**1852**

**1/** 1st British public men's toilet opens in Fleet St, London

**2/** First British public female toilet opens (Bedford Street, London)

**3/** Great Ormond St Hospital for Sick Children, London, admits 1st patient

**4/** In [Hawaii](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hawaii), sugar planters bring over the first Chinese labourers on 3 or 5 year contracts, giving them 3 dollars a month plus room and board for a 12-hour day, 6 days a week.

**5/** Frederick Douglass delivers his famous speech on "The Hypocrisy of American Slavery" in Rochester, New York.

**6/** Second Burma War - largely provoked by the East India Company, hungry for new territory and Burmese resources like teak and rubber. It ended in a British victory and saw Lower Burma become a province of British India.

**7/** the new chamber of the House of Commons in the [Palace of Westminster](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palace_of_Westminster), designed by [Charles Barry](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Barry) and [Augustus Pugin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augustus_Pugin), is opened. Pugin suffers a mental breakdown, after designing the [clock tower](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Ben), dying in September.

**8/** the public library in [Campfield](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Castlefield), [Manchester](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manchester), is the first to offer free lending.

**9/**  [Great Northern Railway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Northern_Railway_%28Great_Britain%29) opens [London King's Cross station](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London_King%27s_Cross_railway_station), the largest in Europe at this time.

**10/** End of the [Great Famine (Ireland)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Famine_%28Ireland%29).  Since 1845, one million people have emigrated from Ireland. The Irish now make up a quarter of the population of [Liverpool](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liverpool), and the same is true of cities on the east coast of [North America](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_America).

**11/** Ira Aldridge takes a company of British actors on tour to France.

**12/** a Hijra named Bhoorah was found dead with her ‘head nearly severed’ in the north Indian district of Mainpuri. In the aftermath, the British rulers of north India resolved that the Hijra community should be rendered extinct.

**13/** French engineer [Henri Giffard](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henri_Giffard) makes the first [airship](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Airship) trip, from Paris to [Trappes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trappes%22%20%5Co%20%22Trappes).