

Nov. 5th, 1827, "on application of Mr. George Boulton on behalf of the sheriff of the Newcastle district, the court, consented that the rule returnable against him this Term should stand over to the first of the next Term." Nothing more is heard of the matter, probably the matter was amicably settled. It is more than likely that the excessive fees were taken under a misunderstanding of the tariff; or it may be that the deputy sheriff was the real offender.

In Easter Term, 8 George IV., May 4th, 1827 (Præs. Campbell, C.J., and Sherwood, J.), "In the matter of Ebenezer Perry, deputy sheriff of Newcastle. Motion for a rule to shew cause why an attachment should not issue against Ebenezer Perry, deputy sheriff of the district of Newcastle, for a contempt in taking illegal and extorsive fees in the following causes: John Nix v. Daniel Hendrick; Jabez Lynde v. John Pickle; Abraham Butterfield v. Thomas Spencer and Israel Ferguson; John Nix v. Benjamin Davidson; Henry Elliott v. John Badcock, and Elijah Burk v. Adam Scott, and James Waldron v. Adam Henry Meyers. H. J. Boulton, rule nisi, granted and issued," June 21st, "Attachment ordered." Michaelmas Term, 8 George IV., Nov. 12th, 1827, "Interrogatories filed by H. J. Boulton. Nov. 14th, "Mr. Perry's answers to the interrogatories sworn to, read and filed in court."

Nov. 15th, "The court ordered that the said Ebenezer Perry should pay a fine of two pounds and to stand committed till paid."

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THE LAW REFORM ACT, 1909—ONTARIO.

Now that the first part of this Act has come into force it has become apparent that it is defective in regard to details. Some matters necessary to the smooth working of the Act are left unprovided for, and some things which are provided for are in such a state that it is doubtful what is the real effect of the Act regarding them.