

GREAT BRITAIN

*The
Houses of
Parliament.*





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
the House of
Commons.



THE HOUSE OF LORDS.



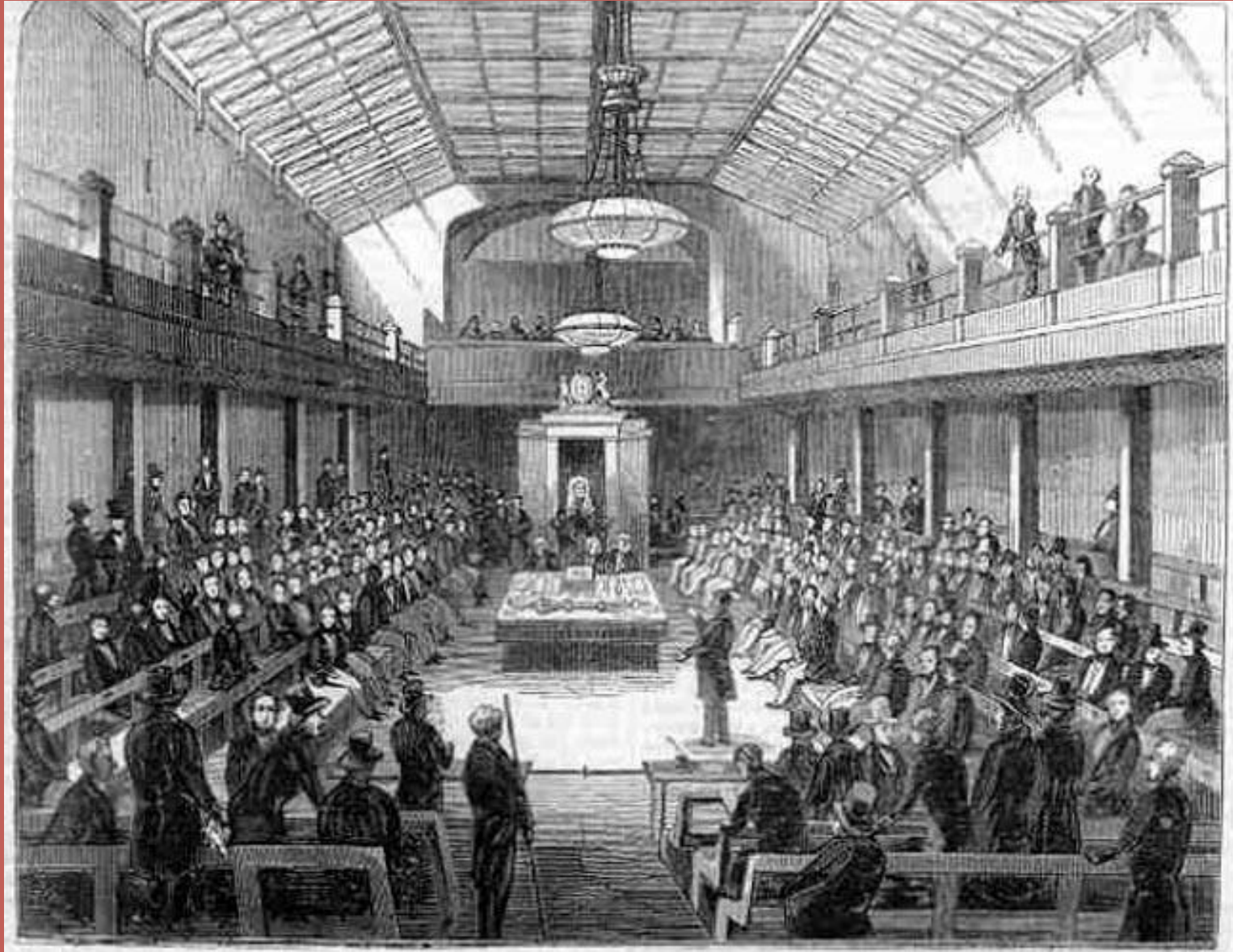
The House of Lords consists of more than 1000 peers:

“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.**

