CROSSWORD
No. 16,065 Set by PETO

ACROSS
1 Withdraw pamphlet after advance payment (8)
5 Calm in city following the introduction of patrols by police (6)
9 Departing in spring – not possible earlier (8)
10 Sarcastic when describing retrogressive levels of society (6)
11 Make vivacious spice girl take over (6,2)
12 Bores doctor with misfortunes (6)
14 Associate with retainers thrown out by force (10)
18 About to make trouble in government (10)
22 Corrupt umpire is troubled (6)
23 Me and Abel jogging around ship getting fit together (8)
24 Military standard of old queen displayed in Britain (6)
25 Seconds away from emulsion spilling on length of floor covering (8)
26 Last to finish and certain to lose a bit of self-confidence (6)
27 Unlucky to be badly entertained in recital (3,5)

DOWN
1 Left to look into moaning sound coming from shed (6)
2 Tasteless clothes mostly edged with thin type of wool (6)
3 Wandering tribe’s resistance mounting on southern island (6)
4 Commonly accepted after vote against acting together (10)
6 Lear’s wrong to bracket it with lines characteristic of scholarly writing (8)
7 Clergyman finds a flat close to church (8)
8 Pulls out eventually edging away from very fast car (8)
13 Stop motionless behind bear (10)
15 Write about damming Scotland’s principal river (8)
16 Cavorting nude outside, Frank gets barred (8)
17 Hold up small seed container from species of Primula (5,3)
19 Start to rubbish efforts right away (3,3)
20 End of deplorable spectacle (6)
21 Thought of something done to frame Peto (6)

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JOTTER PAD