

I shall now give my own case as a good illustration of the working of Sec. 1: At the close of 1880 my net income was \$2,430.81. At the close of 1881—the first year Sec. 1 was in force—my income was reduced to \$1,430.81. The Lawyers in that year gobbled up \$1,000 of my fees for the serving of Process; that was all they could take, and they have taken such fees ever since. Hon. A. S. Hardy, who is very solicitous about Sheriffs' interests, saw that taking the fees from them—as would be the case under Sec. 1 of Order VI.—would be very damaging to them, manfully took time by the forelock, and in 1882 passed an Act authorizing the Government to use the people's money to recoup the Sheriffs in part for the fees taken from them by himself and other Lawyers. It is the first Act of the kind placed upon a Statute Book. I desire to call special attention to this Act in which the taxpayers are interested. The Act is 45 *Vic., Chap. 11*. Mr. Hardy's Act gave me no assistance. In 1885 Hon. Mr. Mowat passed the Act 48 *Vic., Chap. 13*, in which are several good items of fees for Sheriffs. Under Sec. 28 a fee of \$1 is paid the Sheriff for every non-criminal prisoner discharged from Gaol; this item averages me \$800 a year. Two other items under the same Sec., and an item under Sec. 32 of the same Act averages me \$375 yearly; both sums make \$1,175. My losses by the three Acts passed in 1879 and 1880 was \$1,187. Practically Mr. Mowat's Act recoups my losses on the Acts referred to. The payments made under Mr. Mowat's Act from public funds are defensible, because the Acts which took the money from the Sheriffs are in the public interests, and therefore it is only fair and just that the public should repay the Sheriffs.

I have shown that in 1876 the net receipts were \$3,618.19, and that the \$1,187 taken by the three Acts of 1879 and 1880 has been repaid me by Mr. Mowat's Act of 1885, therefore any losses I have sustained have been on the non-serving of Writs and Subpcenas. The following are my yearly receipts since 1880:

Year.	Amount Received.
1881.....	\$ 1,430 81
1882.....	1,503 30
1883.....	1,693 90
1884.....	1,915 37
1885 (Mr. Mowat's Bill made this increase)....	2,493 93
1886.....	2,783 13
1887.....	2,700 26
1888.....	2,827 67

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