

to give any opinion on this subject, but we think it right to direct attention to that part of the Commissioner's Report, which states that this Act will have the effect of taking away the greater part of the Fees proposed to be taken by the Officers of this Court of Vice Admiralty.

We also think it advisable to refer to that part of Lord Cathcart's letter of the 28th of July, 1846, which transmits several of the documents to which we have adverted, in order, as his Lordship states, "that they may be submitted to the proper Officers before the final enactment by Her Majesty in Council, of a Tariff of Fees for the several Courts of Vice Admiralty in British North America," and to observe that the Vice Admiralty Court at Quebec is the only Court to which the several documents we have had before us in any manner relate, and inasmuch as it is the only Court where the fees established by the said Act of the 2nd and 3rd of Wil. the 4th cap. 51. has been annulled and revoked by Order in Council,—consequently the Table of Fees to

be taken in all the other Vice Admiralty Courts in British North America must be made conformably to that Act of Parliament, until such Act be revoked by Order of Her Majesty in Council. On this point, however, we think our safer course is to refer to that part of the Report of the Committee wherein they state, "We have not failed to advert to the desire which has been expressed, that, if practicable, a Tariff should be formed applicable to all Colonies in North America, but in the absence of information as to the practice, and the relative position of the different Officers of the Vice Admiralty Courts of the other Colonies, compared with that of Canada, we have felt that we but discharged the duty imposed upon us by confining ourselves to suggesting what we conceived to be the most desirable for the Vice Admiralty Court of this Province."

The following is the proposal Table of Fees to be taken by the Officers and Practitioners of the Vice Admiralty Court at Quebec: