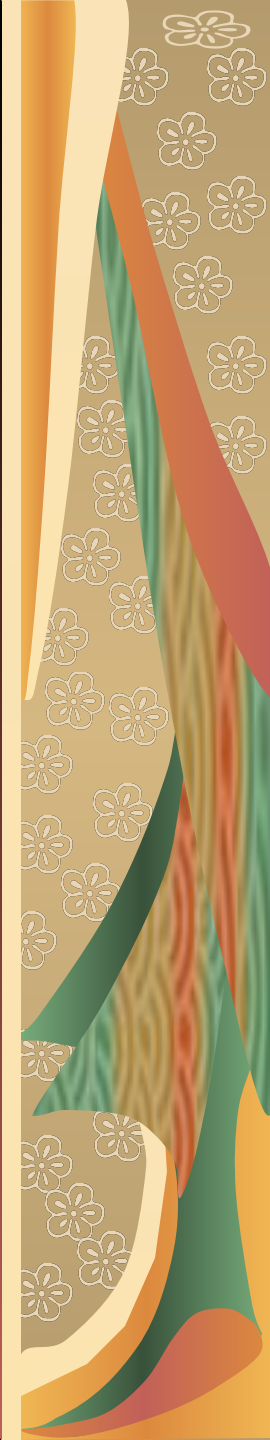


# GREAT BRITAIN

*The  
Houses of  
Parliament.*



# Britain is a parliamentary monarchy

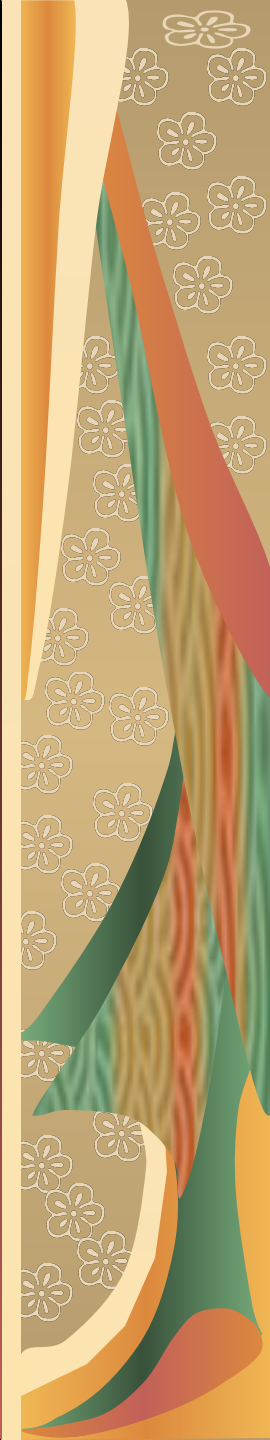


OFFICIALLY  
THE HEAD  
OF THE  
STATE IS  
THE KING  
OR QUEEN.





The Houses of Parliament (symbol of London), called officially the Palace of Westminster, were a place for kings and queens.



The Clock Tower called “Big Ben”, is known the world over. Its hour bell is named after Sir Benjamin Hall, the first Commissioners of Works.



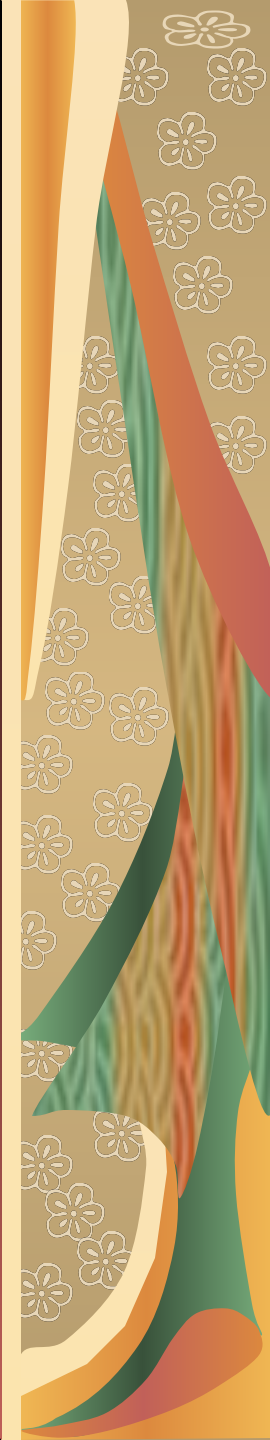


PARLIAMENT REPRESENTS THE  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.





