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proper 1 ime to judge thereor, after we had been rully apprized of, and examined your Proofs, confidered accurately the alledged defective Parts of the old Regulation, and deliberated on all the intermation, you could give us. We have referred to no Abules, but in the recital of your eye Expressions; and presuming you understood your own Meaning, we did not apprehend you could be at a Loss in ascertaining what Charges of Abules were to be produced, and become the

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come to us through their regular Channel, to decide first, and hear afterwards.

If the Commissary General, Secretary, Clerks of Counties, Examiner, and Surveyors, or any of them, have charged Fees the old Regulation does not justify, and the Provisions of it really require Explanation, Correction, Alteration, or Enforcement, a competent Remedy might eafily have been introduced on a Conference; but we must take the Liberty to remark, that whatever your Informations, and Enquiries, and Opinions may be, we have very great Reason to suspect, that the Representation (let the Design of it be what it may) aimed at in your Questions, cannot

tains the Reward to be paid for a Service, it ought to be observed: A Principle which regards not, Persons, their Callings, or their Professions, but equally extends to all; and if there he any Reason for Enforcements, in particular Instances, it results from the Circumstance, that, in such Instances, the Power to extort and oppress is less results from the Circumstance, that, in such Instances, the Power to extort and oppress is less resultable than in other. The Officer, without Doubt, ought to be held to a strict Observance of the Restrictions provided to controul his Conduct; if he does not observe them, he is punishable; but yet there are favourable Opportunities given, by which Oppression in this Case may be avoided. The Service is done on Credit, the Fee for it must be stated in Writing; if the Demand be illegal it may be resuled, and contested. The Lawyer, by an Act of Assembly expressed in the clearest Terms, is prohibited from asking for, demanding, receiving, or taking, any greater Fee, than is thereby established. On the for, demanding, receiving, or saking, any greater Fee, than is thereby established. On the above Principle, he ought to be held to an Observance of this Law. He, moreover, has it in his Power to oblige the Person, who wants his Assistance, before the Buliness is undertaken, to pay his Demand. Hence he has it more in his Power than the Officer to extort and oppress, and therefore, if a Difference should be made between them, it ought rather to be in binding the Lawyer with more Strictness than the Officer; but though you cannot deny the Existence of

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