1851	109	12	110	53	..	..	..	..	..	284	1.213	10	923
1852	116	19	132	68	..	..	..	..	..	335	1.521	10	1.093
1853	119	8	202	100	..	..	..	..	..	431	2.845	15	1.306
1854	117	11	186	54	..	..	..	..	..	368	1.608	24	1.946
1855	108	14	415	150	24	..	..	..	..	711	4.191	20	1.868
1856	93	17	379	63	..	..	..	..	..	552	2.652	32	2.710
1857	93	16	256	59	1	..	..	..	..	425	2.015	23	1.915
1858	83	9	162	79	2	..	..	1	..	336	1.791	25	2.404
1859	84	8	108	62	..	..	..	..	..	262	1.260	26	2.248
1860	76	10	312	91	1	..	..	..	..	490	2.586	13	1.305
1861	149	11	203	65	1	..	..	..	..	429	1.856	20	1.979
*1862	79	7	147	63	..	..	..	..	..	296	1.458	30	2.757 <sup>+</sup>
+1863	66	9	36	12	1	..	..	..	..	124	404	2	185
1864	78	1	18	4	..	1	..	1	..	103	285	1	180
1865	79	5	19	10	..	..	..	1	..	114	334	2	262
1866	94	2	16	4	..	..	..	..	..	116	218	nil.	nil.
1867	75	7	11	7	2	..	..	..	..	102	254	"	"
1868	85	6	23	2	1	..	..	..	..	117	252	"	"
1869	67	6	29	2	3	4	3	..	..	114	494	"	"
1870	52	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	70	142	"	"
1871	50	8	19	6	..	..	..	..	1/1000	84	1.221	"	"
1872	46	6	17	2	..	..	..	..	..	71	163	"	"
1873	32	3	7	10	..	..	..	..	..	52	173	"	"
1874	56	2	27	6	1	..	..	..	1/200	93	475	"	"

\* On Bank Note Paper, 54 of £5, and 6 of £10.

+ On Bank Note Paper, 4 of £5.

‡ In addition to these amounts, Law charges to the extent of about £7000 were incurred in the prosecutions consequent on the robberies of Bank Note Paper at the Mills.

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1875	60	4	14	1	..	..	..	..	1/100	80	£ 248	nil.	£ nil.
1876	43	4	14	2	..	..	..	..	..	63	141	"	"
1877	30	4	11	1	..	..	..	..	..	46	103	"	"
1878	27	..	16	3	..	..	..	..	..	46	137	1	632
1879	40	..	15	1	..	..	..	..	..	56	125	nil.	nil.
1880	27	2	19	4	1/20	..	..	..	..	53	186	"	"
1881	40	5	25	2	..	..	..	..	..	72	195	"	"
1882	49	7	30	12	..	..	..	..	..	98	333	1	35
1883	19	3	16	2	..	..	..	..	..	40	125	nil.	nil.
1884	27	3	14	..	..	..	..	97/50	{ <sup>43/100</sup> <sub>7/500</sub> }	191	12.753	"	"
1885	26	5	6	1	..	..	..	4/50	..	42	276	"	"
1886	20	3	5	..	..	..	..	25/50	{ <sup>12/100</sup> <sub>2/500</sub> }	67	3.501	"	"
1887	27	6	3	2	..	1	..	9/50	..	48	549	1	33
1888	24	3	3	7	..	..	..	..	..	37	115	nil.	nil.
1889	33	3	4	1	..	..	..	1/50	..	42	119	"	"
1890	35	1	5	1	2/20	..	..	..	..	44	112	..	..
1891	18	4	45	2	2/20	..	..	..	..	71	311	3	590
1892	12	5	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	57	nil	nil
1893	17	1	6	7	1/20	..	..	3/50	..	35	289	1	30
1894	27	7	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	44	116	..	..
1895	15	5	4	3	1/15	..	..	..	1/200	29	290	..	..
1896	22	1	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	32	74	..	..
1897	16	..	6	..	42/20	..	..	..	..	65	906	..	..
1898	10	2	7	1	2/20	..	..	..	..	22	99	..	..
1899	4	..	3	31	..	..	..	..	1/100	39	429	..	..

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												Number.	Cost.
1900	14	2	29	2						41	£ 183		£
1901	16	2	66	3					2	89	580	Nil	Nil
1902	10	3	66	1					2	82	556	1	6894
1903	15	3	2	1					1	22	141		
1904	9	-	2	8									

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