**Parliament in Britain has existed since 1265.  
Having been organized in the reign of King  
Edward I, it is the oldest parliament in the  
world.**



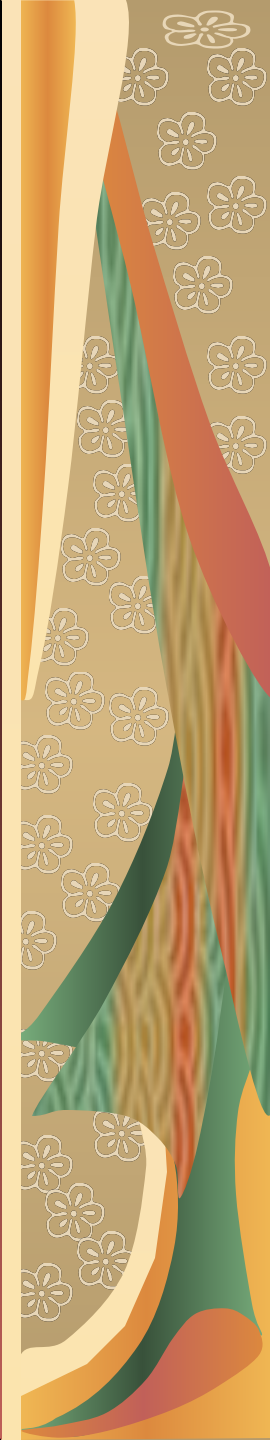
# Parliament

consists of two  
chambers or  
houses:

the House of  
Lords

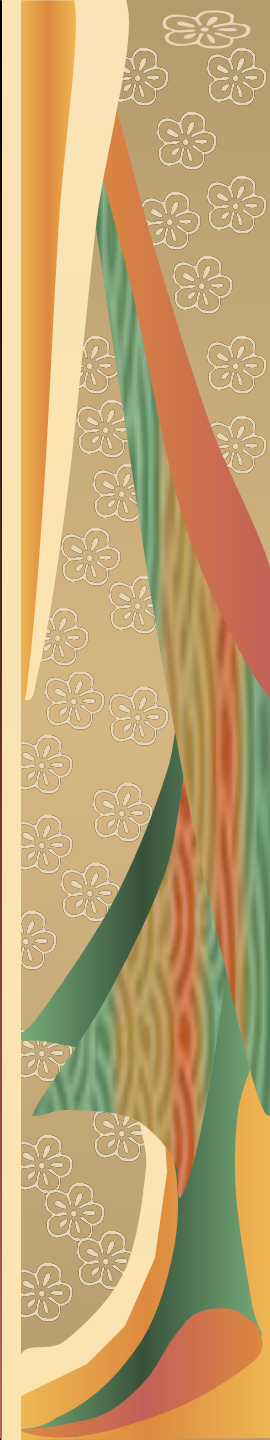
and

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# THE HOUSE OF LORDS.



