

most diligent enquiry), in a position to prove beyond a doubt, that, as a rule, no such free services are made, but on the contrary, the very men that told us that the Lawyers made the services for nothing, or at the expense of the profession itself, not only collect the Sheriffs' fees but sums double to what the Sheriffs would be entitled to, in addition to their own.

That Writs and other papers, which the Law meant should be served by the Sheriffs or their officers, are in numerous cases given to the Division Court Bailiffs, by the Lawyers, is proved beyond dispute by some two hundred letters which I have published in pamphlet form, from Division Court Clerks and Bailiffs.

Having ample proof of the truth of the statements I make, I am prepared to defend them before any tribunal that may be named to investigate them.

I have no quarrel with, or feeling of hostility towards the members of the legal profession, my intercourse with them has, with very few exceptions, been of the most friendly and satisfactory nature, and I would not be understood as in any way desiring to interfere with the duties, fees or emoluments which the Law assigns to them, and that is all we ask them to do with reference to the duties, fees and emoluments of the Sheriff's Office. At present a large sum of the fees and emoluments which the Law intended for the Sheriff are pocketed by others, who, under pretext of saving costs to the litigant, serve papers that the Law intended should be served by the Sheriff; while their real object is to pocket the Sheriff's fees, and as much more taken wrongfully from the defendant, as conclusively proven by the taxed bills of costs herewith published. I, for one, have determined not to sit in silence while such wrongs are being practised on myself, and the public, without raising my voice against them and using all lawful means to put an end to such an evil. Nor shall I permit myself, my Bailiff or Officers, to be utilized as instruments of wrong-doing and oppression, in the way of collecting large sums in the shape of fees, from the defendant, for the Attorney, for which there is no law or authority, and this we are frequently asked to do as shown by the list of eighteen Writs of Execution published in the following pages, on which I am asked to collect ~~\$22.17~~ more than the legal fee, being an average over-charge of ~~\$1.25~~ on each Writ, being nearly two and a half sheriff's fees in each case, and such illegal charges are, as a rule, made by those *good men* who serve Writs and other papers themselves, and tell the public they make no charge and do it to save costs to the poor and distressed defendant. I am prepared faithfully, honestly and promptly to perform, execute and enforce all the duties which the Law imposes upon me, disagreeable and painful to my feelings as some of them are. But to go beyond the Law and permit myself and my officers, with the legal machinery at our command, to be utilized as instruments of wrong-doing and oppression is what I shall resist to the death—and feel assured that all honest men both lay and professional will sustain me in this resolution.

I would further invite the public to a careful perusal of the Bill which I have prepared, and herewith publish—the object of which is:

- 1st.—To surrender over ten per cent. of the Sheriff's fees to the public to be given to the Municipalities or other such purpose as the Government in their judgment may deem best in the public interest.

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