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TAXING OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the LAW JOURNAL :

DEAR SIR,—I take the liberty, as an old subscriber to the LAW JOURNAL, to enclose you a "plaintive petition" in rhyme to those unfeeling gentry, the taxing-masters. Vigorous prose has hitherto failed to melt them in their ruthless butchering of our bills. They forget that they are not alone in the butcher business, and that in equity at least there should be a "mutual remedy." Let them paste this rhyming plaint in the crowns of their hats until, at least, the N. P. protects the manufacturers of costs like the manufacturers of cottons.

IN RE BUTCHER.

A plaintive petition to Taxing Officers generally by every solicitor with a young and growing family.

Thou who cents and dollars after
Cents and dollars lop'st away,
Often with unfeeling laughter,
From the bills that clients pay.
Faster goes the cash and faster,
Our insides with meat to fill;
Taxing Master, Taxing Master,
Tax, oh tax, my butcher's bill!

Oh! the price that beef and mutton
Cost me for my humble board!
Butchers never care a button
Veal that we can scarce afford.
When we lay it on like plaster,
Thou dost take the thick off still;
Taxing Master, Taxing Master,
Tax, oh tax, my butcher's bill!

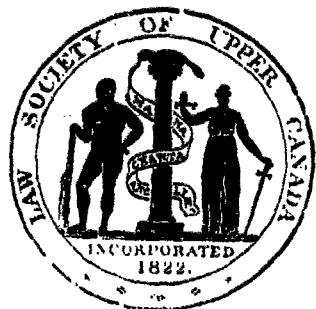
Fish with meat hath risen in measure,
Poultry out of reach far fly;
Game is a forbidden pleasure,
Being e'en more than ever high.
Dearth of food 's a dire disaster,
Would thou could'st avert that ill;
Taxing Master, Taxing Master,
Tax, oh tax, my butcher's bill.

Berlin.

JOHANN.

[Our plaintive friend forgets that judges who make tariffs and taxing masters who interpret them are no longer practising lawyers. Some of them who might be named were once known to be keen hands at a bill of costs, and outspoken on the subject of the "butcher knife." It is somewhat remarkable that when these persons retire on a salary they undergo a change in their views as to costs and what used to appear very reasonable becomes excessive. We suppose it is because "misfortune likes company."]

Law Society of Upper Canada.



OSGOODE HALL.

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