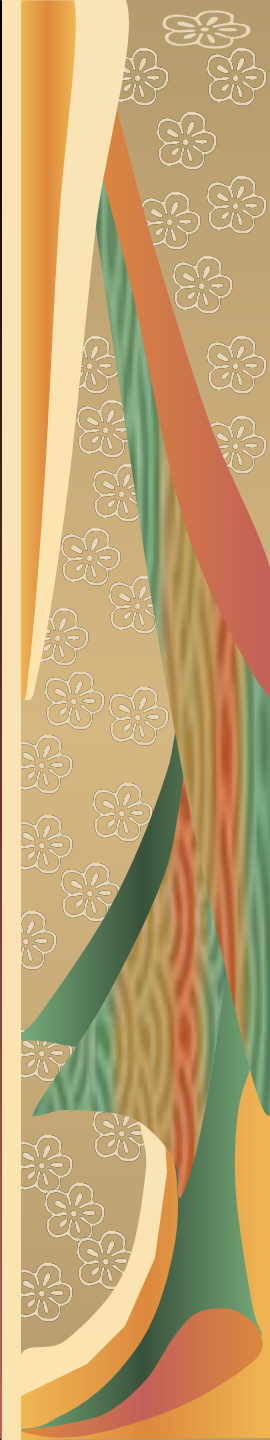
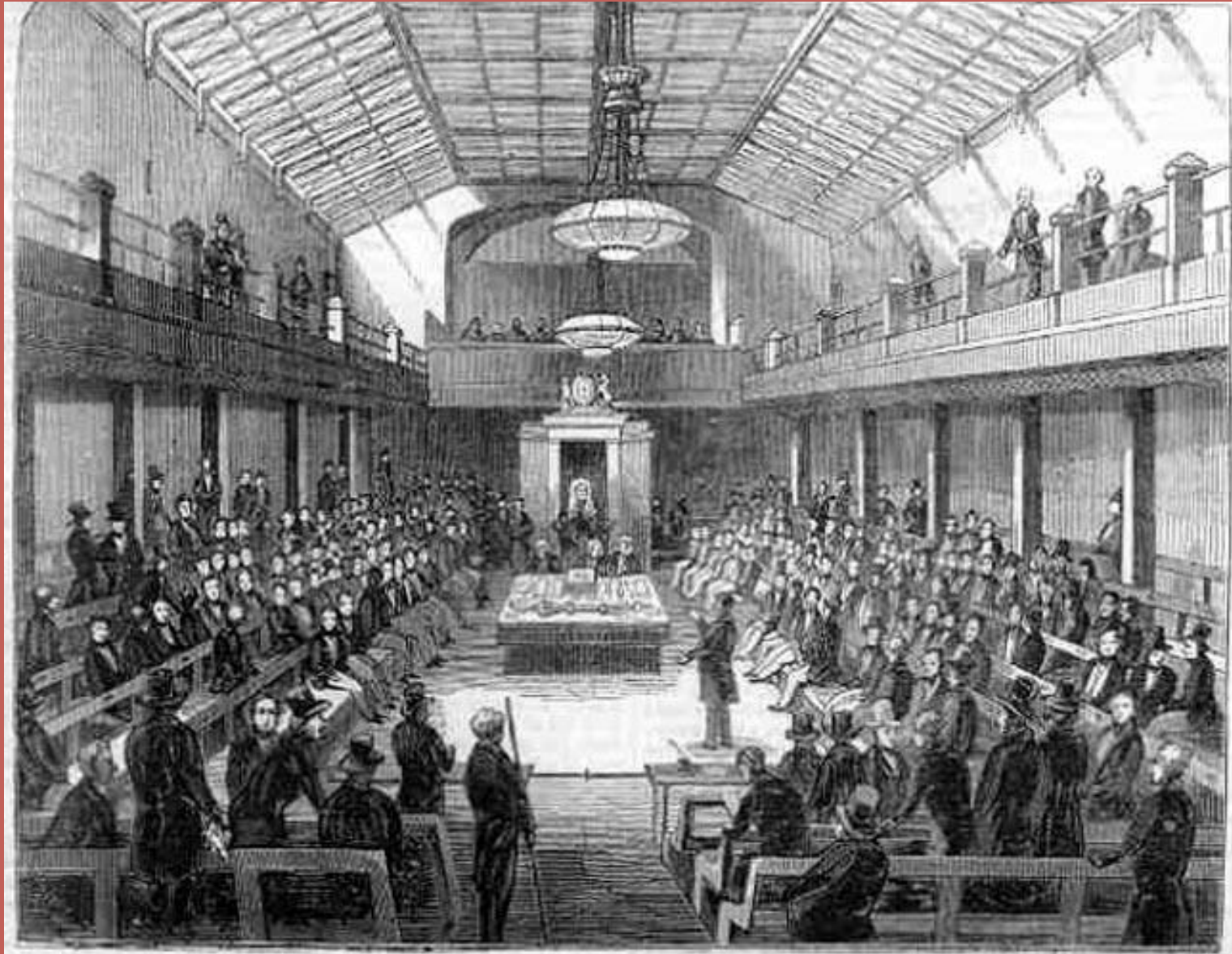
The House of Lords consists of more than 1000 peers:

“Lords spiritual” and 24 bishops of the Church of England.

Benches in the Houses of Lords are coloured red. The Throne and canopy are located at one end of the chamber.



# THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.



**The House of Commons  
consists of Members of  
Parliament who are elected  
by general election every  
5 years.**

