

4th. Any service made as provided under the provisions of Sec. 3, and which was not returned to the Sheriff of the County in which the service was effected, shall be void and of no effect, and any compensation made therefor shall be held to be so much money received to the use of the Sheriff of the County in which such service was effected.

5th. That for the convenience of Solicitors and Attorneys and to keep down the disbursements of the suits, and save costs to the litigants, it shall be the duty of every Sheriff to appoint a Bailiff in every town or village in his County distant 15 miles or more from the County-town, and in which are two or more Attorneys practising, whose duty it shall be to receive and serve (at all points nearer to such town or village than to the County-town) all Writs of Summons, Subpoenas or other process or paper issued out of the Superior, County or Surrogate Courts, and delivered to him by the Attorneys practising in such town or village for service.

6th. The Bailiff in such town or village who has served the process under the provisions of Sec. 5, shall forthwith transmit the Original Process with Affidavit of Service and Mileage to the Sheriff of the County, and the Sheriff shall make the necessary endorsement thereon, and stamp it with his seal of office, and shall be entitled to charge his usual and legal fees, including Affidavit and Mileage as shown by the affidavit returned with the Original Process.

7th. No service shall be valid, no appearance or answer can be enforced, and no payment or proceeding taken upon any Writ of Summons, Subpoena or other process or paper issued out of the Superior, County or Surrogate Courts, requiring a personal or substitutional service, unless and until the original proceeding has the Sheriff's return thereon, nor unless the same has been stamped with the Sheriff's official seal and recorded in the Process Book of the Sheriff of the County in which the service should be effected.

8th. No Taxing-master shall tax any bill of costs for serving any Writ of Summons, Subpoena or any other process or paper issued out of the Superior, County or Surrogate Courts, requiring personal or substitutional service, without the Sheriff's return thereon, and the official seal of the Sheriff of the County in which the service should be effected being affixed to the original proceeding.

9. All Acts or parts of Acts contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

A uniform Tariff of fees will not do justice to all the Sheriffs. The present Tariff is sufficient for a majority of the Sheriffs, but not for the poorer Shrievalties; and if the Tariff is raised to give the poorer Sheriffs a fair income, it will add to the burdens of litigants, and give too high an income to the larger Shrievalties. Let our present fees be secured to us, and distributed in accordance with the following scheme, and all the Sheriffs will be fairly paid without increasing the fees.

THE SCHEME.

1. Each Sheriff shall be entitled to retain to his own use in each year all the fees and emoluments received by him in that year up to \$2,500.

2. Of the further fees and emoluments received by each Sheriff in each year, in excess of \$2,500, up to \$3,000, he shall be entitled to retain to his own use 90 per cent. and no more.