

hand, you are more than a common mortal if you can feel the same interest in the case as if something was still in prospect for you as well as for your client. And when you lack interest in the case, the job will very likely lack skill and diligence in the performance. Settle the amount of the fee and take a note in advance. Then you will feel that you are working for something, and you are sure to do your work faithfully and well. Never sell a fee note—at least not before the consideration service is performed. It leads to negligence and dishonesty—negligence, by losing interest in the case, and dishonesty, in refusing to refund when you have allowed the consideration to fail.”

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#### JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

LONDON, 20 July, 1896.

*Present:* THE LORD CHANCELLOR, LORD HERSCHELL, LORD WATSON, LORD MACNAGHTEN, LORD MORRIS, LORD DAVEY, and SIR RICHARD COUCH.

FIELDING et al. v. THOMAS.

*Constitutional law—Power of provincial legislatures to punish for contempt of the House—Responsibility of members—Power of local legislature to pass an act relieving members from liability to civil action.*

**HELD:**—1. *The local legislatures existing at the time had authority prior to confederation to make laws respecting their constitution, powers and procedure, and to punish for contempt and disobedience of their orders.*

2. *Even if this power did not then exist the B. N. A. Act, by Section 92, conferred power on the local legislatures to pass acts for defining their powers and privileges.*

3. *A local legislature has power to pass an act relieving its members from liability to civil actions in regard to any vote or proceeding.*

This was an appeal from a judgment of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia of December 2, 1893, dismissing the application of