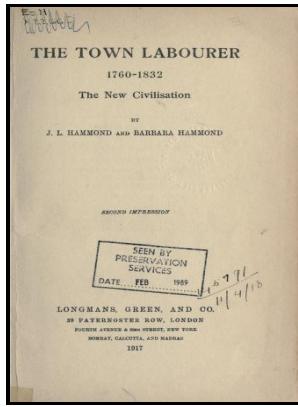


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How was the factory population assembled? We have a description of the immigration given by a Bolton witness to the Factory Commissioners in 1833:—!
The principal argument put forward by the

magistrates in opposition to a Bill, introduced by Bennet in 1817 and again in 1819, to deprive the justices of their absolute power over licences, was the argument that magistrates used that power for purposes of their own, and that by this control over the publican they were able to make public-houses an important source of information about the intentions and temper of the working classes. It is a struggle between men and masters, and a struggle also between a subject class and the classes that possessed the State. Nowhere are manufactures carried to such perfection.

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The law-officers carried an amendment, empowering the judge to give a reward at his discretion, and the Bill passed in this form, the fixed statutory rewards being abolished. Does not this law say that all contracts between masters and other persons for reducing the wages of men ; does it not say, in short, that all such combinations of masters against workmen ' shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, illegal, null, and void, to all intents and purposes whatsoever ' ? At Chichester the militiamen broke open the prison and set at liberty a number of labourers who had been sent to jail for forcing a farmer to bring his corn to market.

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Not one house of this street escaped the cholera. Some towns had special arrangements ; Manchester, for example, had obtained an Act of



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Parliament establishing a body of Police Commissioners, though they were only becoming efficient towards the end of our period.

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District 40 miles in circumference, with more than 50,000 inhabitants ; no acting magistrate within these five parishes Stoke-upon-Trent, Burslem, Wolstanton, Trentham, Norton in the Moors , average distance of magistrate, 9 miles, which meant a journey' of 40 miles first to obtain warrant and back, then to attend hearing.

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