

(CIRCULAR.)

**EXTRACT from REPORT of MAGISTRATES & REEVES,  
of the County of Perth,  
AT QUARTER SESSIONS, JUNE 1859.**

**LUNATICS—FINES—CONSTABLES' FEES.**

“The payment of Board and other charges for Lunatics, is recommended to be paid by the Municipalities with whom the Insane had obtained a settlement, (14 and 15 Vict. C. 83, § 5.) and as two Lunatics have recently left the Jail for the Asylum, it is recommended that the Clerk of the Peace apply to the Municipalities interested for the amount of such disbursements.

“The general practice of Magistrates not paying to the County Treasurer the fines which they impose under the Provincial Statutes, is a violation of law and of their oath of office; and it is recommended that the Clerk of the Peace notify each qualified Magistrate and Reeve, of the law in that respect, and request them to pay to the County Treasurer forthwith any fines now in their possession.

“That as regards the claims by Constables for fees in cases under the Summary Punishment Laws tried by the Magistrates, the Constables should be made to understand that the *private parties* who complain of injuries, should be prepared to pay the costs, failing payment by the defendants, even though no distress, or though the defendant be sent to gaol, leaving the remedy to complainants to apply to the Grand Jury at Sessions or Assizes for redress if they think proper.

“That the Constables' fees in all cases *for trial* at Sessions or Assizes, be excepted from the above.”

CLERK PEACE OFFICE,

Stratford, 24th June, 1859.

SIR,—

I beg to call your attention to the above Extract, and I hope that for the “making easier” the transacting of County business at the Quarter Sessions, and otherwise, the Magistrates and Reeves will pay attention to the matters referred to in said extract.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN J. E. LINTON,

Clerk of Peace.