The number of persons belonging to the Legal Profession, in New York alone, exceeds seven hundred, of whom about fifty only are Judges in all the Courts together. The remainder are Barristers and Attorneys, which are here not separate professions as in England, but united in the same individual.

The younger members, who have any practice at all, as Attorneys, readily make an income of 3,000 dollars, or from £600 to £700 a-year, rising from this minimum to as much as 10,000 dollars, or about £2,000 sterling a-year. The smallest fee of a Barrister of any standing, and in almost any cause, is one hundred dollars, or about twenty pounds. The greatest fee to the most distinguished Barrister, in any regular cause tried in the City Courts, is five thousand dollars, or about one thousand pounds.

—Buckingham's America, v. 1, p. 130.

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