

COLCHESTER [53] (Cont.)
(Two Seats)

Election	Electors	Candidate	Party	Votes
[Resignation of Miller]				
1867 (15/2)	1,405 *	E.K. Karslake	C	675
		W. Brewer	L	598
1868	2,970	J.G. Rebow	L	1,467
		W. Brewer	L	1,417
		E.K. Karslake	C	1,284
		A. Learmonth	C	1,217
		[Death of Rebow]		
1870 (3/11)	3,145*	A. Learmonth	C	1,363
		Sir H.K. Storks	L	853
1874	3,183	A. Learmonth	C	1,515
		H.B.M. Praed	C	1,407
		W. Brewer	L	1,279
		R.K. Causton	L	1,218
1880	3,713	R.K. Causton	L	1,738
		W. Willis	L	1,650
		A. Learmonth	C	1,648
		F.H. Jeune	C	1,529

Petitions:—

1847: Withdrawn

1880: Withdrawn (Willis only). As the result of a recount there were found to be 1,641 undisputed votes for Learmonth and 1,640 for Willis. Twenty-three ballot papers were reserved for judgement on scrutiny but the Conservatives decided to withdraw the petition giving as their reason the costs involved. It would seem more likely that the real reason was that they considered that Willis was certain to maintain or increase his majority over Learmonth after the disputed ballot-papers had been dealt with.