DAVENTRY.

TOWN COUNCIL.—A special meeting was held on Monday, the Mayor presided, and there were also present—Aldermen Wilson, Emery, Tebbs, and Willoughby; Councillors Morgan, Hawes, Billingham, Berry, Harris, Watkins, Dickins, Mason, Scripps, and Hillman.—A letter was read from the Local Board asking the Council for any observations they might have to make in reference to the Town Councils (Authorised) Bill, the Bridge proposed, and Mr. Hazell's Improvement Bill.—The Council approves of the Bill.—Mr. Billington, objecting to the introduction of the Council by Parliamentary agents, moved, seconded by Alderman Willoughby, as an amendment, "That the Council do not approve of any agents from this Council."—On a division, there were for the amendment, six; and for the resolution, nine.

THE LICENSING SESSIONS.—Opinions of Mr. Chitty, Q.C. —The Corporation had no power under the Act to appeal from the decision of the magistrates at Petty sessions in the event (which did not happen) of the £500 not to be repaid by sharers being found sufficient. And next whether the Corporation had or had not such power through the Attorney-General as the representative of the Crown, to compel a sale of the property free from the right of the Commissioners to hold their meetings in the Moot Hall. The Council had power to pass the resolution of the 1st May, 1876, and to carry into effect the arrangement proposed by it, including the making, without the sanction of the Lords of the Treasury, a rate for the purpose of paying the £500 to Mr. Barton's executors, in regard to the £500 paid by the Corporation out of the rates in 1876 towards the purchase of the Moot Hall property, and to appeal for the sum to the true construction of the special Act of 1696, and particularly having regard to the second clause of that Act in reference to the right to retain out of the rents interest on the money borrowed out of the Corporation revenues. That was at the time when the Municipal Corporations Act (3 and 4 Will. IV. c. 76) came into operation a lawful and authorised act of the Corporation within the meaning of section 92 of that Act; consequently that the Corporation had the power to retain out of the rents, the £200 for payment to Mr. Burton's executors in satisfaction of his claim as the equitable owner of the date. In regard to the shares, I think that the Council would have the power to accept a surrender of the shares and such transfer operated as an extinguishment of the shares in favour of the Corporation, and that the £500 paid by the Corporation out of the rates was a payment towards the purchase of the Moot Hall property, and to appeal the shares in