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Please quote ref. CAS-05885-H9Q8K6 on all correspondence

Dear Ms Fowler

Thank you for your email of 27 February in which you ask the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Fol Act') in relation to 'The Slavery Abolition Act (1835) Loan which was rolled over into the Government's gilt programme' and the 4% Consolidated Loan (1957 or after) government stock:

- '1) What were the names of the creditors and those financial institutions involved in trading these gilts or 'fungible tranches of undated bonds'? Who held, sold or invested the gilts in question?
- 2) Who renegotiated this debt and what was the full process of decision-making from 1835 to 2015?"

We have searched the catalogues of all files (both open and closed) held by the Bank of England's (the 'Bank's') Archive but have been unable to locate any specific files relating to the 1835 loan.

We have found a file (known as the 'Stock Jacket') for the 4% Consolidated Loan (1957 or after) which contains administrative information on the set up of the stock but does not contain any references to the history of the 1835 loan. We do not appear to hold any further information relating to this stock.

The Archive Catalogue of files which are open to view is available on our website at:

## http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/CalmView/

Should you wish to view the Stock Jacket, which is an open file, or any other open files, you are welcome to make an appointment to visit the Bank's Archive to view them by contacting:

The Bank of England Archive Threadneedle Street London EC2R 8AH

Email: archive@bankofengland.co.uk

Phone: 020 3461 3388

Responsibility for stock registration services was transferred from the Bank to a commercial company called Computershare Investor Services PLC ('Computershare') in 2004. Any transactional data relating to the stock would be held by them. As you know, the stock was redeemed in 2005, so it may therefore be the case that Computershare no longer hold such data. However, should you wish to contact them, their contact details are:

Computershare Investor Services PLC The Pavilions Bridgwater Road Bristol BS99 6ZZ General Queries Helpline: 0370 7030143

Fax: 0870 703 0352

Website: www.computershare.com/uk/investor/gilts

Email: Gilts@computershare.co.uk.

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Yours sincerely

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## Your right to complain under the Fol Act

If you are unhappy with the Bank's response, you may ask for that decision to be reviewed internally. Please note that this will be subject to the Bank having received your submission within two months of the date of this response. In order to submit an internal review, please set out the grounds for your appeal and send it to Wendy Galvin, Information Access Team (TS-Mz), Communications Directorate, Bank of England, Threadneedle Street, London, EC2R 8AH or by email to <a href="mailto:enquiries@bankofengland.co.uk">enquiries@bankofengland.co.uk</a> for the attention of Wendy Galvin.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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