

deration given to the subject, it was thought expedient and wise to give the Sergeant-at-Arms of that house a duty, which not only legitimately belonged to him, but which, for the better government of the House, it was expedient and safe to do. It was found that it was the only means by which a proper check could be placed on both the daily expenses and the servants of the House. It was found that it is safer that the officer who decides on the incurrences of expenditure should not be the same officer who has the power to draw on the public exchequer; and finally, that every man has a right to do his duty, and *that it is simply unjust to deprive him of it.*

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