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be given to Johanna." Perhaps some reader of your journal will "cudgel" his brain for the construction to be put on it.

Yours,

LAW STUDENT.

Division Courts—Renewing Execution.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LAW JOURNAL.

SIR,—Are Division Court Clerks entitled to charge for renewals of executions? Their tariff does not appear to make any provision for this duty to be performed monthly at the request of the parties requiring the execution to be kept in force.

Yours, &c.,

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[We are inclined to think that the charge could not be sustained. At the same time, it would be most reasonable that such a fee should be allowed. The service has to be performed, and ought to be paid for. In analogous cases in the higher Courts a fee is provided.—EDS. L. J.]

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UNLICENSED PRACTITIONERS.—The Judges of the English County Courts which correspond with our Division Courts have a summary way of dealing with unlicensed practitioners. It is a pity our judges were not clothed with similar powers. The *Law Times* reports the following:

MR. BARROW, the newly appointed judge of circuit 20, sitting recently at the Grantham court, expressed strong views on the subject of Agents in County Courts.

When the judgment summonses came on, a man appeared as agent for the plaintiff in one case, unknown to his Honour, who made an order for imprisonment. Subsequently the same person came up as plaintiff in a case of his own, whereupon his Honour questioned him as to his former appearance. The witness said that he was then acting as agent.

HIS HONOUR.—You came here to appear for a person, and are not an attorney. I have a good mind to commit you to prison. I will not have

any person here who is not an attorney. Do you mean to say that any judge has allowed you to appear here as an advocate?

Witness.—Not as advocate—it was a judgment summons case.

His HONOUR then cancelled the order he had made in the case referred to, and said plaintiff might appear at the court himself.

Witness.—Will your honour adjourn it?

HIS HONOUR.—No, I shall not. I will have no agents here unless they are attorneys. Gentlemen have to spend a sum of money which is perfectly frightful in order to qualify themselves as solicitors, and yet these persons come here and take the bread out of their mouths by appearing as agents. No, not in a court that I preside over. I am very glad I found it out. His Honour also announced that if plaintiffs did not choose to appear themselves in judgment summons cases, they would be struck out for the future.

At the close of the court, his Honour remarked to Mr. Thompson, the registrar, that he would not permit any collectors to come there and make applications for judgment summons.

Mr. Thompson asked whether the purchaser of a person's debts would be allowed to appear? The custom was very prevalent in this part of the country for persons who did not care for the trouble of collecting their own debts, to make them over to an agent by assignment, duly executed by deed. The collector then sued in the name of the original owner, and took what measures he could for proving the debts. He asked whether the collectors in such cases would be allowed to appear?

HIS HONOUR said he would consider the question during the circuit. Afterwards he remarked that collectors would not be allowed to come there and act as advocates. But he would not stand in the way of letting them prove their cases, when there had been a real *bona fide* assignment of debts to themselves.

THE LAW'S LONG ARM.—At the Hull police court last week, James Octavius Ward, a merchant, was charged with forging and uttering a bill of lading which purported to refer to a parcel of wool and other merchandise to arrive by the Russian steamer *Korniloff*, Captain Demme. Ward raised money on this bill of lading and absconded. A description of the prisoner was sent to all parts of the world, and eventually Ward was arrested in Fiji. Three times he was