

which we apprehend have happened in the Charges of the Officers under the old Regulation. They are the charging Fees by the Commissary General for Services done by the Deputies, and for which they are paid. The Charge for recording Papers by the Secretary and County Clerks in Actions discontinued, abated, struck off, or agreed, when they need not, nor generally have been recorded. The extravagant Charge of the Surveyor and Examiner General on Resurveys, and of the Surveyor on Warrants of Survey out of the Provincial Court; the additional Charge of Order in the Commissary's office to almost every Act done therein, when the old Table makes the Allowance only for Orders in Testamentary Causes.

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For the Prevention of these Abuses principally was the new Table framed and to correct the Allowances in some Instances where they were beyond all Moderation; therefore as the Subject Matter of the Bill in which is included the Regulation of Fees is the real Object of this Conference the new Table most certainly is the proper Subject now to be considered in Order to discover how far it has provided against the Abuses that have crept in under the Old. There is a great Difference we apprehend between the Amount of Fees properly chargeable under the old Table and the Amount of Fees charged according to the Practice of charging

If when you say that you will not admit of any further Reduction than what must necessarily result from the Election to be given to all Persons to pay in Money or Tobacco, your Honours mean a Reduction only of the Amount of Fees as properly chargeable according to the old Table. If you esteem the several Charges above enumerated to be erroneous and are willing to make Provision against the Continuance of such Charges in Future, some Fruit might still be expected from this Conference, as we make no Doubt of being able to shew to your Satisfaction that in these as well as many other Particulars great Abuses have been committed. In this Case we are willing to confer upon both the Tables in Order to strike out one more perfect which we are persuaded might be affected to the Satisfaction of both Houses; as we can with Truth assure you we are not desirous of reducing the Incomes of the Officers beneath what might be worth the Acceptance of Gentlemen of the first Distinction. If on the contrary you are of Opinion that the Mode of charging Fees as used and practised in the above enumerated Particulars is agreeable to the old Regulation and do not mean to admit of such a Reduction of the Amount of Fees as would be occasioned by an Alteration and Correction of that Mode of charging; nothing further can be expected to be done, and we shall desire an immediate End may be put to the Conference. p. 244

The Order of the Day being read; the Consideration of the Petition of Gilbert Barrow is further referred till To-Morrow Morning

The House adjourns till To-Morrow Morning 9 O'Clock