

fraudulent overcharge.) Even if the services were made as they state, would it be defensible? Certainly not, inasmuch as it would as effectually deprive the Sheriffs of their fees and means of living as if the money was taken from their tills.

Having failed to obtain a return through the Legislature of the number of Bills in Chancery and Writs of Summons issued out of the Superior and County Courts in 1876, I determined not to be beaten, and before the close of 1877 I had as complete a return as if I had got it on Mr. Sinclair's motion. The number issued was 20,380.

Attorney received for issuing 6,556 Writs in Superior Courts at \$7 00	\$ 45,892 00
Attorney received for issuing 2,579 Bills in Chancery at \$7.00	18,053 00
Attorney received for issuing 11,245 County Court Writs at \$4 75	53,413 00
Total for issuing	<u>\$117,358 00</u>

Had the Sheriff served the 20,380 Bills and Writs their fees would be as follows :

Serving 6,556 Writs in Superior Court at \$2.70..	\$ 17,701 20
" 2,579 Bills in Chancery at \$2 70	6,963 30
" 11,245 County Court Writs at \$1.55 ...	17,429 75
	<u>\$ 42,094 25</u>
Add Lawyers' fees for issuing 20,380 Bills and Writs	117,358 00
Total for issuing and serving 20,380 Writs..	<u>\$159,452 25</u>

A return from the Sheriffs showed that of the 20,380 Bills and Writs they only served 11,066, as follows :

Sheriffs served 3,043 Sup'r Court Writs at \$2 70..	\$ 8,221 50
" " 1,288 Bills in Chancery at \$2.70 ..	3,477 60
" " 6,733 County Court Writs at \$1.55 ..	10,436 15
11,066	<u>\$22,135 25</u>

Of the 20,380 Bills and Writs the Sheriffs were deprived of the serving and fees of 9,314, viz :

Lawyers served 3,511 Sup'r Court Writs at \$2 70..	\$ 9,479 70
" " 1,291 Bills in Chancery at \$2.70..	3,485 70
" " 4,512 County Ct. Writs at \$1.55..	6,993 60
9,314	<u>\$19,959 00</u>

The \$19,959.00 was within \$1,088.12 of being half the Sheriffs' fees if they had served the 20,380 Writs.