

shall hereafter take place within the walls, of within the enclosed yard of the gaol of the district or county, or union of counties, as the case may be, and not in public view.

2. The sheriff shall, in all cases, require the presence thereof of as many as six (if so many there are) of the *employées* of such gaol, including among them the gaol surgeon or physician (if any) and the gaoler; and any such *employé* being so required and failing to attend, shall be discharged of his employment unless he gives a good excuse for his non-attendance.

3. The sheriff shall further invite, by written summons, the attendance thereof of twelve persons of respectability resident within the district, county, or union of counties, one of whom, at least, (if possible) shall be a surgeon or physician.

4. The sheriff shall permit the presence at the execution of such near relations of the criminal, and of such priests or ministers of religion as the criminal may desire, and of the criminal's counsel, if so desired by the criminal.

5. Should the criminal not have desired the attendance of any particular priest or minister of religion, the sheriff shall further invite the attendance of such one or more priests or ministers of religion as he, the sheriff, may select, in view of all the circumstances of the case.

6. Excepting the persons above enumerated and such other officers of the prison, sworn constables, assistants, and military guard, as the sheriff in his discretion may deem requisite no person shall be allowed to witness the execution; and in particular, no person under age, unless a near relation of the criminal, shall be allowed to witness the same.

7. The moment of the execution shall be publicly signified by the tolling of a bell on, or as near as may be to, the gaol buildings, and also by the hoisting of a black flag conspicuously thereon.

8. Immediately after the execution, the sheriff shall empanel a jury of not less than six nor more than twelve of the persons present thereof, who, upon their oaths, on view of the body, shall forthwith enquire and find whether the sentence was duly carried into execution; and no person present at the execution shall be exempt from service on such jury, or be allowed to leave the gaol premises until after verdict rendered by such jury; and for all purposes of such inquest and verdict, the sheriff shall have all the powers and functions of a coroner, and the jury those of a coroner's jury; and the verdict shall in all things be dealt with as the verdict of a coroner's jury.

9. The word "sheriff" in this Act shall be held to include any deputy or under sheriff, or other officer, who, in the absence of the sheriff may be charged with the duty of carrying out the execution.

Our prognostications as to the introduction of a bill for reducing registrars' fees has been verified by a bill brought in by that most competent of legislators for such a task, Mr. "Cheap Law" Scatcherd. We must congratulate him upon having, at length, stumbled upon something in the shape of fees which requires reduction. As far as registrars are concerned, they will have, in a great measure, themselves to thank if this reduction in their fees takes place. We are only sorry that the genius of the introducer of this bill is confined to measures of this attenuative description, for the excessively ill-drawn Act of 1865 requires amendment in a variety of ways that are not thought of by the following bill:—

*An Act to amend the Registration of Titles,
(Upper Canada) Act.*

Whereas it is desirable that the fees of registrars should be uniform, and it is expedient to amend the Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the twenty-ninth year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter twenty-four, intituled, "An Act respecting Registrars, Registry Offices, and the Registration of instruments relating to lands in Upper Canada." Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The first sub-section of the sixty-eighth section of the said Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following sub-section is enacted and substituted therefor:

"1. For registering every instrument other than those hereinafter specially provided for, including all necessary entries and certificates, one dollar, but in case the same, exclusive of the necessary entries and certificates, exceed eight hundred words, then at the rate of ten cents for each additional hundred words, or the fractional part thereof, and if the memorial or other instrument embraces different lots or parcels of land situate in different localities in the same county, the registration and copying of such, including all necessary entries and certificates thereof, into the different registry books, shall be considered separate and distinct registrations of such instruments, and shall be charged for and paid at the rate of ten cents for every one hundred words, or the fractional part thereof."

2. The registrar or deputy registrar of the county in which the lands are situate shall, upon production to him, endorse the certificate required by the fifty-third section of the said Act, on the original instrument, and also on the duplicate or other original part thereof, without any charge.

3. This Act shall extend only to Upper Canada.